

# CUB CHATTER

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What a whirlwind this first quarter has been! Family Movie Night featuring "Peter Rabbit" was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your help and support for such a great family time! It's great to have a school that sees itself as a community center. We have quite a full calendar in the next couple of weeks with the Superhero Scramble, Variety Show and Trunk or Treat to name a few. It is with the help of administration, faculty, staff, families and community that Avery is able to be so involved. Happy to be part of that!

*Janna Miller-Sanders, AES PTA President*

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Superhero Scramble – 10/17  
Atlanta United – 10/21  
Fundraiser Funds Due – 10/24  
Variety Show – 10/26  
Trunk Or Treat – 10/28



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## Calling All Avery SuperHero Parents!



We are creating a fun-filled obstacle course for all of our Avery students to enjoy – come join in as a volunteer and cheer for our students! You can sign up now at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445afab2da1fc1-superhero>. The fun run is scheduled for Wed, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm. This year we will have bubbles, noodle arches, speed rings, a water station, and an inflatable obstacle course.

This is our MAIN fundraiser for the year, so encourage your student(s) to collect donations for our Avery Cubs. There are LOTS of wonderful prizes, some of which are: Autographed batting gloves from Braves Tyler Flowers, Andretti VIP Family Pack, Zoo passes, SkyZone Family of 4 passes, Hatchimal, LOL mystery doll, Fernbank Science Center passes, and many, many more! Our students will earn a sundae from Cheeseburger Bobby's for their 1<sup>st</sup> donation of \$25, plus a raffle ticket for the prizes for each \$25 donation. For each \$50 donation, the student will earn a chance to try to dunk Mr. Harper in our dunk tank – I hope he enjoys splashing around!!!

We have lots of fun excitement planned – ask your student what their class is working toward... the teachers can earn a chance to dunk Mr. Harper also!

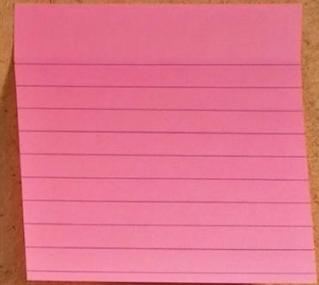
TOP PRIZES: \$200 Best Buy gift card (one for TOP K-2<sup>nd</sup> and one for TOP 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> winner) --- AND 2<sup>nd</sup> TOP PRIZES: \$100 Best Buy gift card (one for K-2<sup>nd</sup> and one for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>).



Please join us for Avery's 12th Annual Variety Show Friday, October 26 at 6:00 at Creekview High School Auditorium. The cost is \$8/per family of 5, and all proceeds benefit the Avery Music Department. Concessions, including dinner items, will be available for purchase as well as candy, chips and drinks. Doors open at 6:00 with the show starting at 7:00.

Looking forward to seeing some of our Avery Cubs' amazing talents!

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## Shoparoo

Don't throw your receipts away until you Shoparoo. It is an easy way to fundraise for the PTA. You just download the app, snap a picture of your receipt and earn. Make sure to link to Avery ES PTA and select your cubs current grade.

*The app is available for Android and Apple products.*



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Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them in to your child's class. Watch for details for this year's Box Top Classroom Contest!

See a list of products at:

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

Math Superstars kicks off 10/12. It's not too late to participate!

Turn in your permission slip and first week's worksheet.



Bingo night is in March! Be on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding prize donations.

**DON'T FORGET TO BE AWESOME**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for placing in the  
*Avery Reflections competition!*  
*Best of luck to all of you at the county level!*

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:  
Anna Ruthruff

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:  
Shelby Mason

## **VISUAL ARTS**

Kindergarten:  
Scarlett Smith

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:  
Finn Bruce  
Rosaline Ortega

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:  
Bella Bruce  
Tyson Latimer  
Shelby Mason

4<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Annabelle Lindsey  
Addison Quinn  
Evie Ward

5<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Lily Hufstetler  
Abigail Moore

## **LITERATURE**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Emma Pollard  
Eason Runion

## **FILM PRODUCTION**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:  
Brooke Gilleland

## **CALLING ALL WRITERS!**

The Avery PTA is starting to feature one student a month in our Cub Chatter with their original short story writing. If your child has a short story that they'd like to submit for consideration of being published in Cub Chatter, please send a copy to [averycubspta@gmail.com](mailto:averycubspta@gmail.com).

