



BEARS DEN



After School Program

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Bears Den 683-0404

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Bears Den Receives New Grant!

The Ava R-1 School District is excited to announce it has been awarded a new 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant. Daily operations will be overseen by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Subsequent years funding is based on availability of funds and satisfactory compliance with grant requirements and performance. This five year grant will allow our current program to expand the afterschool services to all Douglas County students in preschool through eighth grade.

The program will be held on the Ava elementary and middle school campuses. All students will be checked out with the gatekeeper in the elementary building.

A morning program will be offered at the elementary from 6:45 until 8:00 each morning. Students will have the opportunity to join the Morning Walking Club, finish their homework, or have free time before school. At the middle school, the morning program will be open from 7:00 to 8:00. Students in 7th and 8th grade will report to the cafeteria and students in 5th and 6th grade will report to the gym.

The evening program will begin immediately after school and run until 5:45 each evening. Activities will include recess, snacks, tutoring, homework help along with practice on math and reading skills followed by enrichment classes.

The enrichment classes will focus on math and science, use of technology, engineering, arts and crafts, and physical activities



Buses Home

Transportation home will be available with door to door stops in town and designated drop off points similar to summer school. Middle school students staying for athletic practices are welcome to join Bears Den after practice and ride the Bears Den bus home each night. Buses will leave the school at 5:45 p.m. each evening.

Bears Den Daily Schedule

- 3:15-3:45 Recess
- 3:45-4:00 Snack served
- 4:00-4:30 Homework or Math/Reading Skills
- 4:30-5:30 Enrichment Classes
- 5:30-5:45 Free Choice time
- 5:45 Buses leave, program ends

Attendance is IMPORTANT! Students attending 30 days will have a field trip in December and our May field trip will require students to have attended Bears Den 60 days or more.

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Fees

The cost of Bears Den is determined by the student's lunch status. Students on free lunches will be charged \$1 per night. Students on reduced lunches will pay \$2 per night. Students on full priced lunches will pay \$3 per night. There is a family cap of \$25 per week. **No student or family will be denied services because of financial need.** Scholarships are available for students and families who need assistance. Scholarship forms can be picked up at the gatekeeper's table or from the offices.



Running Club

The 5th & 6th grade girls and boys in Bears Den are running on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are practicing so they can take part in the Cross Country Meet that will be held on October 23. The teacher for the running club is Thelma Clayton.

Small Stars Volleyball

A volleyball camp teaching fundamental skills will be offered to 4th, 5th, & 6th graders. Flyers have been sent home and kids attending these camps are welcome to come to Bears Den before and after the camps. All camps will run from 3:45-5:00.

4th grade: Tuesdays Oct. 17 & 24

5th grade: Wednesdays Oct. 11 & 18

6th grade: Wed. Oct 25 & Mon. Oct 30

Grant Goals our Program will work on

- Support or increase student achievement and confidence in the areas of reading/communication arts, math, and science.
- Develop and maintain a quality program that includes positive interactions, engaging opportunities, and a safe, supportive environment.
- Enhance college and career readiness skills and behaviors, including positive behaviors, personal and social skills, and a commitment to learning.



Makerspace

Makerspace is a class where 2nd & 3rd graders get to use their imagination, building skills, and problem solving ability to create projects assigned by the teacher. The kids have enjoyed building projects with lego bricks and building marble runs using things like paper tubes and swimming noodles.

Family Fall Festival

In honor of the national "Lights On" for afterschool programs, Bears Den will host their Family Fall Festival on Thursday, October 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Games and other activities will be held in the cafeteria, hallways and gymnasium. There will be a bonfire outside where hot dogs and s'mores will be available. Projects the kids have worked on will be on display. Plan on staying an extra hour, eating supper, and playing some fun games with your kids. There is no charge for this event but middle school students will be selling items they have made in Bears Den.



Day Camps

Are you tired of having to find a sitter when school is out? Let the kids stay with us! Bears Den will have Day Camps available when school has a planned break. Our first one will be Friday, October 27th. Enrollment papers are with the gatekeeper.

