

## AUBURN ELEMENTARY MISSION

The Auburn Elementary Staff is committed 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.



## PTO's SPRING COLOR RUN FUN



Following another year of planning and a very festive kick-off for the second annual "Kicking Up Color" 5K Color Run held at the Auburn City Park, this year's event was another absolutely fabulous event.

Held on Saturday, April 22nd, over 450 participants ran or walked the 5K and were bathed in colored powder throughout seven color stations.

Close to \$12,000.00 was raised during the color run which will be applied to our Chromebook goal for all K-5 classrooms.

There is a lot of interest in repeating this event again next year. Look for a date for the 2017/18 "Kicking Up Color" 5K to be announced soon.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Office Opens	8:00a.
Student Arrival	8:15a.
Transition to Classrooms	8:30a.
School Begins	8:40a.
Student Dismissal	3:32p.
School Office Closes	4:00p.

## SUMMER

by *Anabela Loureiro*

The sky is so blue,  
not a cloud to be seen.  
The Earth is a paint-



ing,  
with every shade of  
green.  
The chirping of birds,  
as they gracefully fly by,  
against the golden hue,  
of the lustrous sky.  
The flowers are so fragrant,  
the trees are their shield,

for under the scorching heat,  
a breeze they should feel.  
The voices of children,  
as they play in the park.  
It's a definite sign,  
Summer has made its mark.

## 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR CURTAIN CALL

This will be the final publication of *Auburn Attractions* for the 2016/17 school year. Auburn Elementary is truly a very special—and growing—school community that we are thankful and blessed to be a part of.

We can celebrate many points of pride with each other this school year; the end of another very long and nasty winter season that kept us indoors more than outdoors, the dedication of our parents and teaching staff to ensure children have a supportive learning experience. Our instructional staff continues to explore innovative ways to deliver a challenging curriculum through effective instructional methods so

that children learn and grow academically.

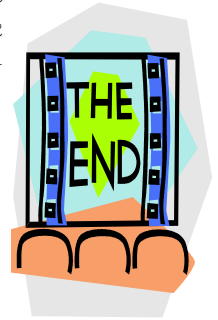
Another point of pride is our Parent Teacher Organization; parents and teachers who volunteer incredible amounts of time and energy to create fun and meaningful experiences for students; they make school fun! As we count down to the final days of school, events and activities come up quickly. Please stay on top of school events and activities by visiting our web calendar at [www.bcpsauburn.com](http://www.bcpsauburn.com). We'll be placing 2017/18 school year calendar information on our website throughout the summer months as well.

Best wishes to our 5th grade students as they transition to Middle School.

Enjoy the time with your children this summer...and don't forget to get them into a good book or two. Auburn Elementary students, parents and staff miss the energy and tremendous talent of Mrs. Karen Rauschenberger as she will be retiring in June.

We are looking forward already to seeing everyone back again in the Fall. You will all be missed a lot over the summer months ahead!

Sincerely;  
Stephen Sevenser  
Principal &  
Paula Weiss  
Assistant Principal



## MISCELLANEOUS

### SUMMER OFFICE CALENDAR

The Auburn School Office will close for the summer on Wednesday, June 22nd at 4:00p.m. Our office will re-open on Monday, August, 21st at 8:00a.m.

### BCPS CALENDAR

5/26 & 29: No School  
6/14: Last Day of School

### YOUNG 5s?

If you have interest in a Young 5s program, or if you have a friend or a neighbor who has indicated an interest, we would like to hear from you! Please provide your feedback at: [earlychildhood@bcpschools.net](mailto:earlychildhood@bcpschools.net) or 989.671-8193.

### LUNCH CHARGES

Food Service balances are due. Charging for breakfast or lunch will not be permitted beginning Monday, 5/1/17.

### LOST & FOUND

Third marking period lost and found items not claimed by Friday, 6/9, will be donated to a local charity.

### STAY CONNECTED

[www.bcpsauburn.com](http://www.bcpsauburn.com)

## NEW GADGETS—FIDGET SPINNERS



Fidget spinners have become a very popular item with students recently. Designed by a physician as a therapy tool to assist people who struggle with ADHD and anxiety, the tool has grown in popularity with all children. They can be personalized, coming in a wide range of colors and ways to customize the appearance of them as well.

As you can imagine, these devices are coming to school

as students enjoy using them and sharing their Fidget Spinner(s) with others. Classroom teachers and grade level teams may establish guidelines for their use during the school day. In cases where students need them for physician recommended therapy it will need to be written into IEP or 504 accommodation plans for use within the classroom setting during instructional periods.

