



AVALON SCHOOL DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



STEM class has started taking apart pallets in preparation for building a table. The class is also making pumpkins from bottle bottoms and we are starting construction of the mini greenhouse to go with the coldframe.

Mrs Gilhooley's financial literacy class organized the "Pretty in Pink" breast cancer fundraiser in the Avalon and Stone Harbor Schools. The \$630.00 that we raised has been donated to two local charities that offer assistance for all types of cancer, Love of Linda CancerFund in Cape May County and Gilda's Club of South Jersey in Linwood.

In cross-curricular projects between Social Studies and Art (Mrs. Funk & Mrs. Farina), the fifth grade students have made Egyptian mummies and Egyptian reed boats; the sixth grade students have made gargoyles and stained glass windows.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3 -- Picture Make-Up and Retakes Day
- Dec. 8 -- Student Council Meeting
- Dec. 9 -- Choir sings at 2 Nursing Homes
- Dec. 10 -- MakerSpace - 5:00 - 6:30
- Dec. 15 -- Holiday Show at Avalon Elementary
-- Band, and Choir Concerts, and a
Performance of *Frosty the Snowman*
- Dec. 16 -- Announcement of the Beach Tag Contest
Winner and Encore Performance 10:00
- Dec. 16 -- School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Dec. 18 -- Student Council Pajama Day
- Dec. 22 -- Student Council Festive Holiday
Dress-Up Day
- Dec. 23 -- Reindeer Games Volleyball Tournament
and Movie Day



Student Council collected 125 pairs of socks for the homeless during Socktober.



Mrs. Fottrell, Mrs. Schwartz and the Junior National Honor Society presented a wreath at the Veterans' Day ceremony.

The NJHS under the direction of Mrs. Fottrell sold 100% fruit juice during lunch in the month of November to raise money for a leadership workshop that the members would like to attend in the spring.

From Mrs. Fottrell and the National Junior Honor Society:

Thank you for your generosity in donating food to our Annual Food Drive. Over 8 boxes of nonperishable food items were delivered to the Holy Redeemer Food Bank here in Cape May County. We are sure that those in need this holiday season greatly appreciated all that you did.

Physical Education Classes participated in "Spooky Gym Week" the last week in October as part of a 10 year tradition. Students used flashlights to gather ghosts that were hidden underneath cones and used toilet paper to "Mummy Wrap" each other. Other Halloween games and activities were played throughout the week along with a serving of juice and snacks. On Wednesday,, November 25th a Turkey Trot will take place on our beautiful new track and afterward, students will be treated to a showing of "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" along with popcorn and water bottles.

From our School Nurses:

The state mandated student health screenings will begin in December and run until completed over the next few months. Any problems or concerns noted will be reported to home as soon as possible. If anyone has any questions or concerns they can contact Mrs. Bossuyt. Screenings will be done during PE, study halls, and specials as they are able to be excused. Screenings include: Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, Vision, and Hearing, and Scoliosis screenings for those 10 and older.

Thank you.





DECEMBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Corn Fruit Milk 	2 Hamburger Tater Tots Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Milk	3 Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Nachos Fruit Milk 	4 Pita Pizza Salad Fruit Ice Cream Milk
7  <i>Happy Hanukkah</i> Pancakes Canadian Bacon Hash Browns Fruit Milk Milk 	8 Cheese Steak Lettuce & Tomato French Fries Fruit Milk Fruit Milk	9  Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit Milk	10 Wings Celery Fruit Cookie Milk	11 French Bread Pizza Salad Fruit Milk Ice Cream Milk 
14 French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Fruit Milk Milk	15 Meatball Sandwich Salad Fruit Milk	16 Mac & Cheese Carrots & Celery Fruit Milk 	17 Sloppy Joe's French Fries Fruit Milk 	18 Sliced Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 
21 New England Clam Chowder Grilled Cheese Carrots Fruit Milk 	22 French Bread Pizza Salad Fruit Ice Cream Milk	23  Early Dismissal No Lunch Served	24 Winter Break School Closed	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Winter Break School Closed 
Winter Break School Closed 	29 Winter Break School Closed	30  Winter Break School Closed	31 Alternative lunches available daily - Ham & Cheese or Tuna Sandwich with lettuce and tomato or Chicken Caesar Salad Milk Choices - 1% white or skim, or Fat Free Chocolate	



**Candy Gram Sale -
December 14-21**

DECEMBER 2015

**Giving Tree and
Toys for Tots - December 1-15**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  HitToon.com #434362	2  Choir Practice 'til 4:30	3  Picture Retake Day	4 	5
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13	14  Band Practice 'til 4:30	15  Holiday Show 6:00 pm Frosty the Snowman	16  Holiday Show 10:00 Encore Board Mtg - 6:00 pm	17	18  Student Council Polar Express and Pajama Day	19
20	21  Band Practice 'til 4:30	22  Festive Holiday Dress-Up Day Student Council Mtg.	23  Reindeer Games V'Ball Tournament EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:35 NO LUNCH SERVED	24 SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER BREAK	25 CHRISTMAS DAY SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER BREAK	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27	2  Have a great winter break!	29 SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER BREAK	30 SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER BREAK	31 SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER BREAK		



You are invited to attend
Avalon Elementary School's

HOLIDAY BAND AND CHORAL CONCERTS
AND A PRESENTATION OF
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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Winner of the **2016 AVALON BEACH TAG CONTEST**
will be announced on
Wednesday morning, December 16, at 10:00 a.m.
during an encore presentation of the show.

Please join us for all of these holiday events.

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The Board of Education, faculty, and staff of the Avalon Elementary School wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday. We hope that 2016 is filled with good health, joy, and peace for you and your loved ones.



*The Avalon School will close on
Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 12:35 p.m.
for Winter Break. School reopens on
Monday, January 4, 2016.*

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It has been a tradition at the Avalon School that students, in the spirit of the season, make a small monetary donation to assist others. This is accomplished during the Holiday Program, this year held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

As in recent years, these donations will be given to the Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund.*

The Memorial Fund is used to assist families who have children with cancer.

Students will have the opportunity to place their donation in a festive container placed in the gym. Any donation will be greatly appreciated by the Brendan Borek High Tides Memorial Fund.

We thank-you and your children for your generosity and remembering others at this special season.

*Brendan was a student here who passed away from cancer as a young man.

