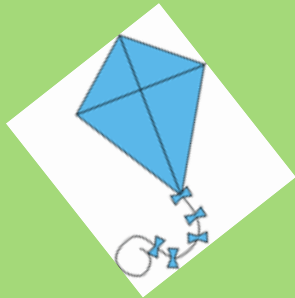


AVALON SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



We will have a make-up day on Friday, March 25th (Good Friday) It will be a four-hour session. Thursday, March 24th will be a full-day.

PARCC ASSESSMENT will begin Monday, April 4, 2016. Please be sure your child(ren) is(are) well rested, have a good breakfast and are on-time for school all week. Students who arrive after testing has begun cannot be admitted to the testing room.

Thanks to the generosity of the Avalon and Stone Harbor staff and students, the Avalon National Junior Honor Society, along with Mrs. Fottrell and Mrs. Bossuyt, raised over \$200.00 for the American Heart Association through their annual pretzel sale. Along with enjoying pretzels, students in both schools wore **RED** in hopes of raising the awareness of the importance of heart health. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to

Team Fire & Ice

*for winning Avalon Elementary School's
first ever Pin Game Competition
held on the 100th day of school.*

*Student Council, along with Miss McCorristin and
Mrs. Fottrell, organized this fun 100 Minute Event.
All students participated in this double elimination
tournament.*

Team Fire & Ice

Sarah Schall- Team Captain

Andrew Kapp

Alyssa Hicks

David Giulian

Tabatha Tobias

Michael Morris





Student Council raised \$237 for Pennies for Patients through the Pie in the Face and Penny Wars fundraisers.

Will the eggs survive?

Students in 7th grade Science are learning about force and motion. As part of that they investigate what happens during a crash. They examine how mass impacts force and acceleration. One of the activities that the students work on is a containment system to protect an egg from a drop of six feet. The students used the engineering design process to design, construct and refine their designs. They were given the following supplies to build their systems:

2 drinking straws

5 cotton balls

1 piece of cardboard (3 inches by 5 inches)

5 rubber bands

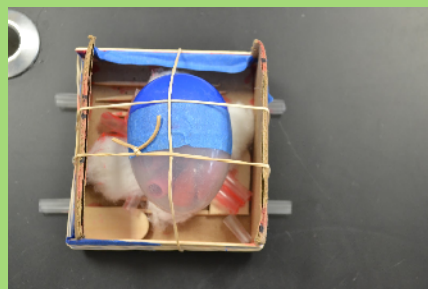
15 toothpicks

1 teaspoon of glue

6 inches of tape

They also had scissors, rulers, pencils and compasses available to work on the design. We dropped the eggs from heights of six feet and nine feet, with no parachutes involved in this challenge. Only one egg survived both the 6 foot and 9 foot drops (bottom left picture).

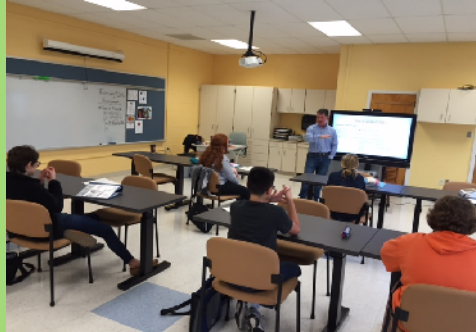
Below are some photos the students took of their containment systems prior to testing:



Mr. E.J. Dougherty shared his daily use of math by teaching Mrs. Gilhooley's 7th grade class how to set up a business plan. He reinforced the importance of learning your math in school in order to run a successful business.



The fifth graders are having "fun with fractions." They are applying their skills by making slime.



MakerSpace News

During the February MakerSpace event we did not have our cardboard corner. We focused more on the technology end of the materials available to the students. We had students attending the night from Grades 2 through 7. Many of the students created designs that were then printed on our 3D printers.