As with any item students

bring to school, we recommend that valuable items do not come to school. Please spend time talking to your child(ren) about taking care of their items and making sure they are secure during the school day to avoid loss or damage.

## PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

by Ruth A. Peters; Ph.D.

Summer will be here before you know it, and if you think those lazy, hazy days of summer should be all play and no work, take a look at some facts...

- All students experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.
- On average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computational skills during the summer months.
- Teachers spend between 4-6 weeks re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer.

What can you do, personally, to help combat sum-

mer learning loss with your kids?

- Learn to love your local library and librarian! It's a wonderful place to promote the love of reading. The librarian can suggest grade-level as well as pure recreational books that will keep your kid's neurons clicking.
- Check out safe, parent approved internet sites. There are many that offer a "summer camp" theme, a daily craft activity to do alone or with a parent each day, some brain teasers, video streaming of some important world events, and lots of grade related math, reading, science and social studies work to do in a fun way.
- Your child's classroom teacher is an excellent resource to give you ideas for summer books to read and math workbooks to complete in between play and television watching.
- Whether you are traveling or staying at home, think of your summer vacation time as a teachable moment. Stealth learning is a neat way to get your kids reading, doing math, and learning geography without them realizing it.
- Sleep away camps can offer specialized learning opportunities for children. Physical activities are interspersed with learning activities which makes camp experiences fun.
- Don't forget summer learning opportunities locally like visiting a museum, a zoo, concerts in a park, that children don't always get to attend during the school year with family.

So, it's probably a good time now to begin thinking about how to keep brains stimulated over the summer months.

Keep it simple, fun and stimulating.

Learning alone or in a structured group for either part of a day or part of a summer will help deter summer learning loss and help your child stay sharp for the next school year. But remember, summer is also for relaxing, taking time off and just being a kid. The trick is to balance the fun with learning. With all of the options available, it's a task worth tackling!



## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

### PTO MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of monthly PTO meetings can be found online at [www.bcpsauburn.com](http://www.bcpsauburn.com) under the "For Parents" and "PTO" tabs.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Every Box Top helps. Please continue to cut and send Box Tops to school!

### CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Campbell's Soup has ended their label program. We will no longer be collecting Campbell's Soup labels.

### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SALE

The magazine subscription fundraiser generated about \$1,000.00 in sales revenue for Auburn Elementary. Thank you for your contribution to Auburn Elementary and happy reading!

### FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kindergarten-4th Grade Field day is Friday, June 9th from 8:45-11:30a.m. If you are interested in being a part of this fun day event for students, please contact Ashley Nowak or Liz Garchow at [auburnpto@bcschools.net](mailto:auburnpto@bcschools.net).

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR PTO MEETING

Monday, September 18th  
6:30-8:00p.m.  
Media Center

## WARM WEATHER WEAR

Auburn Elementary is an air conditioned facility, keeping everyone cool and comfortable inside even on the warmest days outside. As children begin to wear clothing more suitable for the summer season, please assist us with the

following policies; shorts and skirts should be at finger tip length, tops with shoulder straps must be three child finger tips wide, and shirts should be long enough to not expose any part of a child's mid-section or back. If students wear flip-flops to school

they will not be permitted to use the play structures or swings or participate in Physical Education classes. We appreciate your help to ensure your child is properly dressed for school and are ready to learn each day.



# EVENT PLANNER—JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	TURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 9:15a 5th Grade Celebration 2:30p Kindergarten Celebration	6 9:15a 2nd-5th Grade Music Program 2:30p 1st Grade Music Program.	7	8	9 8:45a-11:30a K-4 PTO Field Day 8:45a-2:30p 5th Grade Track & Field Day (WHS Stadium).	10
11	12	13	14 12:15p 5th Grade Send-Off 12:22p Student Dismissal Summer Break Begins	15 Summer Break 8a-4p School Office <b>Open</b>	16 Summer Break 8a-4p School Office <b>Open</b>	17
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## EVENT PARKING



Our parking lot is not large and, depending on the time you arrive for a school event, can impact where you park your car when attending school events. **PLAN AHEAD!**

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Mrs. Rauschenberger will be retiring from Auburn Elementary and the Bay City Public Schools at the end of this school year. She has had a lasting impact on so many students, families and staff during her 37 year career; 20 of which were right here at Auburn Elementary. You are loved and will absolutely be missed!

Area business need their parking spaces for their customers. They do have the discretion to tow cars parked in their parking lots that are not associated with the business.

The bus lane and parking along Park St. is available between 8:30a.m. and 3:00p.m. only.