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Ruby and Me

By: Emma Pollard

It all started as a regular school day. In the morning, morning work and in the afternoon math class. Yes, like I said, it **started** as a regular school day, but it ended terribly! This is the story about a miracle in my life, and my hero, Ruby.

I was going through my morning routine in class unpack and do morning work. But for some strange reason I was more tired than usual, and I had a terrible headache. It was keeping me from focusing on my work, so I was happy with the distraction when my friend Dawn came in practically shouting across Mrs. Garrett's classroom to tell me her news. "Eve, I have great news!" Dawn said. "Mac got into a fight with another dog and hurt his leg, so he is heading to your mom's office to get checked out." Dawn looked so excited, but I didn't know why. To be honest I didn't really care, but at least it was something to take my mind off my headache.

After lunch, I was sitting in math class. My headache was not getting any better. Mrs. Garrett asked me to the white board to complete a problem. I remember standing at the board while she was reading the question. Suddenly, my ears started ringing, my eyes went all blurry and I started seeing stars. Then everything went black!

I started to wake up and I could hear a calm voice saying, "Eve stay with me! My name is Ruby, I am right here with you. You're ok, but I need you to open your eyes. Can you open your eyes for me sweetie?" I opened my eyes. I was in an ambulance! There were faces around me talking to each other, bright lights in my eyes, and things hooked all over me. There was so much going on I just closed my eyes and asked, "What happened? Where is the lady that was talking to me?" before passing out again.

I woke up in the hospital. Mom and Dad were at the bed holding my hand and stroking my hair. I knew something wasn't right. My mom had tears in her eyes and I could tell my dad had been crying. I asked what happened. My mom replied, "you fainted at school honey you hit your head pretty hard on the floor." I sunk down in my bed. "Great! Now I am going to be the talk of the school. I bet Dawn is announcing it to everyone as we speak", I said. I was so embarrassed. My dad interrupted my pity party. "Eve it was a good thing this happened." He cleared his throat. "The doctor took you to get a head scan. You hit your head, so they wanted to make sure you were ok and well." My dad stopped. He couldn't talk anymore. My mom started talking, "they found something on your scans honey." I replied with my usual sassy response, "Yeh, what was that? A huge brain!" I started laughing. "No honey. I need you to be serious for a second", my mom said. I realized my parents were not in a joking mood. I suddenly felt light headed and like I was going the throw up. My mom began to tell me what my scans found. I sat there listening in shock while my mom gave me the news. "There appears to be a small tumor located on the left side of your brain." My mom continued. "The doctor has some concerns on how to remove it. Its location can be dangerous to try to remove so we need to really think about our options." I started to cry. My mom and dad tried to comfort me, but I wanted to be alone.

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## Ruby and Me, Continued.

I asked if I could have some time to rest and think about everything. My mom said, “that’s perfectly fine honey. We have a few more questions for the doctor so we will let you rest. We will just be right down the hall.” I turned my back to the door, so no one would see me cry. I cried myself to sleep feeling scared about what will happen to me.

Not long after I fell asleep I heard the voice again. “Eve, it’s Ruby again. I am here for you. I am so sorry about the terrible news, but you are going to be ok. Just have faith,” she said. She was so calm and peaceful. Her voice made me feel a little better. When I woke up I called for mom and dad. They rushed into the room with the doctor, and I sat up to speak to them. I told them that Ruby made me feel much better, and I wanted to go ahead with the surgery. They all looked at each other and asked, “who is Ruby?” I told them about the lady that came in and spoke with me. They looked at each other confused but just thought maybe I was dreaming. We all began discussing the details of the surgery and my recovery. There was a lot involved in my recovery the doctor explained. It was going to be a long and frustrating process and he wanted to inform me about all the challenges I would face. I smiled and told my mom, my dad, and the doctor, “I’ve got this!”

