

AUBURN ELEMENTARY

AUBURN ATTRACTIONS



**NOVEMBER/
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Happy Holiday Season to all of our Auburn Families!

It is that time of year when we reflect on all that we are thankful for. At the top of my list is certainly the Auburn Elementary Family. It has been a true pleasure to move into the Principal position here. The families, staff, and students have been overwhelmingly wonderful. I can't thank all of you for your outpouring support so far this year.

To add to a little kindness at Auburn Elementary we have started Bucket Filling. The idea of Bucket Fillers is based on the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" The idea is that we all carry an invisible bucket that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When our bucket is empty, we feel sad. A bucket dipper is a person who hurts other people's feelings, essentially dipping into their invisible bucket. A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other peoples buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. This is our way of building good character by making good choices. The goal is to have students value themselves and each other by encouraging them to be helpful, compassionate, and kind classmates. Teachers all have bucket filling slips. These slips can be filled out by staff and/or students when they see someone being a bucket filler. Each teacher has a bucket in their classroom to place the slips. Buckets will be collected and students will be pulled every Friday and be read on the announcements to celebrate all of the bucket filling happening around the building.

Please ask your child about Bucket Filling and use it at home if you would like as well. It is our goal to encourage positive social skills, foster friendships, increase self-esteem, and help to make our school an even better place to be.

Thank you for supporting this new initiative. We hope all of our Auburn families have a wonderful holiday season.

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER

27-29 NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

2 Classes Resume
3 Pretzel/Licorice Sale
4 McDonald's Night
5 Prize Day
5 Pretzel/Licorice Sale
6 Children's Bazar

10 VISION TESTING
11 VISION TESTING
13 Popcorn Day

17 Holiday Concert
17 Pretzel/Licorice Sale
19 Pretzel/Licorice Sale

12/23-1/3 NO SCHOOL



SCHOOL/OFFICE HOURS 8:15a.m.—4:15p.m.

Student Arrival & Breakfast	8:15-8:35a.m.
Classroom Instruction Begins	8:41 a.m.
Student Dismissal	3:35p.m.

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

There will be no school November 27th –29th and December 23rd –January 3rd.

MEET A FEW OF THE AUBURN ELEMENTARY STAFF

SPECIALISTS &

EA'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Mrs. Kim
Mrs. Hurst
Mrs. Amanda
Mrs. Young
Mrs. Sniecinski



SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

Mrs. Jaime
Mrs. Simon
Mr. Richard



A Holiday of Music

Auburn Elementary Winter Program
Tuesday, December 17th

Schedule of Performances

9:05 5th Grade
9:55 3rd Grade
10:45 2nd Grade
1:00 1st Grade
1:50 Kindergarten
2:40 4th Grade

Join us in celebrating this Winter Season, a time of music, a time of family, a time of friendship and joy.

Mark your calendars now!

Your children are excited to share all that they are learning in music. We will see you in the gym, December 17th!

SMART CARDS...

Smart Cards are here... Smart Cards have a variety of restaurants, golf, entertainment and more. Cards cost \$20.00 and can be purchased in the main office. Check out the \$8,000.00 in saving at www.smartcardsavingspack.com

WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES

With cold weather upon us, please remember students will go outdoors for recess if the "real feel" is 10 degrees or higher. We use www.accuweather.com and www.weather.com to get our "real feel" temperature. It combines the temperature, wind chill and humidity to give an accurate representation of actual outdoor conditions. Please make sure your child has a hat, gloves or mittens, boots, a winter coat, and even snow pants available for outdoor time each day.

Just a reminder, we do not provide indoor supervision for recess when it is an outside day. Please provide a doctor's note if it is medically necessary for your child to stay indoors. Or, if your child has the sniffles or is recovering from an illness, an alternative might be for a parent or guardian to come and sit with the student during recess time. Otherwise, all students will go outside during this time.

Winter weather can impact daily school operations. Please monitor television and radio stations for potential school closings and delays. The district website is www.bcschools.net. If BCPS is closed due to weather conditions, the Auburn office will open at 10:00 AM as long as weather conditions permit employees to travel safely to work.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

Every parent who plans to help out in some way (classroom helper, chaperone field trips, etc.) at Auburn Elementary is required to complete a volunteer application through our RAPTOR system. You can find this link below, on Facebook, and at our website under "FOR PARENTS" then PTO & VOLUNTEERS. As always we appreciate your time and support dedicated to our students.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjA1MDplbi1VUw==>

