

Inside Your Schools

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408

Superintendent's Message

Because of the support of our community, Auburn High School is being reborn right in front of our eyes. Since the groundbreaking ceremony, the Auburn High project has risen from the earth in expeditious fashion. East Main is a popular destination in the downtown area as our community follows this very visible and amazing project. Eighty workers a day work in a synchronic way using high tech equipment and well-designed plans. From the 400 plus pilings drilled over 27 feet into the earth to the thousands of connected pieces of steel and concrete to the magnificent steel girders, the school rises with the hope and promise for future students for generations to come.

This visible project is emblematic of the same kind of high standards for instruction and learning that have propelled the Auburn School District into a top performer in the state. Recent test scores show another systemic increase in literacy scores in all grade levels from kindergarten

to 10th grade. High school assessment results show significant increases in end-of-course exams in math and science. The high schools have doubled the number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses representing 40 percent of our high school students. The district was recently honored by the College Board for AP enrollments and, most recently, 165 Auburn School District students earned AP scholar awards, 15th highest number in the state.

Our music, arts, and career and technical students are top performers in state and national competitions. We have Robotic programs that are ranked in the world. The last two years our schools have received 31 Washington State Academic Award and National Title Awards. These school awards represent the top 5 percent of academic achievement and top 10 percent in improvement in the state. The Auburn School District has garnered state and national awards in financial reporting, child nutrition

services, transportation, school psychologists, and conservation.

Just like the progress of the new Auburn High, our academic programs rise from foundations of early learning success, standards-based teachings and learning, collaborations for student learning, data analysis and a commitment for every child's success. The recent state legislature support increasing our full-day kindergarten from two schools to 10 schools will have significant impact on literacy and mathematics success. Our community has much to celebrate and students are fortunate to grow up in a community that values the future of our youth.

Wishing you the very best for the new school year!

Sincerely,



Dr. Dennis Kip Herren
Superintendent

AHS Project Update - Check Us Out Online!

Exciting progress is happening at the Auburn High School construction site.

Some of the most recent progress includes: roofing over the Career and Technical areas, the second floor classrooms and part of the commons. The steel is three stories high on the west wing and working

its way to the east. Check out the video of the beginning phases of the construction process at:

<http://auburnsd.schoolwires.net/Page/11336>.

For more detailed information on the project, please visit:

<http://ahsproject.auburn.wednet.edu>.



VOTING IS FREEDOM'S ANSWER

On Tuesday, November 5, the General Election will be taking place.

Register to vote online at:

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Print-Voter-Registration-Forms.aspx>

To vote in the November 5 election, you must be registered to vote by Monday, October 7.

Voter registration forms can also be obtained from school offices or at the James P. Fugate Administration Building.



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Dr. Kip Herren



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**BOARD WELCOMES
PUBLIC**

The Auburn School District Board of Directors welcomes citizens interested in their local schools to attend the board's regular meetings. The meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of the month, at 7 p.m., in the board room at the James P. Fugate Administration Building, 915 Fourth Street NE, Auburn, Washington.

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New Teachers and Administrators in Auburn School District

Auburn School District welcomed 76 new teachers and five administrators for the 2013-14 school year. The Muckleshoot Tribe, Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, Multicare Auburn Medical Center and Auburn Education Association all sponsored top-notch events to welcome the new teachers into the community during the New Educator Orientation on August 20-21.



New hires for the 2013-14 School Year:

Administrators:

James Riley, Principal, Alpac Elementary
Steven Lewis, Assistant Principal, Mt. Baker Middle School
Doug Gonzales, Coordinator, Learning Systems/Classroom Application Support Specialist, Administration
Brendan Jeffreys, Coordinator, Student Learning, Administration
Robin Pratt, Coordinator, Native American, Administration

Administrative Annex:

Christina Frueh, SLP
Dean Grimm, Psychologist
Narelle Horton, Psychologist
Denise Iselin, OT
Sandra Machado, SLP
Candy Senger, OT

Auburn High School:

Jerry Freeman, Special Education
Anna Marshall, Language Arts
Aimee Opincarne, Science (.8)
Maria Vasiliou, Language Arts (.6)

Auburn Mountainview High School:

Jennifer Classen, Math
Stephanie Giola, Social Studies
Sara Hopkins, Language Arts
Daniel Mickelson, Math
Amanda Paulson, Counselor

Jason Shrader, JROTC
Bryant Thomas, Social Studies
Kady Vanderhoof, Language Arts

Auburn Riverside High School:

Angela Desjardins, Science
Glenn Dickson, Social Studies
Akiko Newcomb, Japanese (.6)
Noe "Marcus" Yzaguirre, Language Arts
Anita West, CTE

