



## An Update from the District Office

### **COVID-19 Response Updates**

The district continues to work closely with the Wood County Department of Health on best practices concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. We have experienced a sharp decline in both positive and symptomatic cases, which is consistent in our area. Due to the sharp decline in positive cases and in consultation with Wood County Health the School District of Auburndale will continue to quarantine positive cases of COVID-19, but we will no longer quarantine or contact trace asymptomatic close contacts. In addition, the CDC has lifted requirements for face masks on public transportation, therefore Hahn Transportation will no longer require students to wear face masks on our buses. Students are still welcome to wear them.

### **Read Across America Day**

Students and staff celebrated Doctor Suess's birthday and Read Across America day today with warm pajamas and a lot of focus on reading. Although reading is a huge part of every day in Auburndale schools, today the entire Elementary joined together at 2:30pm to spend the end of the day all reading together. Tonight's homework... if you can, find your favorite childhood book and read it to your child.

### **Coffee Clutch is Back**

Coffee Clutch met this morning and is back in full swing. Remember that Coffee Clutch meets every first and third Wednesday of the month in the T.A. Gym foyer at 7:30am and all are welcome. Veteran's Coffee Clutch is the second Tuesday of every month at the same time. This is a great opportunity to meet with students and learn about what's going on in the district and community. Coffee and treats are provided.

As soon as the new building is finished, guests will also be able to go on live tours of the renovated and newly constructed teaching areas, hopefully as soon as mid March. See you there.

**Mental Health Coordinator Already Making a Positive Impact**  
Ms. Sam Phillips is already working with several students and supporting teachers and families as we respond to general mental health needs and needs created by our recent pandemic in our students. This position is subsidized by federal grants commonly referred to as ESSER grants, and will be for this year and two additional years. This position is unique from School Counseling and/or School Psychology. School Counseling incorporates some aspects of mental health, but includes a great deal of college and career readiness, scheduling, social instruction, etc. The School Psychologist position also lends support to mental health, but the main job is to assess and support services for students with learning disabilities. Both of these positions are invaluable, but often get confused as mental health care explicitly, due to the titles including the words “psychologist” or “counselor”. If you’d like to learn more, reach out to any of us and we’d be glad to share.

**Jeff Patyk's students utilizing the white board windows outside of the Little Theatre**



Sincerely,

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