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[Avon Public Schools Parent Student Handbook](#)

Kindergarten for the 24-25 Year:

This past year, the Connecticut General Assembly modified the age for Kindergarten attendance, requiring children to be age 5 by September 1st to be automatically enrolled in Kindergarten. For the 2024-2025 school year, families with children who will not turn 5 by September 1, 2024, can make a written request to the district, asking for their child to be assessed to help determine possible eligibility. More information on Kindergarten admittance and the new entrance age requirements can be found on the website of the [Connecticut Office of Early Childhood](#). Information regarding making a written request for the district to conduct an assessment will be shared in January along with information on Kindergarten registration.

Our district is currently conducting a preschool census. This information will ensure that the district can plan for appropriate levels of resources and staffing. Please consider completing it. Doing so will also add you to our mailing list for the most up to date information regarding Kindergarten registration here in Avon.

[Avon Public Schools Preschool Census](#)

If you have additional questions regarding kindergarten admittance, you may contact the Avon Public Schools Department of Teaching and Learning at 860-404-4700. Thank you.

[Avon District Calendar 2023-2024](#)



PGS Minute December

- 5 4th Grade Winter Concert (see details below)
- 8 PJ Day - Fundraiser for CCMC (see details below)
- 13 Early Dismissal 11:50 Professional Dev.
- 22 Early Dismissal 11:50 Winter Break
- 25-Jan 1 No School - Winter Break

4th Grade Winter Concert: Hello families of 4th grade musicians! Please join us on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the PGS gym for the 4th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Winter Concert.

All 4th grade students are involved in the Winter Concert! Our students have worked very hard and are looking forward to sharing their music with you! Performers will be wearing concert dress: white on top & black on the bottom with black shoes. The call time for the 4th graders is at 6:30 p.m. Orchestra students will unpack their instruments behind the curtains on stage and bring only their instruments and bows to the library for tuning and warm-up. Students who are in only Chorus will meet in the cafeteria. Please save the date! If you have any questions, please let us know. Musically, Melanie John and Kaela Crystal-Thurston



Shout out! Thank you to everyone that came out and visited the Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 13. The PTO sold over

\$22,000 worth of books, which amounts to over \$5,000 raised for PGS. A very **special thank you** to Paula Marino, Sarah Needham and Amanda Schreiber who spent countless hours planning, organizing and executing the event. **Thank you** also to all the parent volunteers.

Thank you to the PTO hospitality committee, Jen Oligino, Ashley Marolda and Sarah Pfinsgraff for organizing the delicious luncheon during parent conferences and for the coffee and pastries on Veterans Day. **Thank you** to Jen Oligino and Stephanie Close for organizing the Kindness Cart twice a month. And to all the parent volunteers who deliver snacks with an abundance of kindness.

Pajama Day! On Friday, December 8, 2023 our students and staff will join together to raise money for CCMC to help support their efforts to fight pediatric cancer. To show support, we will wear our PJs to school and donate \$1.00. You can Donate Online too! Please click on the following link: [PJ Day for the Kids](#) This event is organized by Community Council, our 3rd and 4th grade student leadership group. Please click on the following attachment for more details. **PJ DAY**



Thank you: to all who donated to the Turkey Trot collection for the month of November. All of your donations weighed 975 pounds, which is a retail value of \$1900! This donation helped to feed a lot of people. Here is the breakdown:

- K: Boxed Potatoes 107
 - 1: Canned Gravy 80
 - 2: Boxed Stuffing 127
 - 3: Cranberry Sauce/Baked Beans 179
 - 4: Canned Vegetables 339
- Grade 4 was the winner with the most collected and will receive an extra recess. Way to go!



DISNEY ON ICE: Join the PGS Family at Disney on Ice, Saturday, January 6th at 7PM at the XL Center. Click [here](#) to purchase discounted tickets. A portion of each ticket will go back to PGS! Sale ends Monday, December 11th at 6PM

