



Auburndale Elementary School

February 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1st Grade PALs testing this week.				1 A	2 B Groundhog's Day	3
4	5 C	6 ABC	7 A	8 B	9 C 100th Day of School	10
11	12 A	13 B	14 C	15 A	16 B	17
Valentine's Spirit Week Dress up days	Love to be Comfortable: Pajama Day	Girl Scout Meeting 5:30 Elem Lib Blue and White Day	Valentine's Day 4K M/W Valentine's Party @ 1:15 1:30 Valentines Parties Wear Red, Pink, Purple, White	4K T/Th Valentine's Party @ 1:15 Dress to Impress: Dresses, Ties, Bowties	4K Family Activity Day M/W Session 9-11, T/Th Session 12:30-2:30 Fleece or Flannel Day	
18	19 C President's Day	20 A Midterm 3	21 B PTO Meeting 6:00, Elem Lib Kindergarten to Lucille Tack Center 10:00	22 C	23 A Staff vs. 5th Gr. Basketball @ 1:00p.m.	24
25	26 B 6-7 p.m. SEL Parent Meeting w/ Sam (Teen Dating Violence and Impact on Mental Health)	27 C	28 A 2nd grade to Lucille Tack Center 12:00-2:45	29 X NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences 11:00-7:00	March 1 X NO SCHOOL	2

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THE FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Character Word: Fairness



Upcoming Events

Feb. 2-16 K4/K registration (24-25 School year)

Feb 12-16: Valentine's Spirit Week

Feb. 21 PTO meeting 6:00 pm, Little Theater

Feb. 29 NO SCHOOL- (Parent/Teacher Conf)

Mar. 1 NO SCHOOL

Forward Exam Testing 2024

Grades 3-5 will participate with the 2024 state required Forward Exam. This online test is given to all students in grades 3-5 across the state. Your child's results will be mailed to you in September. The elementary school will be testing students in late March to early April. Student attendance during this time is very important. Please try to keep appointments away from these days if at all possible. More information about specific days/tests will come home as the testing window gets closer. If you have any questions please contact the District Assessment Coordinator, Josh Nagel.

Roller Skating

The students had a blast with their roller skating course in Phy-Ed class! What a fun activity to get moving during the cold winter months!

4K & Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

Auburndale Elementary will be holding their 4K and Kindergarten registration **online**. Please go to www.aubschools.com after February 2nd to enroll your students for the 2024-25 school year. Please have copies of your children's birth certificate and immunization records available to be uploaded to a google form. Please complete by February 16th. If you are unable to complete registration online, please call the Auburndale Elementary Office to set up an appointment.

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 29th from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. Teachers will contact you if they request a conference with you regarding your child. If you would like a conference regardless please fill out the form coming home. These conferences will be 15 minutes. The forms are due back February 12. You will get confirmation by February 21 on when your conference will be held.

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Reading at Home

Did you know that an on-level reader should be reading at least 90 minutes a day? Oftentimes we find ourselves as parents using video games and television to fill in the down time when we ourselves need to get things done around the house. How about having your child earn screen time? If he wants to watch television, have him read for 20 minutes in order to earn 20 minutes. Better yet, how about reading for 40 minutes to earn 20 minutes of screen time?

PTO News

We just finished up our latest "Dine to Donate" fundraiser with Scotty's Pizza and Chicken. We raised \$508.30! That's amazing! The class that had the most participation was Ms. Karl's 4K classes. They earned a pizza party!

We started our "Share Your Love" fundraiser. You can purchase a small heart for \$1 and a large heart for \$5. A flier went home to write your messages on. PTO members will write your note and hang it with our heart display in the cafeteria. If you'd prefer to write your own hearts, you can do so by purchasing your hearts in the office.

The PTO will again be "Adopting a Teacher" for conferences. Our feedback from teachers has been amazing. The teachers love reading the messages from their families, and what better way to show appreciation than to buy them their dinner! We are extremely grateful to those that have participated in the past. Please watch for a Google form coming in February.

Please check out our Facebook page:
AuburndalePTO

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st at 6 pm in the Elementary School library. We hope to see you there!

Modeling Our Behavior For Our Kids

Our kids are learning from us. How are we responding in times of need, stress, hardship and crisis? Are we responding with logic and reasoning or are we reacting on emotion? Are we calm and collected or panicking? Do we embrace leadership roles for the good of our community? Do we help out our neighbor? Kids see how we handle all of that and our behavior becomes the behavior they adopt for themselves in similar situations that they encounter.

Kids are experiencing the same stressors and fears that adults do. It may not seem to be on as large of a scale as "adult problems" but to kids these stressors and fears are a big deal to them. You can help your child by being open and honest with them when addressing their concerns and working through the following:

- Make a list of stressors/fears and identify which ones you can control
- Shift your energy to problem solving instead of worrying
- Try to take the situation and turn it into an opportunity
- Reflect back on all the things you have done right - stop thinking about the failures
- Set small, realistic goals every day!
- See the big picture

Adults would always like to control the stressors of their world and of their children's but we cannot. All we can do is control our attitude, preparation, and effort every day! Remember our kids are watching us and learning to do what they see!