

THE

Scratching Post

11/11/22

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

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Melinda Patterson, Principal

From the Principal's Desk

Did you know that each of our grade levels is working with a community partner? They also choose a job to do for our school community as well as a service project that benefits our community in some way. One of the jobs our sixth-grade students is doing right now is taking pictures for our Facebook page showing different areas of our school. Like us on Facebook to see what is happening at Auburn Elementary! Our 4th grade students do our morning announcements every morning and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for our school. Our Student Council students represent the student body at PTO, School Leadership meetings, and School Committee meetings to give student input to help us make decisions. We want our students to know the value of giving back to their community on both a small and large scale!

This week, the Auburn Fire Department came to school to talk to our Kindergarten students about fire safety. They began their talk by telling the students to discuss with their parents where their family meeting place is should there ever be a fire. They then saw a Fireman dressed up in their uniform and heard what they sounded like with their oxygen tank on. The students now know that the firemen will be low and that they should not be afraid of them. The last thing they learned was how to stop, drop, and roll. The students ended their time by getting on the fire truck and taking pictures.



THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Thursday November 17, 2022

Auburn Elementary

Please join your student(s) for a delicious Thanksgiving lunch! This year we will be enjoying lunch in the gym, which gives us much more space for guests!

All guest meals are \$4.00 (adult or child). This year Thanksgiving lunch is **Cash Payment Only**. **Reservations and prepayment are a must**. You can reserve your lunch by completing the envelope that will be sent home with your student. Please return the envelope with cash payment to your student(s) teacher by **November 4, 2022**. Please do not include your student in the number of tickets needed or the payment. Their meal will be charged to their account.

This will be the lunch schedule for the Thanksgiving Lunch. Please note the time your student will be eating and plan to arrive 10 minutes early to pick up your meal ticket in the entryway by the office.

10:45 a.m. 6th Grade Kibbee
10:50 a.m. 6th Grade Riepl
10:55 a.m. 6th Grade Tenbrink
11:05 a.m. Kindergarten Brown
11:10 a.m. Kindergarten Cunningham
11:15 a.m. Kindergarten Sanders
11:25 a.m. 1st Grade Beardslee
11:30 a.m. 1st Grade Manker
11:35 a.m. 1st Grade Siegfried
11:45 a.m. 2nd Grade Harrison
11:50 a.m. 2nd Grade Kayser
11:55 a.m. 2nd Grade Ripperger
12:05 p.m. 4th Grade Finley
12:10 p.m. 4th Grade Noble
12:15 p.m. 4th Grade Robison
12:25 p.m. 5th Grade Grelk
12:30 p.m. 5th Grade Pagel
12:35 p.m. 5th Grade Stromgren
12:45 p.m. 3rd Grade Falley
12:50 p.m. 3rd Grade Oyler
12:55 p.m. 3rd Grade Vines



MENU

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
DINNER ROLL
PUMPKIN DESSERT
MILK



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.

November 15, 2022

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



You're invited to our

BOOK FAIR!

Date: Nov. 14-18

Open During School Hours

Time: Nov. 16: Additional after school from 4-5 PM
Nov. 17 Thankful Thursday Giveaway after school 4-5:30 PM



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Auburn Elementary would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has served in our Military. Thank you for your courage in the face of unapparelled adversity and sacrificing all that you have, to secure the freedom and rights of so many, so selflessly. Thank you for your service. You are extraordinary and we will never forget you.

Thank you to all students and staff, who participated in our program today. It was a great assembly and everyone did a fabulous job.





AUBURN ELEMENTARY VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY 2022



Notes from the Nurse

Cold and flu season is among us. A quick review of the Elementary School Health guidelines regarding illness and medications.

HEALTH

Please do not send your child to school if he/she has been vomiting, had diarrhea or has had a fever of 100.4 or above within the last 24 hours. Your child must be symptom free without the aid of medication, which includes fever-reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If a child comes to school, he/she will be expected to participate in all areas, including recess and Physical Education, exceptions require a written request from the parent/guardian that is supported by a Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy. The request must include the activities and the dates the student cannot participate. As indicated in KSA 65-122 it is the duty of the parent, guardian, school principal, or other individual in charge of the public school to exclude there from any child or other person affected with a disease suspected of being infectious or contagious until the expiration of the prescribed period of isolation or quarantine for the particular infectious or contagious disease as outlined in the Kansas Classroom Handbook of Communicable Disease. (Available online at www.kdheks.gov)

MEDICATIONS

All medication will be stored in the health room. Medication will be administered by the health personnel or designee. Prescription medication must be in the original container and must be accompanied by written permission from the parent/guardian and a Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy or dentist for each individual medication, and must be taken to the Health Room without delay for safekeeping. (Prescription label will be considered physician permission). It shall remain the responsibility of the student to- 7 report to the Health Room when dosage is due. Herbal remedies and vitamins will be considered as nonprescription medication (cough drops, Tylenol and Motrin) and will be subject to the same prescription requirements. When student medication is kept at school, it is the responsibility of the parent to know when the medication is to be refilled.

As always if you have any questions or concerns about your student, I am available 8-4 M-F by phone at (785) 339-4422 or email: seitzrac@usd437.net and am always happy to assist in any way possible.



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



Attention



Harvesters' BackSnack program provides a weekly bag filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for school children to take home over the weekend. BackSnack is a partnership between Harvesters, Auburn Elementary, and Auburn Christian Church. Harvesters provides the food and the backpacks. Auburn Christian Church helps facilitate picking up the BackSnack food kits from Harvesters and distributing them to the schools. Auburn Elementary personnel facilitate handing out the BackSnacks at each school. The purpose of this program is to help address concerns of hunger due to lack of food resources.

There is no income requirement for the program.

If you would like to participate in this program or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Boyd, school social worker, boydkat@usd437.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November

- 15 PTO Meeting
6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 17 Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 22 1st Grade Thanksgiving
Program 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 23 Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
- 24 Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
- 25 Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
- 29 Make Up/Retake Picture Day
9am – 11am

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 TBD
- 14 Preschool to Auburn Library
- 16 Holiday Parties
2:45pm – 3:30pm
- 19 – 31 NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK!!!!

January

- 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



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/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.

