

THE  
**Scratching Post**

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Auburn Elementary – 810 N Commercial St – Auburn, KS 66402

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Melinda Patterson, Principal



## LIBRARY NEWS

This December students will be learning how to use the internet in a safe and educational way. The World Wide Web can offer plenty of learning opportunities but students must be careful or they might stumble on a site that is providing wrong information. Help your child by making sure the web site they are on provides: a current copyright date, an author, and a list of sources. When reading the information on a website have your child use the five-finger rule, so they know if the information is right for them. Start with a fist, when your student does not know a word on the website hold up a finger for every word they do not know. If all five fingers go up that is not a kid friendly website. If two to three fingers go up it is probably just right, and if zero finger go up it might be too easy.

Happy Reading

Rachel Dial

Librarian

Auburn Elementary School



## Notes from the Nurse

Cold and flu season is upon us so a few reminders to keep ourselves healthy.

- ☑ Good hand hygiene is crucial. Use soap and water when available before and after eating, after using the bathroom, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water isn't available use hand sanitizer.
- ☑ Stay hydrated. Drinking plenty of water daily can help keep you healthy.
- ☑ Eat a well-balanced diet and supplement with a multi-vitamin if necessary.
- ☑ Make sure to cover your cough or sneeze.

Please make sure each of your students has these things daily at school

- ☑ Coat, hat and gloves for recess.
- ☑ Water bottle (drinking fountains are open but water bottles are optimal)
- ☑ If lips are chapped send ChapStick as I do not have ChapStick in the health room.
- ☑ If skin is dry send lotion.
- ☑ Cough drops (must be accompanied with district request for medication administration form) or mints (isn't required to be kept in the health room and doesn't need administration form filled out) to soothe coughing and sore throats.

If your child is ill, please call and report symptoms to the office by 9am. I look at the daily absences to track illness that could be passing throughout the school.

If your child has a fever 100.4 or greater, they will be sent home and will need to remain home until 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication.

If your child vomits or has diarrhea, they will be sent home and will need to remain home until 24 hours without a vomiting or diarrhea episode.

Any medication including Tylenol or Ibuprofen will have to be sent specifically for your student from home with the request for medication administration form filled out. This form can be found on the district website main page. On the right-hand side under QUICK LINKS tab, select HEALTH INFORMATION, scroll down to the middle of the page under MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS, and you will find the REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION link. Fill out that form and turn it in to the health room with medication.

Rachel Seitz  
School Nurse  
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## Attendance and Transportation

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit early so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and beyond.

Good attendance has a positive connection with academic skills, social skills, and social emotional learning. Missing as few as two days per month can have a profound negative impact on achievement and a student's self-esteem. Help your student understand the importance of good attendance.

Good attendance is an important part of our ROAR expectations. AE has set our goal for a student absence to be four days or less by semester break. We will not include days required for quarantine. If your student is struggling with wanting to attend school, please contact the teacher, Ms. Boyd or Ms. Golden to discuss ways that the school can support your student.

If your student(s) are going to be absent or late to school, you need to call the front office by **9:00AM**. You can also email our front office secretaries. This way we can document you student(s) absence or late arrival to school. This will also allow our lunch room staff to know if they need to prepare a lunch for your student(s).

If your student(s) will be having a change in transportation for the day, please contact the front office staff by **3:00PM**. If the school is having an **EARLY RELEASE DAY**, please call the office by **2:00PM**. This way the secretaries will have enough time to deliver the message to your student(s).

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Get involved with the Auburn Elementary PTO! There are many ways to be involved and does not require a huge time commitment. Come to a meeting and see what the PTO is all about!

All meetings are in the school library at 6:30 pm.

January 10, 2023

February 28, 2023

April 11, 2023

May 9, 2023

The PTO is excited for what we have accomplished so far this year and the plans that we have!

- \*\*Held the Welcome Back Cookout at the beginning of the year
- \*\*Provided dinner for AE Staff during teacher conferences
- \*\*Helped provide snacks for various departments
- \*\*Helping to facilitate the Watch Dogs program
- \*\*Providing food for Family Fun Night
- \*\*Held a successful school wide fundraiser
- \*\*Purchased playground balls and bases for each grade

Auburn Elementary PTO

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### December

19 – 31 NO SCHOOL  
WINTER BREAK!!!!

### January

1 NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK  
2 NO SCHOOL – Staff Work Day  
10 PTO Meeting  
6:30pm – 7:30pm  
13 NO SCHOOL – Staff Work Day  
16 NO SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Holiday  
25 EARLY RELEASE – 3pm  
27 WRHS Orchestra Tour TBD

### February

8 EARLY RELEASE – 3pm  
14 Valentines Class Parties  
2:45pm – 3:30pm  
15 Parent Teacher Conferences  
4pm – 8pm  
16 Parent Teacher Conferences  
8am – 8pm  
17 NO SCHOOL  
20 NO SCHOOL – Staff Work Day  
28 PTO Meeting  
6:30pm – 7:30pm



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. Make sure you look for the Auburn Elementary Icon to "Like" the school. Stay informed of activities and events happening throughout the school year.

## NEW/REPLACEMENT BUS CARDS

Complete the [New or Replacement Student Bus Cards Form](#) to order a new or replacement bus card. After the first new or replacement card requested, a fee may apply.

**\*Kindergarten students do not need to order their first card.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxZljYhexiU9e6Yx3pstmzfAGPMiyQljny6YudLPrE1wKBWA/viewform>

In order to improve access and efficiency, The Scratching Post will be posted to our school website and emailed through campus portal for future viewing (<https://usd437.net/schools/auburn/>).

## LUNCH PRICES

Guest Breakfast: \$1.65

Guest Lunch: \$3.65

Extra Milk: \$0.50

To purchase a school lunch for yourself, you will need to contact the front office by 9:30am. Please bring exact currency for a guest lunch.

## HELPFUL LINKS

### Calendar

<https://usd437.net/calendars/auburn.html>

### Breakfast and Lunch Menu

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/auburnwashburnusd437/menus>

## TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS:

Items **not** allowed on the bus:

- Balloons of any kind
- Large stuffed toys
- Skateboards
- Glass containers
- Animals, bugs, snakes
- Firearms, explosives, or other dangerous objects
- Skates of any kinds must be inside a bag and only then can they be transported on the bus.

**Students are not allowed to ride home with other students.**