The younger students got help from our 7th graders who have become proficient in designing and printing. We also had students designing and creating jewelry out of safety pins and beads. This was in addition to making light sabers, working with snap circuits and Little Bits. Students experienced a great variety of activities and some really great items left the MakerSpace with





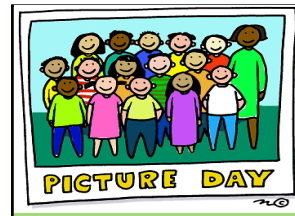
March 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wizard of Oz Play Practice - Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 5:00 pm Choir follows Play Practice until 5:30		1 Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 	2 Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 	3 Author Jennifer Jacobson Visits 	4 	5  READ ACROSS AMERICA Feb. 29- Mar. 4 Monday, 2/29 - Fox in Socks - Wear Crazy Socks Tuesday 3/1 - Twister Tuesday - Wear mismatched clothes Wednesday 3/2 Hats Off to Reading - Wear a hat Thursday 3/3 - Pajama Day - Wear pajama bottoms Friday 3/4 - Flashlight Friday - Wear neon/bright colors
6	7  BAND 'til 4:30	8 Steered Straight Assembly Student Council Mtg Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 	9  Group Photo Day Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 	10	11 Progress Reports Issued	
13 	7  BAND til 4:30 	15 Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 	16 Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg - 6:00 	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green Shamrock Shake Sale \$2.00 MakerSpace - 5:00- 6:30 	18 	
20 Palm Sunday 	21  Student Council's Egg Hunt BAND 'til 4:30 	22 Stu Coun Egg Hunt Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30  	23 Stu Coun Egg Hunt Play Practice 'til 5:00 Choir 'til 5:30  	24 Stu Coun Egg Hunt 	25 Good Friday Dismissal - 12:35 Stu Coun Egg Hunt Honor Society's Scrabble Tournament 	
27  Easter Sunday		29 	30 	31 		



MARCH 2016



March 9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alternative Lunches Available Daily - Chicken Caesar Salad, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato Milk Choices-1% White or Skim, or Fat-Free Chocolate	1 Meatball Sandwich Salad French Fries Fruit Milk	2 Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Peas Fruit Milk 	3 Waffles Hash Browns Sausage Fruit Milk 	4 Round Pizza Salad Fruit Milk 
7 Sloppy Joe's Tater Tots Carrots & Celery Fruit Milk 	8 Mac & Cheese Corn Pudding Fruit Milk 	9 Wings Celery French Fries Fruit Milk 	10 Pancakes Hash Browns Sausage Fruit Milk 	11 Pita Pizza Salad Fruit Ice Cream Milk 
14 Cheese Ravioli Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Milk 	15 Chicken Tenders Celery Buttered Noodles Fruit Milk 	16 Cheese Burgers Tater Tots Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Milk 	1 French Toast Canadian Bacon Hash Browns Fruit Milk 	18 French Bread Pizza Salad Fruit Cookie Milk 
21 Cheese Steak French Fries Fruit Milk 	22 Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit Milk 	23 Spaghetti & Meatball Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Milk 	24 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Carrots & Celery Fruit Milk 	25 Early Dismissal No Lunch Served 
28  School Closed Spring Break	29 School Closed Spring Break	30 School Closed Spring Break	31 School Closed Spring Break	 School Closed Spring Break



**March 17, 2016
5:00-6:30 PM
in the MakerSpace Room (Room 222) at
Avalon Elementary School**

**Join Mrs. Krause, Mr. Tomasello, and Miss McCorristin
on March 17 to explore, create and learn.**

**A MakerSpace is a place where people learn to use tools and materials
and can develop creative projects. MakerSpaces are adaptable and can
be shaped by common goals or individuals' interests.
MakerSpaces inspire creativity and confidence, Promote community
and collaboration and emphasize process over product.**

Stop in to...
Create. Design. Engineer. Experiment. Fashion.
Invent. Tinker. Collaborate. Explore. Share. Learn.