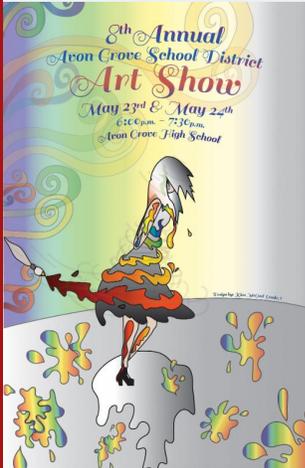




## A Newsletter from Avon Grove School District



### AGSD Art Show - May 23rd & 24th

Avon Grove School District will host its 8th annual Districtwide Art Show on Monday, May 23rd, and Tuesday, May 24th, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Avon Grove High School gym.

The show will feature hundreds of works in various media from students in K-12. Special events are scheduled on opening night, including art-making demonstrations.

Please join us for this free event, which is open to the public.

### PLE Celebrates Earth Day

Mrs. Reynold's class and Mrs. Russell's class celebrate Earth Day by making recycled bottled flowers.



## About Life After Graduation

Avon Grove High School is inviting its alumni back to celebrate their achievements and talk with current students about their path. For the first time, Avon Grove will host "AG Talks: Advice, Ideas, Stories", May 16 at 7 p.m. Community members are also encouraged to attend.

Four alumni presenters and two student presenters will speak at the event, which will include time before and after the session for socialization. Doors at the Avon Grove High School will open at 6:30 pm and presentations will start at 7 p.m. in the AGHS auditorium. Around 8 p.m., attendees will move into the the center court where there will be food and refreshments as well as information booths manned by alumni and current students.

The booths will offer a variety of post-secondary perspectives including life in: the military, as a student-athlete, in construction, in graduate school, in museum curation, study abroad, research, and engineering internships.

The event was conceived by 2014 Avon Grove graduate Marcus Forst. After volunteering as an Honors Admissions Ambassador at Temple University where he was enrolled, Forst realized he loved the interaction with prospective students as he gave them tours of campus and discussed college life with them.

In April 2015, Forst was diagnosed with T-cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, a very aggressive blood cancer, and had to abruptly withdraw from college on a medical leave.

The event is free but students may make donations to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society at the event.



## FSEMS Spring Concerts on 5/24 & 5/25

Students at Fred S. Engle Middle School in the Avon Grove School District are preparing for the school's annual spring concerts, which will be held in the Avon Grove High School Auditorium.

Vocal and Orchestral Instrumental teams will perform a concert on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m., featuring members of the school's String Orchestra, Middle School Choir, and Avon Grove Singers.

The Band Instrumental Team will perform on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. These students will perform in the Gold, Red, and Jazz Bands.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.



## AGI Band Performs at the Phillies Game

The AGIS Band traveled to Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia to perform "The Star Spangled Banner" just prior to the Phillies vs the Cleveland Indians game on May 1st, 2016. The band gave an outstanding performance. Nearly 500 family, staff and friends came out to support the band students.



## AGSD Charts a Plan for the Future

Avon Grove School District continues to evaluate its facilities and property, and has begun to chart a plan for the future. The newly-formed Facilities Input Group (FIG) met for the first time on May 3 to begin that process.

A group of 20 people including parents, community members, staff, and school board members met with the goal of developing a non-binding recommendation for a path forward for the district's facilities. The group will deliver a plan that is aligned with the mission and vision of the school district to the School Board, no later than December 2017.

The FIG will review:

- Enrollment projections
- The district's current preventative maintenance plan
- The recently-conducted District Facility Feasibility Study
- Renovation and maintenance needs for current buildings
- Potential for future expansion of district facilities based on the district's educational goals
- Financial issues such as borrowing and debt capacity.

The FIG will also tour Avon Grove facilities as well as facilities of other area school districts.

The May 3 meeting was very positive. FIG members were provided with a chance to introduce themselves and state their reasons for wanting to support this effort, learn about the group's goals and objectives, and ask questions.

The group will meet monthly during the school year. The next meeting of the FIG will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the AGIS Audion. First meeting for the 2016-17 school year will be held in August. Date is to be determined.

Please refer to the District website [www.avongrove.org](http://www.avongrove.org) for ongoing updates on the work of the FIG and the progress towards the strategic intent for Facilities.



The Avon Grove School District Board of School Directors approved the [2016-2017 School Calendar](#) at the Board meeting on March 24, 2016

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