

Dec. 18, 2019



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## Coming Up At Avery

### Dec. 20

Classroom Holiday Parties

### Dec. 23-Jan. 3

Winter Break,  
No School

### Dec. 27

Avery Night at Rockin' Jump  
4-8 p.m.

### Jan. 6

School Resumes

### Jan. 14

PTO Meeting  
7 p.m.  
Avery Library

### Jan. 17

Mardi Gras Masquerade  
Dress-Up Day for Trivia Night

### Jan. 22

Trivia Night Registration Opens

## Avery Trivia Night Kickoff



Make plans to attend the 2020 Trivia Night & Auction, sponsored by Jill Stokke of John Jackson Neighborhood Real Estate, on **Saturday, Feb. 22!** Registration opens **Wednesday, Jan. 22.** To kick off registration, Avery students are encouraged to dress up for the theme, Mardi Gras Masquerade, on **Friday, Jan. 17.**

#### **Here's How You Can Help:**

**Donate Gift Cards.** While you're buying gift cards for holiday gifts, grab an extra to donate to the auction! Or donate that gift card you get but just won't ever use. Send them in an envelope with "Auction" on it to your child's teacher.

**Become a Sponsor.** The committee is currently looking for individuals and businesses (or families or classrooms!) to sponsor the event and provide donations. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please email Jessica Gatewood at [jessicagatewood@gmail.com](mailto:jessicagatewood@gmail.com).

**Donate an Auction Item.** Donations can be traditional auction items but also services (landscaping or mowing, babysitting, cleaning, cooking, etc.) ... think outside the box! Contact Heidi Bolzenius at [heidi\\_bolzenius@att.net](mailto:heidi_bolzenius@att.net) if you have an idea for an auction item.

**Get Your Team Together!** Gather your team of 8 players and register to play trivia starting on Jan. 22 through the link to be posted in the All-Star News and on Facebook (follow the [Avery Trivia Night page](#)).

## **Winter Break Energy Burn!**

By mid-break, you may be looking for an outlet for child's pent up energy. Join us for Avery Night at Rockin' Jump on **Friday, Dec. 27** between 4-8 p.m. For \$15, your child can jump for two hours. A signed waiver is required and available on the Rockin' Jump website and will be sent home via backpack mail. Adult supervision is strongly suggested. Proceeds will benefit Avery Parents for Racial Equity. Questions? Contact [averyequity@gmail.com](mailto:averyequity@gmail.com).

When: Friday, Dec. 27 between 4-8 pm.

Where: Rockin' Jump, 7375 Watson Road

## **Save the Date for STEAM Night**

STEAM NIGHT WILL BE ROLLING IN **Tuesday, Jan. 28** from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Avery.

Come join your child in participating in a night of STEAM activities. This fun filled evening will include hands-on learning activities that support teamwork and problem solving in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math!

If you would like to donate to help make this night great, please [use this link](#).

Donations can be placed in the boxes right inside of the office or your child can bring them to the modular classrooms. We would love to have these donations by January 24. If you have questions about donations please email Jenn Pupillo: [pupillo.jennifer@wgmail.org](mailto:pupillo.jennifer@wgmail.org)

In addition to grade level activities, The Novel Neighbor will host a small STEAM book fair in the library!

## How Inclusive is Our School?

Avery Parents for Racial Equity would like your feedback on how Avery can be more equitable and inclusive for all children. The committee is partnering with a team from Lindenwood University to conduct a survey. Participation is voluntary and if you choose to fill out the survey, please [click this link](#). We thank you for your time and opinions so we can make the Avery community a more supportive environment.

Thank you,  
Elisa Tomich and Tasha Taylor  
Co-Leaders of Avery Parents for Racial Equity

## Impact Aid Survey Form

To all our families that have already completed this survey, THANK YOU!

We really need to have a form returned from **each family** by winter break. Please return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you have not returned a form, another one will be coming home with your child. You can also use the [electronic version of the survey form](#) and [transmittal letter](#).

## Caps Collection

The Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts at Avery are leading an effort to collect caps and lids to go toward recycled plastic picnic tables for the front lawn of Avery as part of our Green Schools Quest. The PTO will cover the additional cost associated with making the tables as long as students can bring in the necessary number of caps. 550 pounds are required for each 8-foot table, so let's get collecting!! To add to the excitement, the grade that collects the most will get to choose the color of the picnic tables! A collection box is waiting for your plastic at the entrance to Avery.

Please make sure caps and lids are clean and fall into these categories:

**Acceptable Caps Examples - Recycle #2, 4 or 5**

medicine bottle caps (info packet removed), drink bottle caps (soda, water, juice, sport drinks, milk jugs), flip-top caps (ketchup), detergent caps, spout caps (mustard), hair spray caps, spray paint caps, toothpaste caps, ointment tube caps, deodorant caps, baby food caps, apple sauce pouch caps, shampoo/conditioner caps

**Acceptable Lids Examples - Recycle #2, 4 or 5**

cottage cheese container lids, cool whip container lids, mayonnaise jar lids, coffee can lids, yogurt lids, cream cheese container lids, peanut butter jar lids, butter container lids, ice cream bucket lids under 8 inches, Pringles lids

## Ras Jones Awards at MLK Celebration

Ras Jones was a civil rights activist and leader in Webster Groves who is honored through the MLK Community Celebration essay/arts program. Students this year are invited to submit projects based on the theme "Building Character" and that reflect on Dr. King's identification of "true education" as "intelligence plus character."

Awardees will be invited to read from essays or say a few words about their arts projects, at the 2020 Community Celebration, the evening of January 19; each awardee will also receive a gift towards purchasing a \$50 savings bond. All projects submitted will be displayed at the event, at Steger Sixth Grade Center/Henry Givens Jr. Elementary School.

See [the flyer](#) for more information.

## New Student Grant Opportunity

All of the money raised from the Kona Ice days will be reserved for student grant ideas on how to serve the community outside of Avery. Students can come up with an idea of how to benefit

others outside of Avery with their families, friends or teachers. Please turn in grant ideas to classroom teachers, who will then pass them on to PTO. Students will be asked to attend a PTO meeting to present their idea.

## PTO Buyout

Several years ago, the PTO decided to no longer ask parents to sell anything to help with fundraising. Instead, we do a PTO "buyout," which is a one-time direct donation to the PTO. We get to keep 100% of the funds, and every single penny will go back into Avery this year, with the bulk of money going directly to the teachers to help reimburse them for personal money they have spent on their classrooms!

Our goal this year is \$12,000!! This is the highest goal we have set! Please remember that EVERY dollar counts! It's not how much you can give, just that you give! You can donate through [the Avery PTO PayPal buyout link](#).

## Flyers

[Donate to WGHS Chelsea Detrick Experiential Learning Center](#)

[Avery Buzz Book](#)

[Webster Groves Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\) Meeting Information](#)