



September, 2009

Register to VOTE!

By October 5th **2009**

last day to register to vote for the next election!

A Mail-In Voter Registration Form is attached or see link below for instant on-line access.

<https://wei.secstate.wa.gov/osos/secure/pages/Onlinevoterregistration.aspx>

Please use the attached form to update your personal voter information, including a name change, address change, or initial application to vote! This form does it all. You can even return the form to the school and we will take care of mailing it for you. Exercise your right to vote—apply today!

Please vote by mail
by Tuesday, November 3,
2009

King County conducts all elections through mail-in ballots only. On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, residents of the Auburn School District will be asked to vote on a \$46.4 million capital improvements levy. Approval of the capital improvements levy will fund necessary repairs and essential improvements throughout the district.

Repair Aging Schools: The school district worked closely with a community steering committee to evaluate its aging schools and buildings and complete an in-depth Facilities Master Plan identifying long-range and immediate needs at 19 schools and six support facilities. To view these repairs and improvements, please visit the district website at www.auburn.wednet.edu and click on the capital improvements levy link. Each school has a detailed description about their individual needs.



Safety First!

Please use caution in the parking lot!

****Always** use the crosswalk when crossing the street! The end of the day at school is always a busy and hectic time. Children are heading to buses and parents are arriving to pick up students. This can some times lend itself to an unsafe situation in our parking area. Please **do not**: 'double park', or park in no-parking areas. Please **do not** park across the street from the school, as it is a safety danger for "walkers". **Never** park in the bus zone and **never-ever** have you or your child cut between the buses to get to your car out on the street. Please do use extreme caution when driving through the parking lot—and **please** meet your student at the curb, do not have them cut through the parking lot to your car. They are small and not easily seen by other drivers. Your cooperation is appreciated! The safety of all our students is of the utmost importance to us all!!!

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR CHILD'S 'EMERGENCY' COMFORT KIT TO SCHOOL YET?

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Home of the Mustangs!

Galloping toward success!

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Free and Reduced Price Meals Information

The Auburn School district participates in the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch programs. We maintain confidentiality in the classroom and in the lunchroom. All students (Free, Reduced or Full Price) use a PIN number to access their account. Free or reduced price applications are available at every school office and school kitchen. **A new application must be completed each year.** Free and reduced price breakfast and lunch application forms are sent home the first day of school and are given to parents of new students upon enrollment. You may apply or re-apply at any time during the year.

- Free or Reduced Price Meals are available to eligible families based on family income. Households with Foster children may also submit applications.
- **ONLY ONE APPLICATION** is required per household—please list all students on one application.
- Applications are sent home at the beginning of each school year to all district students. Applications are also available: in each school office; in each school kitchen; and at the Child Nutrition office at 13024th St. SW, Auburn. Applications may also be downloaded from the website; <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/ChildNutrition>
- Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch automatically qualify for free and reduced price breakfast.

Attendance



If your child will be absent from school due to illness, vacation, etc., please call the office at 253-931-4982 the morning of your child's absence. Washington State Law requires us to inform you after your child has one unexcused absence during the month and schedule a conference with you after a second unexcused absence.

Need to share?

Please call.....



We appreciate your phone calls keeping us informed of pertinent information affecting your child. In addition, many of you 'drop-in' hoping to chat with a teacher, the principal or another staff member. To accommodate a more efficient means of providing you with the time you deserve, please call ahead so a meeting time can be arranged. We want you to have a positive experience when you arrive at school.

Teachers have a specific time in their regular daily schedule to meet with parents and appreciate your cooperation and understanding. They are unable to use student instructional time to meet/talk with parents. Feel free to call our school office at 253-931-4982, send a note with your child or e-mail the intended staff member, to make these personal arrangements.

Attention all WEB surfers!

Staff at Lea Hill have websites linked to our homepage. Be sure to visit your child's teacher's site to view homework and parent information.

The Principal/Office have a link as well and you can find a variety of options available to you under this tab. Be sure to check under "documents" and under "events" for current and future happenings!



Please call the school if you have any suggestions you would like us to add to our webpage and/or various links. (253) 931-4982

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Individual Student Picture day. Every child will have his/her picture taken whether or not you purchase a packet. Individual pictures are used for student identification. Additional order packets for pictures are available in the school office.

Student Safety

Because the Lea Hill staff has no greater responsibility than the safety of its students, we request that all parents and visitors adhere to the following guidelines:

- **No one** will be admitted to the classrooms through the outside doors after the start of school.
- Anyone wishing to make contact with a child or teacher **must** sign-in at the office and inform the staff of their purpose for coming to Lea Hill. (Please be ready to provide picture ID if asked!) Parents must make **prior** arrangements with the teacher when planning a visit to school—even if it's just for lunch!
- A student will be released only to those persons listed on the student's emergency list, unless prior written arrangements are made by the parent, through the office. No exceptions!!

All external doors, except the main entrance, are locked at all times. Although this may cause some minimal inconvenience, our efforts are intended to ensure the safety of all Lea Hill students, parents, and staff. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Remember: Always sign in and put on a 'Visitor' badge when you visit Lea Hill!