West Auburn High School:

Mark Bowman, CTE
Wendy Okada, Learning Center

Cascade Middle School:

Hannah Hardersen, Language Arts (.4)

Mt. Baker Middle School:

Keegan Ryan, Language Arts
Albert Vaughns, Counselor (.6)

Olympic Middle School:

Janine Chase, Language Arts
Raymond Fortier, CTE
Joanna Guest, LAP

Rainier Middle School:

Brenda Lewis, Math
Angela Taniguchi, Counselor

Alpac Elementary:

Leon Ferrell, ELL
Gail Storrs, Learning Specialist (.5)

Arthur Jacobsen Elementary:

Jennifer Castro, Grade 3
Emily Falk, Kindergarten (.5)
Laura Hartmann, Learning Specialist (.6)
Euki Hirano, Counselor
Rhonda Mate, Grade 4
Kellyn Penoncello, Grade 3

Chinook Elementary:

Denita Blount, ECE
Martin Harris, Native American Specialist
Jessica Hendricks, Grade 2
Cindy McCausland, Native American Specialist/Learning Specialist

Dick Scobee Elementary:

Ashley Eronemo, Grade 2
Mark Ziegler, Grade 5

Evergreen Heights Elementary:

Audry Jones, FD Kindergarten
Brittany Robello, FD Kindergarten

Gildo Rey Elementary:

Kristina Bolanos, Grade 2
Tammy Boorn, Grade 1
Kimberly Bunker, Grade 5
Rose Finley, Learning Specialist (.5)
Annmarie Pagoria-O'Neill, Grade 3
Kaitlyn Sellers, Grade 4

Ilalko Elementary:

Julie Bleakley, Special Education

Lake View Elementary:

Jenelle Lehman, ECE

Lakeland Hills Elementary:

Kelly Brown, FD Kindergarten (Job Share)
Trina Peters, Grade 4
Tracey Skorniakoff, Grade 4

Lea Hill Elementary:

Kelsie Anderson, FD Kindergarten
Rosemary Hougum, ECE
Stacy Sears, FD Kindergarten
Kimberly Sturgis, Grade 2

Pioneer Elementary:

Sarah Andres, Grade 1
Christina Daily, Grade 3
Shuree Hyatt, Grade 1
Jordan Rutledge, Grade 1

Terminal Park Elementary:

Michelle Clough, Grade 3
Rose Finley, Learning Specialist (.5)
Courtney Jarman, FD Kindergarten

Washington Elementary:

Sara Locke, Special Education
Sasia Melanson, FD Kindergarten
Julie Pettit, Music

Auburn Teacher Leadership Academy Welcomes 52 More Teachers

2013-14 ATLA Cohort 4



Auburn School District has kicked off the fourth year of the Auburn Teacher Leadership Academy (ATLA). Fifty-two teachers will develop collaborative leadership skills for improving student learning during the year-long academy.

Partnering with the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession (CSTP), Auburn School District is using an innovative approach to build teacher leadership throughout the district. ATLA provides teachers with specific strategies and skills to assist their fellow teachers in improving student achievement including:

- Working with adult learners
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Knowledge of content and pedagogy
- Systems thinking

ATLA training will increase the leadership capacity of Auburn School District teachers and provide teachers the skills to work collaboratively together for student learning. The focus on teacher leadership will ultimately increase student achievement.

After five years, more than 250 teachers will graduate from the ATLA program.

Family Access

To make it easier for families to be involved in their child's education, the Auburn School District provides Family Access. Family Access is a secure, web-based tool for accessing information about your student.

Families can view class schedules, attendance, graduation requirements, test scores, assignments and grades. The web address for Family Access is: <http://family.auburn.wa-k12.net>. From every school webpage, the link is in the upper right corner labeled **A+ Family Access**.

Family Access requires a username and password. If you don't already have the login information to view your child's information, the district will be sending the login information via email this week. Please check with your child's school to update your email address. Alternately, you can contact your child's school to receive your username and password.

Your Family Access login gives you access to all of your currently enrolled students. If you have specific questions about the information you see in Family Access, please contact your child's school.

We hope you find this communication tool useful in participating in your child's education.

Apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals Online

The Auburn School District participates in the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Families can now apply online for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch meals at: <https://auburn.rocketscanapps.com/>.

Free or reduced price meals are available to eligible families based on family income. A new application must be completed every year. Households with foster children may also submit applications.

For more information about the free or reduced price meal program go to <http://auburnsd.schoolwires.net/Page/390> or call (253) 931-4972.



2013-14 School Calendars

The 2013-14 school district calendar and parent handbook was mailed to all Auburn School District families.

