

THE

Scratching Post

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Melinda Patterson, Principal

Hello Auburn Families:

It is hard to believe that it's December! We will spend the next two weeks wrapping up our first semester. Our last day of school before winter break is Friday, December 16. We will start our Holiday parties at 2:45 on the afternoon of the 16th. School will be back in session for students on Tuesday, January 3rd.

December brings with it many traditions here at Auburn Elementary. Chip and Patty, our school elves, have returned. I am sure you will be hearing about their adventures between now and December 16! Student Council is once again sponsoring our "Giving Tree". There is a list of donations that we are assigning to each classroom attached to this newsletter. If you choose to participate in this year's "Giving Tree", the items collected will be used to assist families in our community.

This month, we will be providing a fun day for each grade level during the week of December 12th. "Holiday Hoopla, Grinch Style" will be happening at AE! Each grade level will have an assigned day and we have planned a day of crafts, games, and fun for the students. Part of the day will be a movie day and for the 3rd-6th grade students, we will show the 2018 cartoon movie "The Grinch" (Rated PG). For K-2nd grade students, we will show the original Grinch cartoon. If you *would not* like your student to watch the videos for any reason, please email me at pattemel@usd437.net or Mrs. Smith at smithhall@usd437.net to let one of us know. We will be happy to find a fun alternative activity for your student.

I hope you all have a healthy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Melinda Patterson

Principal, Auburn Elementary

happy
Holidays

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents, teachers, and PTO that helped make our Paper June Book Fair a big success! The profit from your purchases will buy new books for our school library and help build classroom libraries through our "Classroom Wish List" program. Profit from the book fair will also help fund our Friday ROAR assembly free book giveaway for students who ROAR.

If you enjoyed the book fair, please stop by the Paper June Store and see more selections of great children's books and other craft opportunities. The store is located in the NOTO Arts Center at 935 N Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS. 66608

Thank you again!

Happy Reading

Rachel Dial

Librarian

Auburn Elementary School





Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year we are going to have our first-ever **Holiday Hoopla: Grinch Style**. One day between December 12-15, each grade level will get to participate in their very own **Holiday Hoopla: Grinch Style**. This day will be broken into two parts. For half of the day, the students will do multiple stations full of fun. The other half day will be a movie watching party of "The Grinch," complete with popcorn.

In order to make this happen, we need your help. Please use the following link to sign-up to provide supplies and/or volunteer for the day. Here are the grades that will be going on each day, so you can choose accordingly:



[Holiday Hoopla: Grinch Style Sign-up \(PLEASE HELP US BY VOLUNTEERING!\)](#)

Monday, December 12: 2nd Grade and 5th Grade

Tuesday, December 13: 1st Grade and 3rd Grade

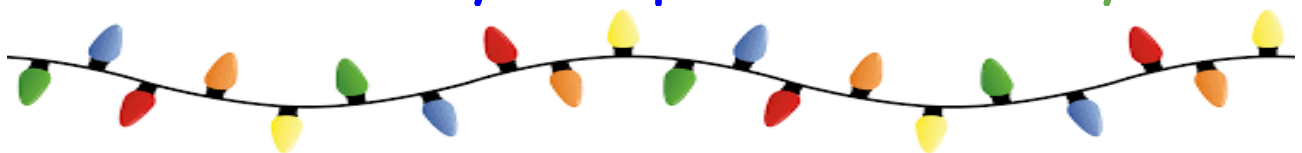
Wednesday, December 14: 4th Grade

Thursday, December 15: Kindergarten and 6th Grade

You will notice that the grade levels are broken up with a primary grade and an intermediate grade. This was done strategically, so that our older students can help and also build relationships with our younger students. Other than the adult volunteers to run the stations, this is just an event for the kids.

Thank you in advance for making this an AWESOME week!
If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Mrs. Smith.

2022 Holiday Hoopla: Grinch Style



Christmas With Santa

A Special Event for Auburn Children



Saturday, December 10th

9:00 am – Noon

Noon – 1:00 pm Sensory Sensitive Time

Sensory Sensitive Time is for our friends who prefer a quieter atmosphere



Auburn Community Center

Visit with Santa, games, activities, a raffle and so much more!

Sponsored by the Auburn Lions Club



Also enjoy the Auburn Library Holiday Bake Sale & Book Sale

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
785-339-4422



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).

Auburn Elementary Phone Number 785-339-4400
Melodee Walder (Head Secretary) waldemel@usd437.net
Robin Long (Assistant Secretary) longrob@usd437.net





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

Fundraiser update: Thank you for supporting the PTO with the fall fundraiser! We sold over \$18,000 and we will receive about 40% of that for the PTO to use to support the school.

Items will be available for pick up on **Thursday, November 17th from 3:30-6:00**. We can **NOT** store the frozen items, so please make it a point to get your items during the allotted time slot. We can **NOT** send food items on the bus. You can grab your items in the school **cafeteria**.

Thanks again,
Auburn Elementary PTO

THE AUBURN ELEMENTARY GIVING TREE

Each year, Auburn Elementary welcomes donations used to assist area families. This year, donations will be used to directly assist families with identified needs and also to support the local community food pantry. Listed below are specific items we would like each grade level to collect. You may choose from items listed in your grade level(s) or from those listed under the category of "Any Grade".

Please bring your items to school and place them under the Giving Tree by the office **NO later than Thursday, December 15th**. Thanks for helping other have a more enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,
Auburn Elementary Staff
and AE STUCO

Preschool and Kindergarten

Canned Soup
Mac-n-Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Bar Soap

1st Grade

Peanut Butter
Spaghetti
Canned Tuna
Toothpaste

2nd Grade

Mac-n-Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Cereal (hot or cold)
Toothbrushes

3rd Grade

Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Pasta

4th Grade

Canned Tuna
Jelly
Cereal (Hot or Cold)
Toothbrushes

5th Grade

Spaghetti Sauce
Spaghetti
Canned Vegetables
Shampoo

6th Grade

Spaghetti Sauce
Spaghetti
Jelly
Shampoo

Any Grade

New Hats
Gloves
Mittens
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
All Purpose Cleaner
Toilet Paper
Kleenex



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December

- 2 WRHS Jazz Band Visit
10:30am
- 5 Kindergarten Music Concert
6:15pm – 6:45pm
- 5th and 6th Grade Music Concert
7pm – 7:30pm
- 6 WRHS This Generation Visit TBD
- 7 EARLY RELEASE – 3pm
- 8 5th and 6th Grade
Band/Orchestra Concert
7pm – 8pm
- 14 Preschool to Auburn Library
- 16 Holiday Parties
2:45pm – 3:30pm
- 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/1FAIpQLSfxZIjYhexiU9e6Yx3pstmzfAGPMiyQljny6YudLPrE1wKBWA/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/menu>

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.