The time had come, surgery day. I’m not going to lie I was really nervous, but I was not about to show it because my mom and dad were even more scared. I made my usual jokes to try to lighten the mood. The doctor came in and asked if I was ready to go. Dad held my hand and said a quick prayer, then they both gave me hugs and kisses. I could see the tears starting to fill up my mom’s eyes. The nurses wheeled me out. The journey to the operating room seemed to take forever. The halls were quiet and bright with lights shining down on me. They wheeled me into the operating room and I saw trays with metal tools, monitors beeping, and a room full of people covered in light blue with nothing but their eyes showing. At this point I was really freaking out wondering if I could really do this. Then I saw familiar eyes looking at me. It was my doctor. He asked, “are you ready Eve? The nurse here is going to take great care of you. I need you to take 2 deep breaths and count backwards from 100.” I felt a bit calmer and I followed his directions. Soon I was out!

I was asleep, and I heard Ruby again. She said, “don’t be scared Eve. I am right here with you. The doctor is going to take great care of you. All you need to do is relax and believe that everything will be ok.” Her voice made me feel like I was not alone. She stayed with me through the surgery. A while later I woke up, but I was in a different room. I kept looking around for Ruby or the doctor. A nurse rushed over and said to take it easy and she would tell the doctor I was awake. I asked if she was Ruby, and she said, “I am not. Who is Ruby?” and walked away. The doctor came over and was checking me. He asked me to wiggle my feet, follow his finger, then a bunch of silly questions, like what is your name, how old are you, do you know what the date is? I answered his questions and asked about Ruby. He said, “you asked for Ruby earlier today. Who is Ruby?” I replied, “the nurse who has been speaking to me.” The doctor looked confused. He said, “you have been through a lot today. We will talk later when you get settled back in your room.”

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## **Ruby and Me, Continued.**

Later that day I was taken back to my room. The room was filled with flowers, balloons, and cards made by my class. My mom and dad were there with big smiles on their faces. I guess that was a good sign that things went well, and my brain did not turn into mush. My parents were talking and laughing with the doctor. Everything seemed to be different to the mood before my surgery. The doctor asked if I had any questions. I said to him, "I have asked about this lady named Ruby and every time I ask people look at me like I am crazy. Could you please find Ruby, so I can thank her for keeping me company and keeping me calm during all this?" The doctor responded, "Eve, I do not know who this Ruby is. You have been through a lot these past few days. I think you just need to rest." I closed my eyes, so the doctor could not see how annoyed I was. "I am not crazy!" I said to myself. My mom told me just to relax and rest up. I had a long recovery ahead and need my energy. I closed my eyes and fell back to sleep. Soon I heard Ruby's voice. She told me she was happy to see the surgery went so well. She knew I would stay strong and come out ok. I finally asked Ruby, "why does no one know who you are? I have been asking for you the last few days and everyone looks at me like I am crazy. I just wanted to thank you for being with me through this and making me believe that I would be ok." I could hear Ruby giggle, then she said, "well no one knows me because no one can see me." I thought this was a strange answer, so I asked why. She explained some more, "no one can see me because I am your guardian angel. I came to you during your time of need to comfort you, protect you, and keep you strong. I knew you could do it, but I wanted you to know you were not alone." I did not know what to say. I have heard stories about guardian angels, but never thought it was something I would ever have happen to me. I laid in my bed with a smile on my face thinking about how lucky I was and all I could say was "thank you Ruby. You are my hero! I could not have done this without you."

Heroes can come in all types our mom or dad, our teacher, a veteran, a policeman, or others that risk their life to keep us safe. Usually we only think about the heroes we can see but not me! See we all have things that happen in our lives and we do not always understand how we were able to get through them. I like to believe that during these hardest times when we are faced with terrible things in our lives it is our guardian angels that are the heroes. They watch over us and give us the strength to believe everything will be ok.

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