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Terminal Park families.

Winter break is already here! I hope you have an enjoyable break from the busy school routine. The following information is intended to help you be more aware of what is happening at our school and better able to partner with us.

Winter Break Learning

Winter break is a wonderful time for students and families to enjoy a break from the rigorous school routine, but, unfortunately, this can also be a time when students who are making steady progress in their learning slow down or even fall back. Please consider some fun activities you can do to keep your child's mind active during winter break. A few ideas include:

Visit the public library and checkout books for your child to read independently or for you to read together. Make sure your child is doing some form of reading every day.

Play games that require some use of reading or math skills

Provide activities or projects, such as baking and crafts, that require use of some reading skills to follow instructions or measurement and other math skills to accomplish a task.

Point out and discuss new vocabulary as you watch movies, shop, or visit new places. (The opportunity to learn new words is always available.)

Family Reading Night

We will have a "super hero" family reading night on Thursday, January 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. The reading night will include dinner, activities, and prizes connected to literacy and a super hero theme. It will be informative and fun! You don't want to miss it! More specific information will be shared closer to the event.

Replacement Levy Election - February 9

The Auburn School District board of directors unanimously approved placing a four-year Educational Program and Operations Replacement Levy on the February 9 ballot.

This levy will replace the 2012 levy that expires in 2016. The Educational Program and Operations replacement levy provides 21 percent of the Auburn School District's budget.

The levy will collect \$40.7 million in 2017, \$43 million in 2018, \$45.4 million in 2019 and \$47. 75 million in 2020. The total school tax rate will remain level.

Funds from the levy are used for all athletics and activities, special education, textbooks, supplies, counselors, nurses, grounds, building maintenance, honors and Advanced Placement education and transportation.

The election is all-mail and ballots must be postmarked by February 9. Voters must be registered by January 11 to vote in this election.

For more information on the Educational Program and Operations replacement levy and the specifics on the programs it supports, please visit

<u>www.auburn.wednet.edu/2016levy</u> or email <u>levy2016@auburn.wednet.edu</u> or call 253-931-4930.

It is truly a pleasure to work as part of the Terminal Park community. We all benefit from interaction with you and feedback from you, so please do your best to be involved, and never hesitate to share your thoughts with us.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season! Sincerely,

Tom Dudley, Principal



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- It is not too late to get a flu shot! We recommend all persons 6 months and older be vaccinated.
- We do try to go outside for recess. You might send extra socks for wet feet.
- The health room is always in need of outgrown pants, socks, and underwear.