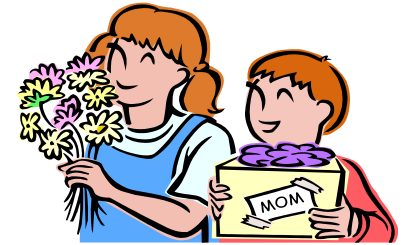




# PENN LONDON VOICE

May 8, 2009

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**THANK YOU!** The faculty, staff, and administration thanks our parents for the wonderful luncheon on Tuesday, in honor of **Teacher Appreciation Day**. We appreciate your support of our programs and sharing your children with us! If you have not picked up your dish, etc., please stop by the main office and do so.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Spring has arrived, along with (mostly) warmer weather. At this time of year, it's natural to want to get outside and have fun. Students still need to be safe and stay alert, however, especially when waiting for the school bus and getting off the bus each day after school. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the public all play important roles in keeping children safe while on or around the school bus.

Please take a moment to review the following safety tips with children to help ensure our students arrive to and from school safely each day:

Get to the school bus stop 10 minutes ahead of the assigned pick-up time, so you won't have to run across the road to catch the bus.

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.

Never go near a stranger or a strange car, even if the person seems friendly, offers to give you something, or is asking for help. Always check first with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult before getting into a car with anyone. If a person's behavior makes you scared, uneasy, or upset, seek the help of a trusted adult right away and report the incident.

Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.

Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.

Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.

Be aware – Cross with Care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.

When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.

Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.

If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions. Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.

When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.

Never cross the street behind the school bus.

If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and may begin moving the bus.

Follow the same rules about strangers when you get off the bus at your stop at the end of the day. Source: Some of the tips outlined above were provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

## FROM THE READING SPECIALISTS

**Book Week** will take place next week. Each day will have a special theme as indicated below:

**Monday 5/11** - Read TO Me Day - Visitors from the AGSD community will read to students.

**Tuesday 5/12** - Character Dress-Up Day - Students and teachers will dress as book characters. *Bring the book so you can tell about it!*

**Wednesday 5/13** - Read Me Day - Students and teachers wear clothing with messages to read - sports insignia, buttons, signs.

**Thursday - 5/14** - Poem In Your Pocket Day - Parents, share a favorite poem with your child. Each child will carry their poem in their pocket and share the special poem throughout the day.

**Friday - 5/15** Book Buddy Day - Classrooms will "buddy up" to read together.

**Wilmington Blue Rocks:** If your child completed the "Rocky's Reading Challenge Bookmark" he/she will receive 2 free tickets for their game on **Sunday, July 19, 2009**. Tickets will be sent home in the next two weeks. If you have any questions about the Reading Challenge Bookmark contact your child's teacher.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Next week

**May 10** Mothers' Day

**May 11-15** National Children's Book Week:  
5/11 Read To Me Day  
5/12 Character Dress Up Day  
5/13 Read Me Day  
5/14 Poem In Your Pocket Day  
5/15 Book Buddy Day

**May 12** Kindergarten Preview Night  
6:00-7:00 PM  
PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

**May 14** School Board Meeting  
AGI, 7:30 PM

**May 15** Health & Wellness Fair  
5:00-6:30 PM  
Family Fun Night, 6:30 PM

**May 17** Playground Project, 9:00 AM

### Looking Ahead

**May 18, 19** District Art Show,  
AGHS, 6:30-8:00 PM

**May 20** Market Day Pick Up  
4:30-5:30 PM

**May 21** Young Authors' Fair Parent Night  
3:30-5:30 PM

**May 25** **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Memorial Day

**May 27** Second Graders Visit AGI

**May 28** School Board Meeting  
AGI, 7:30 PM



**HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR & FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Come join us on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 PM in the PLE gymnasium to learn facts by doing hands-on fun activities promoting staying fit, safe and healthy. Local businesses will be attending to promote healthy living and positive lifestyle choices! Don't miss out on this fun and educational learning experience for the whole family! PLE's **Family Fun Night** will immediately follow the Fair at 6:30 PM.

**HERSHEY PARK TICKETS** - We have a few Hershey Park tickets available at the discount group rates (**\$28.50** ages 9-54, **\$24** ages 3-8 and 55-69). Please contact Madelyn Farina at sraalvarino@hotmail.com or 610.998.9298 if you're interested. Thank you!

**PLE PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

Please join us on May 17 at 9:00 AM to spruce up some of the PLE playgrounds! Painting will be involved...old clothes and work gloves are a good idea! Contact Lori Wickline at 610.268.0799 for up-to-date information! Thank you!

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT WIDE ART SHOW MAY 18 & 19 @ AGHS**

The Avon Grove School District's 1st Annual District wide Art Show will be held in the gymnasium at Avon Grove High School on May 18 and 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are invited to experience and celebrate the accomplishments of Avon Grove's student artists. Student artwork to be featured includes drawings, paintings, prints, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, photographs, digital photographs, graphic design, and multimedia works in Fireworks and Flash.

**BOX TOP/CAMPBELL'S LABELS** were due today. The next drawing is on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Each winner will receive a gift card for a small sandwich from Capriotti's in Jennersville. Congratulations April Winners: Ean Norenberg, Autumn Thorngate, and Alex Zurl.

**OUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PENN LONDON FIELD DAY: "Hawaiian Luau"  
June 9, 2009 (RAINDATE June 11, 2009)**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to promote a healthy lifestyle and teamwork among students, we will be holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Penn London Field Day on June 9<sup>th</sup> (Rain date on June 11<sup>th</sup>).

I will need at least 100 people to help with the Field Day stations. I'll need at least 50 volunteers in the morning, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM and 50 volunteers in the afternoon, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM. If you wish, you may also volunteer to help for the entire day. It's easy, enjoyable, and a great day to have some fun with the children. If you are able to help out, please return the bottom portion of this letter as soon as possible. I will assign the volunteers to the stations as I receive them and I will give you a call to confirm the date and time. **Just a reminder that all volunteers must have the proper clearances.** Set up starts at 8:30 AM. You will be responsible to help decorate the cafeteria/field and make sure you are ready to go by 10:00 AM or tearing down your station at the end of the day and bringing the equipment back to the gym. The afternoon session will end at 2:00 PM. You are more than welcome to stay for the opening ceremony at 9:15 AM and the closing ceremony at 2:15 PM. I look forward to seeing you on June 9<sup>th</sup> and thanks in advance for your help!! *Please remember that Field Day is **not** a spectator event. If you plan to attend, it **MUST** be as a **scheduled** volunteer.*

Thank you,  
Alyson M. Fegley, Physical Education Teacher

**PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN BY MONDAY MAY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the times you can help. If you can help for the entire day or either day, check all that apply. (Morning Session will be AMK, Green and Yellow families and Afternoon Session will be PMK, Blue and Red Families.)

June 9      8:30 to 12:00 \_\_\_\_\_      11:30 to 2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

June 11      8:30 to 12:00 \_\_\_\_\_      11:30 to 2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

(RAINDATE)

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