



# Auburn Attractions

BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## AUBURN ELEMENTARY MISSION

The Auburn Elementary Staff is committed to the enhancement of leadership skills, fostering individual creativity and the pursuit of academic excellence.

Through diverse learning opportunities each student's unique abilities will be developed to achieve their potential; making a positive contribution to our global society.

## COLLABORATIVE STUDENT LEARNING

When more minds are trying to solve a problem together problems have a better chance of being solved; it's the power of collaboration. The Auburn Elementary staff continued its training this year, by Kagan Professional Development, on Multiple Intelligences and Cooperative Learning structures to learn more about how students learn and to teach students how to learn collaboratively.

**Cooperative Learning** is a Kagan teaching structure that refers to small groups of students working together to achieve a common goal (Kagan, 1994). Students work together to learn and are responsible for their team-

mates' learning as well as their own. The basic elements are:

1. **Positive Interdependence** - occurs when gains of individuals or teams are positively correlated.
2. **Individual Accountability** - occurs when all students in a group are held accountable for doing a share of the work and for mastery of the material to be learned.
3. **Equal Participation** - occurs when each member of the group is afforded equal shares of responsibility and input.
4. **Simultaneous Interaction** - occurs when class time is designed to allow many student interactions during the period.

Within the framework of

cooperative learning groups, students learn how to interact with their peers. Positive interactions do not always occur naturally and social skills instruction must be a part of instruction with the cooperative learning strategies. Social skills encompass communicating,

building and maintaining trust, providing leadership, and learning from disagreement.

To learn more about Cooperative Learning structures within the classroom please contact your child's classroom teacher.



## SCHOOL DAY

School Office Opens	8:15a.m.
Student Arrival	8:15a.m.
Transition to Classrooms	8:35a.m.
School Begins	8:45a.m.
Student Dismissal	3:34p.m.
School Office Closes	4:15p.m.

## AUBURN FAMILY POOL PARTY



It was time for our Auburn School family to get together to connect and socialize with each other someplace warm and somewhat beach like. On Friday, January 19th our Parent Teacher Organization hosted a *Family Pool Party* for Auburn

Elementary students and parents. The party was held at the Midland Community Center.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### EXPRESS LANE REMINDER

Just a reminder that our express drop-off and pick-up lane during the morning hours is a courtesy express lane. Please do not park your car in this lane and enter the building leaving your car unattended. As other cars leave the lane, you are asked to move your car forward, filling the vacant space, so that others can pull into the back of the lane to pick-up or drop off children. We appreciate your cooperation.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

There is still plenty of snow ahead so this is just a reminder to please ensure your child(ren) has / have a change of shoes to wear at school on Physical Education class days.



Students are not permitted to wear snow boots during Physical Education class, for safety purposes, and will not be permitted to participate if they arrive with boots on their feet.

### STAY CONNECTED!

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or  
"Like" us on Facebook.

### KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

The 2018/19 Kindergarten Registration will begin Monday, February 26th at 5:00p.m. for children who will be 5 years old by September 1st. A variety of information tables will be set up to learn more about Kindergarten programming and opportunities within the Bay City Public Schools in the Cafeteria. Parents are asked to enroll their child at the school where they reside. For more information, please visit [www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net).

## Wacky Winter Wednesdays



Wednesday,  
February 7th

Wacky Winter  
White Out Day



Wear anything and  
everything white.

Wednesday,  
February 14th

Wacky Winter  
Hair & Hat Day



Wild hair styles are  
a static winter  
fashion statement.

Wednesday,  
February 21st

Wacky Winter  
Pajama Day



Wear warm bed-  
time clothes on a  
cold school day.

Wednesday,  
February 28th

Wacky Winter or  
is it a  
Summer Day?



Let the sunshine with  
your sun glasses on!

## "SURVIVING FLU SEASON!"

The flu can easily spread from person to person. We work closely with the Bay County Health Department to monitor flu conditions and the preventative steps to take to ensure a healthy learning environment for our students.

Here are some things you can do to help us model good habits to reduce the risk of spreading the flu at

school:

- Teach children to wash their hands often with soap and water. The most common route for infection starts with germs on the hands being spread to the eyes, nose and mouth.
- Teach children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- Teach children to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues, or bend into their shoulder, elbow, arm or sleeve.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu, (fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling tired).
- Build immunity with a healthy life-style, (plenty of rest, balanced diet, stress, and exercise).
- Keep your child at home if he/she is sick for 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without using fever reducing medication. This will help reduce the risk of spreading the flu to others.



Children  
by Family & Friends Poems

# CHILDREN

Children are the ultimate gift to people. There is no bigger responsibility, and a relationship with a child can bear the greatest rewards.

Children are great observers and develop perceptions based on their experiences. The way children are raised will affect the people they will become.

There is a famous saying that

children spell the word "love" T-I-M-E. There may be many compelling reasons why you cannot be with your children all the time but none of them can replace time. It is gone forever.

The Auburn Elementary Staff is very thankful for the love and time you give your child (ren) each and every day!

# PTO ITEMS



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to cut out and send in your Box Tops. This is an easy way to raise additional funds for Auburn Elementary.

On average, box tops generate about \$3,000.00 annually. Our Box Top rewards will be used to help fulfill facility goals (stage improvements, technology, outdoor classroom, etc.). Every Box Top helps us reach those goals!

Our next box top shipment will be sent in mid-February and can be dropped off in the Box Top container near the cafeteria.

## FEBRUARY PTO MEETING

No February meeting scheduled.  
Next meeting; Monday, 3/5

## PRESENTS FOR PEDIATRICS

This school year, the Auburn Elementary PTO wanted to do something special, to give back to the local community. Many of us have had personal experiences with our local pediatric units and we remember how much it helps to know that someone is thinking of your child, especially during such a trying time as the holiday season. So, we decided to hold a toy drive to collect gifts for the local pediatric units for the holidays. Our students and their families, in collaboration with United Financial Credit Union of Auburn, ADIO Chiropractic of Midland and the Auburn branch of the Bay County Library System, collected two full truck loads of unwrapped toys and stuffed animals to be donated to the pediatric units at Mid-Michigan Health Center in Midland, Covenant Hospital in Saginaw and St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. These gifts were delivered on December 22nd, and were received with great appreciation. We would like to thank our school community who supported and contributed to our "Presents for Pediatrics" drive. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.



# WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Bay City Public School District Elementary students enjoy about 20 minutes of outdoor recess time each day during their lunch period.

Students will continue to go outdoors during the winter months so coming to school prepared with the right clothes, gloves, hats and boots for the outdoor weather is very important.

Students will not go outdoors if the temperature outside dips below 10 degrees, this includes the wind chill.

Please ensure your child has cold weather wear for recess outdoors each school day. In the event that school is closed due to the weather conditions please avoid calling the school office for school closing related information. The BCPS district

does send out an automated phone message by 6a.m. If you are not receiving these calls please contact Liz in our school office at 989-662-4921.

For television we recommend watching WJRT, ABC Channel 12, for up to date school closing information or going on-line to [www.wjrt.com](http://www.wjrt.com).