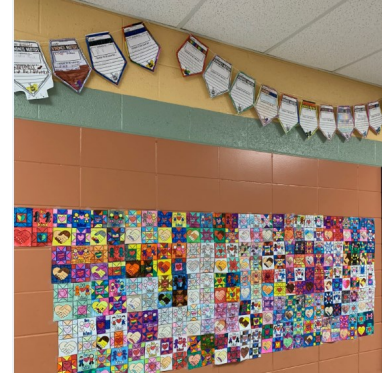
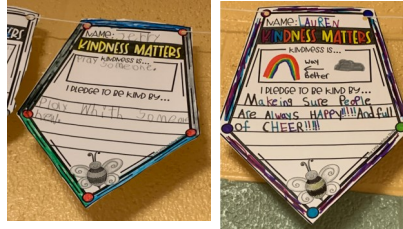
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of our families who participated in Parent Teacher Conferences. It was a very busy two nights filled with great conversations. We appreciate the support and dedication you give to supporting your child in their education.

Our Spring P.T.C. will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th & Thursday, March 26th**. A "Sign-Up Genius" link will be sent to you via email to schedule your child's Parent Teacher conferences when the date is closer.

KINDESS DAY!

The Auburn Elementary students and staff celebrated Kindness Day on Wednesday, November 13th. Students completed many different activities to show how kindness matters. Kindness matters flags hang all around the school. Such a wonderful tie in with our new Bucket Filling. We are excited to continue celebrating all of the kindness occurring around the school



5TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Our girls basketball program has begun. They have their first couple games under their belts where they displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Our next home game at Auburn Elementary is Thursday, December 5th starting at 4:30 PM. It is a true pleasure to have this program in place. We are excited for the upcoming boys basketball and girls volleyball basketball school year. For more information feel free to contact Phil Zanotti, Athletic Director at (989) 671-3815.



LOST & FOUND...

Our Auburn Elementary Lost and Found is busting at the seams. All materials found are located near the cafeteria entrance. Items placed in our lost and found will be available for pick up throughout the day until Friday, December 20th. Items not claimed will be donated to a local charity.



Auburn McDonald's Restaurant

15% of all sales proceeds to support Auburn Elementary Kindergarten Classrooms.

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, February 5, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 8, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 6, 2020 (4-8p.m.)

Auburn Burger King Restaurant

15% of all sales proceeds to support Auburn Elementary 4th-Grade Classrooms.

- Wednesday, December 18, 2019 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 15, 2020 (4-8p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (4-8p.m.)

NAVIGATING THE PARKING LOT

Thank you to all of our families who continue to support our parking lot morning and drop off procedures to keep all students safe.



MORNING EXPRESS DROP-OFF LANE

The express drop-off lane in the morning is for dropping-off child(ren) curbside only. When using this lane please drive your car past the school bus lane entrance to the walkway island, drop off your child(ren) at the island and then proceed either to a parking space if you have school business to conduct or out of the parking lot. Do not park your car in the express drop-off lane and then walk your child(ren) inside.

SCHOOL EVENTS & DISMISSAL

Be cautious about where you park your car when attending Auburn Elementary events or during student dismissal. We encourage you to utilize school bus transportation, provided by the district, to avoid the parking lot congestion during school dismissal. Please park your car in a designated parking space; not in entrance and exit lanes or the school bus parking lane. The Bay County Sheriff's Department has warned that tickets will be issued to anyone parking in no parking zones, handicapped spaces as well as any business parking lots used by anyone but patrons of that business around Auburn Elementary.

STUDENT PICK-UP ZONE

Students are not permitted to walk, unattended, to meet parents at their car parked in the parking lot at dismissal. Parents are asked to **park their cars in a designated parking space** and walk to the Student Pick-Up Zone to meet their child(ren). The Student Pick-Up Zones are the areas marked at each end of the yellow gated area. Our staff will walk students to the Student Pick-Up Zone to meet parents. Parents are asked not to stand in the parking lot entrance and school bus lanes near the Shipping and Receiving exit or along the gated area; **please wait at the end of the pick up zones where signs are posted**. Our staff will ensure your child(ren) make it to your location.

****Please do not park in front of the yellow barriers in the pick up zone.**

REMIND—MESSAGE TOOL FOR PARENTS

We are excited to share that Bay City Public Schools is rolling out Remind districtwide. If you're not already familiar with the Remind, it's a communication tool that makes it easy to stay connected with your child's teachers, school, and the district. Remind is free to use, and you will be able to get and send message on any device—even a simple text message from your phone.

As part of this rollout, accounts will be created for all of the educators, parents, and students in Bay City Public Schools. On November 26th, you will receive an email or text message from Remind. All you need to do is follow the steps in the message to finish setting up your account.

If your child's teacher is using Remind or another service to keep in touch, don't worry about anything changing right away. For now, just know that we are supporting Remind districtwide, and that we are excited to connect with our families in this new way.

