



# Auburndale Elementary School

## January 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<b>X</b> 1 NO SCHOOL- New Year's Day	2 B  School Resumes	3 C	4 A	5 B  Favorite Sports Team Day!  Bring helmet for Inline skating!	6
7  Scout meeting 4:00-5:00 Elem Cafeteria	8 C Kindergarten testing this week. 6-7 p.m. SEL Parent Meeting w/ Sam (Self Regulation for Parents and Children)	9 A	10 B	11 C	12 A Kids Heart Challenge Assembly (KHC) (Grades K-5) 2:25-2:55 Mr. N's Classroom Flannel Friday	13
14	15 B 2nd Grade testing this week  MLK Jr Day	16 C	17 A PTO Meeting 6:00, Elem Lib  Scotty's Pizza Fundraiser	18 B Q2 Ends  Scotty's Pizza Fundraiser	<b>X</b> 19 NO SCHOOL- Teacher work day	20
21	22 C  Q3 Starts	23 A	24 B	25 C	26 A Class Color Day (4K-Yellow, K-Purple, 1-Orange, 2-Red, 3-Green, 4-Black, 5-Camo, Staff-Blue) 4th Grade Popcorn Party & Movie in Little Theater 12:30-2:45	27
28	29 B 6-7 p.m. SEL Parent Meeting w/ Sam (Eating Disorders and Building Self Esteem)	30 C	31 A			



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## Character Word of Month: Self-Discipline

January, 2024



### Calendar

January 2 – School Resumes

January 8 - SEL Parent Meeting w/Sam  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

January 12 – Kids Heart Challenge Assembly  
(Grades K-5)

January 17 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

January 17-18 - Scotty's Pizza Fundraiser

January 18 - Quarter 2 Ends

January 19 – NO SCHOOL, (Teacher workday)

January 22- Quarter 3 Starts

January 29 - SEL Parent Meeting w/Sam  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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**Reminder: Mid 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Parent/Teacher Conferences in  
February!**

### Dress for the Weather

Remember to dress for the weather and students need to wear long pants to school. If they want to wear shorts underneath for phy-ed that is fine, but otherwise long pants need to be worn during the winter months.

### Mid-Year Testing

In January students in grades 3-5 will be taking their Mid-Year STAR tests to check on student growth from the fall in reading and math. Students in 4K-2 will take mClass, again checking on growth from the beginning of the school year. This data helps with groups, interventions, and makes each child's learning experience the best it can be to fit each child's needs.

### Inline Skating Unit

Grades 1-5 will be starting the inline skating unit during Physical Education class on Jan 5. Children are encouraged to bring their own helmets (i.e. bike /skateboarding/ rollerblading).

### Winter Inclement Weather Day

The 1st Inclement Weather Day is NOT a Virtual Learning Day!

### Notes from PTO:

This month the PTO's Dine to Donate location was J-Rolls. Over the two days of the fundraiser, we earned a total of \$696.30 for our school! We had a tie for the class that turned in the most receipts, Ms. Karl's T/Th class and Mrs. Raab's 4th grade class. Both classes will earn an extra recess from Mr.S! Thank you so much to all those who participated! We are so thankful for the businesses that are willing to work with us and help us raise money for our school!

Next month we will have our Dine to Donate fundraiser with Scotty's Pizza. Watch for the fundraising form to come home next month.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 pm in the Elementary library. We are always looking for new faces to bring new ideas!

Check out the PTO Facebook page!  
<https://www.facebook.com/AubundalePTO>

Thank you for supporting our students and staff!

Come check out what PTO is all about!

### Notes from Mr. Nagel & Mr. Novitzke

As the winter season approaches, snow/ice, cold temperatures and limited daylight all change our activity patterns, oftentimes causing us to stay inside. It is very important to get 60 minutes of exercise every day. Explore different wintertime activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, tubing, ice fishing, building a snowman or snow fort, shovel the driveway etc... Get outside whenever it is possible to get some sun (even when it is cloudy).

It is also important to eat well balanced meals and get plenty of sleep (8-10 hours for elementary kids). Limiting screen time is also very important because it makes us sedentary (even harder to do with virtual learning). You will feel better mentally, physically, and emotionally by taking care of yourself.

### Don't Forget to Call In!

If your child will miss school for any reason, please call school by 8:30 a.m. If no phone call is received, a call will be placed to parents at home or at their place of work.

We encourage everyone to call in. With our phone system, messages can be left at ext. 1520 at any time of the day or night. Our main goal is that all children are safe. The school phone number is: 715-652-2812. Otherwise you may email Lacey Rasmussen at [lrasmussen@aubschools.com](mailto:lrasmussen@aubschools.com)

Please send an email or note if a child is not at school, as well as a phone call. Please call the office if you have any questions.

### Is Homework an Issue at Your House?

What should a parent do when your child takes all evening to finish schoolwork?

Some children can take a 15 minute task and turn it into a two hour or more task, and sometimes teachers give what they believe may be a 15 minute task and it takes a student much longer than that to finish. Either way, good clear communication is essential. Ideas to help at home include:

- Schedule a specific time for homework.
- Find a quiet place that has little noise and few distractions.
- Give your child support and praise when homework is done on time.
- When appropriate, give your child additional incentives.
- Back up your words with action, stick to your plan, and realize it may take your child a day or two to realize you mean business.

Tip: Remember to have your child get a good night's rest every night especially as the week progresses! Getting a good night's sleep and starting the day with breakfast can start the day off on the right foot!

