



# Avoca PTC News

Serving Avoca West and Marie Murphy Schools

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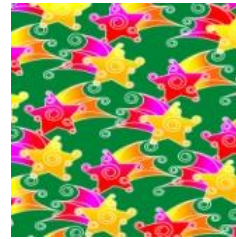
## Avoca West Family Movie Night



**Showing:** Gnomeo and Juliet (Rated G)  
**When:** Friday, November 11th, Doors Open: 6:15, Movie Starts: 6:45  
**Where:** Avoca West Gymnasium  
**Cost:** \$5 at door, \$4 in advance (Please make checks payable to Avoca PTC - Movie Night)  
This is a family movie night so children must be accompanied by an adult. Kindly **RSVP** by filling out the attached form **by November 7th** and sending it in to the Avoca West school office. It promises to be to a night full of laughter! Questions may be directed to **Dina Pinos** and **Stephanie Rick** at [dinapinos@gmail.com](mailto:dinapinos@gmail.com) or 847-903-8898  
<http://avoca37.org/ptc/files/2011/10/MovieNight-2011.pdf>

### SPIRIT WEAR!

Oh No! You have nothing to wear to Movie Night? Worry no more! Place your advance order for Spirit Wear now! Contact Louise Dechovitz at [Louise111@gmail.com](mailto:Louise111@gmail.com) or 847-980-0833. In fact, we have a large stock of spirit wear so you can make a purchase at any time. Just call or email Louise.



## Gift Wrap Fundraiser

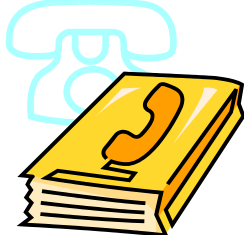
Thanks again to everyone who supported Avoca by purchasing Innisbrook items - sales totaled over \$14,000. The top three sellers, Henry Blasingame, Andrew Costas and Owen Johnson received Target gift cards at the Avoca West spirit assembly, and the 10 instant winners, Alexandra Davey, Peter Kanellos, Max Braidman, Matthew Perchik, Anna Jean Lower, Zachary Stein, Thomas Rix, Reilly Cepuritis, Nalin Kundu and Emily Quan, received spirit wear.

Whenever you purchase Innisbrook products at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) just enter our school code, which is **115531**, and Avoca will receive 50% of your total order in profit. You can pay by credit card and the order will ship directly to your house.

## A Call for Volunteers

Interested in helping out at school? The PTC has many opportunities available in a variety of activities and time commitments. We are in the process of switching to a google docs based program and ask that parents go to the following link:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en\\_US&formkey=dFJnTmlrWVNcaTBPYlkwRVhFVet2MlE6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dFJnTmlrWVNcaTBPYlkwRVhFVet2MlE6MQ#gid=0) and fill it out - **it shouldn't take more than 5-10 minutes.**

This program will allow you to be more specific about what volunteer opportunities you are interested in and in turn will make sure all of our school events are incredibly successful! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, **Heather Hester** with any concerns [heathermama4@gmail.com](mailto:heathermama4@gmail.com).



### Student Directories Delivered

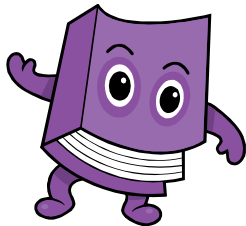
The Avoca District 37 directories are compliments of the PTC and were distributed to all families who agreed to participate in the directory. We have a limited number of books available to purchase for \$15. These are great for families who requested not to have their contact information listed and those who want an additional copy. Please ask the secretary at either school.

We made every effort to use the information you entered when registering your child. If you find an error, please send the correction to Denise Kingwill [avocaptc@gmail.com](mailto:avocaptc@gmail.com).

Look for final corrections in a few weeks.

Please support our sponsors and Avoca family businesses listed on page 5 of the directory.

Thank you everyone who placed a personal or company ad to help fund the publication cost.



### Celebration Book Club (Formerly the Birthday Book Club)

The Celebration Book Club is a great way to honor a special event or person with a book. Simply fill out a book club form with your donation. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a new book to be donated to the school library. Please contact

**Mrs. Vogelstein at (847)724-6800** for more information.

Thank you to all of the students and their families for donating books to our school library: **Kusa Park, Daniel Grossner, Nick Johnson, Ashley Kim, Teddy Bradshaw Maria Dellamore, Chloe Park, Brandon Buchman, Grace Hester, Thomas Rix**



Thanks to all the Marie Murphy families who clipped, saved, counted and turned in their Box Tops for the October 28th deadline! You all did an amazing job: together you raised nearly **\$200** for District 37!

Marie Murphy and Avoca Community Preschool students collected **1687 Box Tops** plus 240 "Growing Local Learning" Box Tops certificates from Jewel-Osco (keep your eye out for these bonus coupons at Jewel). And the top 3 classrooms were: Mr. Minsley: **740** (Winner!), Mr. Katz: **415** and Mrs. Cook: **303**

Keep up the great work! Stay tuned for an update to come soon about the Avoca West Box Tops contest winner and classroom totals.