Complete calendar information is also available on the website at: <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu>.



Inclement Weather and Emergency Notifications

As winter weather approaches, Auburn School District will announce information regarding operation of school during snow/ice/emergency conditions through:

- Radio and TV stations
- District website:
www.auburn.wednet.edu
- District Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/AuburnSchools
- E-mail
- Telephone



Sign Up Today

Make sure your e-mail and telephone number are up-to-date so you do not miss out on inclement weather/emergency notifications. Updating your information is easy. Choose from one of the following options:

- Fill out the student registration form
- Contact your child's school office
- Login to Family Access
- Tell your child's teacher

You may also sign up for broadcast emergency announcements at <http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4203>, the region's emergency notification system.

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AHERA LEGAL NOTICE

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was signed into law in October 1986. As a result, the Auburn School District created an asbestos management plan. This plan was complete in October of 1988 and has been under implementation since. The plan includes surveillances, inspections, notifications, response actions and training for maintenance and custodial staff.

The Auburn School District's Asbestos Management Plan is in compliance with the requirements of AHERA. The district completed the required AHERA triennial inspections in 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010. Complete details of the triennial inspection, AHERA status report and asbestos abatements are available for review along with the management plan. The AHERA management plan is available at the district maintenance department, 1302 Fourth Street SW, Auburn, WA.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Maintenance and Operations at (253) 931-4955.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Eligible students can participate in the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs, which entitle students to free and reduced price meals. Breakfast is free for all students enrolled in these programs. Lunch is free for students in the free program; lunch costs 40 cents for students in the reduced price program. However, students in grades K-3 who qualify for reduced price meals now receive lunch at no charge.



PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

The Washington State Pesticide Application Act, RCW 17.21, was amended in 1999 to include specific requirements for the application of pesticides, herbicides or fungicides within public school district buildings and grounds. The law requires that public school districts comply with the following guidelines when considering the application of pesticides in or around all school district buildings and grounds:

1. All district employees or commercial vendors involved in pesticide application must possess a Washington State Pesticide Applicators License.
2. All pesticides, herbicides and fungicides utilized around public school buildings and grounds must be approved for use within the State of Washington by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
3. All building staffs and students must be notified at least 48 hours in advance of any pesticide application, including application location, date, time, pesticide name and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provided.
4. There must be proper signage posted immediately after the pesticide application at the location of application and at the building main entrance, and remain posted for at least 24 hours afterwards.

The Auburn School District's pesticide application procedures are in full compliance with the Washington State Pesticide Application Act.

If you have any questions or wish to review any of the district's procedures and records, please contact the Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations at (253) 931-4955.

RELEASE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Federal law prohibits schools or the district from releasing student information without parent permission, except for what is termed "directory information." According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), "directory information" about most students may be released by the district unless parents or guardians file written notice that they do not want such information released. Third parties that request "directory information" includes, but is not limited to, the military, the media, colleges/universities/technical schools, youth groups, scholarship grantors, and/or parent-student organizations.

"Directory information" includes the student's name, address, and phone number; student's photograph; student's date and place of birth; student's course of study; grade of attendance; student's participation in recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; date of attendance; degrees and awards received; and most recent previous school attended.

Unless the district receives written notice from a parent/guardian indicating they do not want "directory information" released, the district will normally release "directory information" in the form of address labels or student listings. Student photographs may also be published in yearbooks, student/school newspapers, school handbooks, school or district Web pages, etc. Such publications are considered public domain and can be reproduced by the media.

"Directory information" on an individual student (not part of a group listing) will not be released without prior parental consent. The school district will not release "directory information" for commercial purposes. Even if consent is given, the building administrator reserves the right to deny the release of "directory information" should he/she determine it would not be in the best interest of the students.

Parents/guardians and students 18 years of age or older who do not want any or all categories of "directory information" released to any third party without their prior consent must provide written notice to the district by completing and returning the Exemption Request form from this page. If you do not wish for "directory information" to be released to just one or more of the specific third parties listed above, please call Tim Cummings, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, at (253) 931-4932 for a specific Exemption Request form. Any Exemption Request must be received **no later than October 18, 2013**, or within two weeks of enrolling in the district. If an Exemption Request is not received by **October 18, 2013**, the district will assume that consent has been given.



EXEMPTION REQUEST

I understand this exemption will exclude my student's name in parent organization mailing lists, school annuals, programs for school activities, commencement programs, honor rolls, or other school information in the school and local newspapers for this current school year.

I do not wish the directory information (as defined in the Auburn School District regulations) to be released without my prior, written consent.

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____ Grade _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date _____

Please return this form to: Tim Cummings, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, Auburn School District, 915 4th Street NE, Auburn, WA 98002.