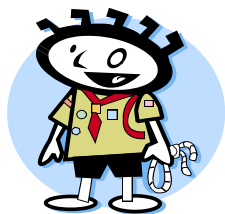
Please continue collecting and turning in your Box Tops--we will save them for the next collection deadline in February, 2012. If you have any questions about the Box Tops program, please contact Lisa Crowe at [lisa1@rockabilly.net](mailto:lisa1@rockabilly.net) (Marie Murphy) or Debbie Silverstein at [rdsilverstein@yahoo.com](mailto:rdsilverstein@yahoo.com) (Avoca West).



### Become an Art Smart Volunteer!

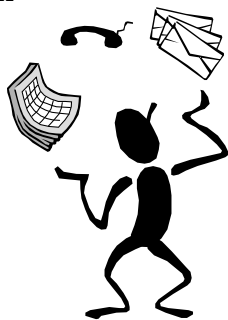
The PTC closet is stocked with wonderful resources to help you create a meaningful art

experience for your child's classroom. All you need to do is contact the classroom teacher to arrange a time to present information about an artist. A hands-on activity is optional, but always well received by the children. Resources include books, videos, posters AND puppets. Just get a key to the PTC closet at the front desk, review the materials and sign out what you would like to take with you. Please return everything as soon as you have completed the lesson. Children love when you bring them art experiences. It would be great to give every classroom their first Art Smart experience before the holiday break- a treat for the children and you!



### Cub Scouts Corner

Upcoming events are as follows:  
11/4, Fri: Adler Planetarium sleepover, 5:30pm  
11/15, Tues: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm Avoca West North Gym  
11/18, Fri: Ringling Brothers Circus, 7pm  
12/14, Wed: Pack Meeting, 6:30pm Avoca West North Gym



**Having a hard time remembering all the PTC, school & district dates,** if your family uses a wall or paper desk calendar, then our new calendar stickers are a must have. For only \$3, you receive pre-printed stickers with all the PTC, school & district dates. To order, send an envelope to the school with cash or check payable to Avoca PTC and a note indicating how many sticker sets you would

like, your child's name and room teacher. Below is a link to for the calendar sticker order form:

<http://avoca37.org/ptc/files/2011/11/Calendar-stickers-order.pdf>



### Brownies/ Junior Girls Scouts Corner (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Upcoming meeting will take place at 6 p.m in the ITC room at Avoca west. Meeting dates are Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking forward to some fun events such as American Girl Place, circus, and a hockey game.

Please feel free to contact **Cathy Brown** with any questions or to learn about how to get involved at [brownfamily1327@comcast.net](mailto:brownfamily1327@comcast.net). **New Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts are always welcomed!!**



**Brownies: (Maria Garbis and Maeve Morrison)  
Junior Girl Scout (Kelsey Carroll)**  
The girls are working hard to earn a badge on eating right and staying healthy!!



The PTC would not be as successful as it is without the help of our fabulous volunteers. **Stephen Starr** for the Gift Wrap fundraiser **Martha Pollak** and **Maria Costas** for picture day!!

**Steve Brown** for the new and improved recycling program.

**Lisa Crowe** and **Debbie Silverstein** for box top **Kathy Stein** and **Grainne Bailey** for the new families committee

**Rosa Kanellos** and **Meg Racenstein** for the AW Fall Teacher Appreciation

**Elfriede Weber** for the MM Fall Teacher Appreciation

**Traci Lee** for Back to School Luncheon, **Jennifer Petterson** for Pre-Pack School Supplies

**Kathleen Cetrone, Denise Kingwill and the folks at Mid-Central Printing** for the directory

Thanks to all the **Room Parents** and volunteers for putting on such wonderful Halloween parties!



**REMEMBER TO KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!!**

**Girls Night:** January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Fun Fair:** February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Boys Night:** March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Adults' Night:** April 21<sup>st</sup>

## FAN

Would you like the opportunity to learn from the leading minds in education and wellness? Connect with the Family Awareness Network email list and receive updates on current lectures in our township. Please visit the FAN website and sign up at:

<http://www.fan-ntts.org/>



## It's getting cold out!

Please remember to send an extra set of cold weather clothing to school so that your child has it available in his/her locker – just in case!

## Mark Your Calendars

### Movie Night

Friday, November 11th, Doors Open: 6:15,  
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### Avoca West Book Fair

December 5-9

### PTC Meetings

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 p.m. @ Avoca  
West  
and

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m @ Marie  
Murphy

### Thanksgiving Break

November 23<sup>rd</sup> -November 25<sup>th</sup>

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Snowflakes

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Avoca West Winter Parties

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

### Winter Break

December 17<sup>th</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(School resumes on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## Avoca Parent-Teacher Council

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**PTC Website:** <http://avoca37.org/ptc>

**Volunteer Website:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en\\_US&formkey=dFJnTmlrWVNCaTBPYlkwRVhFVEt2MIE6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dFJnTmlrWVNCaTBPYlkwRVhFVEt2MIE6MQ#gid=0)

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