



ALPAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



The most critical skill we learn in elementary school is to read. In Kindergarten through 2nd grade we work on learning to read so that in grade 3 and beyond students are reading to learn. All of us learn in different ways and different speeds but we can all benefit from reading outside of school. At Alpac we support literacy through our amazing library and All Star reader program for our struggling readers. We also have an incredible teaching staff in our English Language Learners' classroom that supports students for whom English is a second language. The Alpac PTA is also very active in supporting literacy through our Accelerated Reader (AR) program and Reading Is a Cool Habit (RICH) program. Something new we are trying to build a love of reading is to have Family Reading Nights at the school. The first one will be on Tuesday December 11th from 5:30 to 6:30pm. There will be read a-louds, crafts, snacks and door prizes. I invite you all to attend and share your love a reading with your students.

Family Reading Night Tuesday December 11th 5:30-6:30

Bring a pillow or blanket to get comfortable on the Alpac gym floor, and hear stories read by staff. Students can also create crafts based on the books. Parents will be able to read stories to their students in our family reading corner. We will also be raffling off brand new books as well as having some cookies to snack on while reading. It will be a great evening of reading just for fun.!

Highly Capable Programs

Auburn School District will soon be accepting referrals for the 2019-2020 Highly Capable Program, a program that serves exceptionally intelligent, intellectually gifted students whose needs may not be easily met in the general setting. Once a student is identified as highly capable, he/she is entitled to Highly Capable program services from the date of eligibility through graduation; annual testing is not required. Nominations close January 11, 2019.

Screening considers nominees who are currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through eleven. Selection for highly capable programs reflects state guidelines for identifying intellectually gifted students. If you feel your child should participate in further testing, but doesn't meet screening criteria, you may nominate your child. Nomination forms are available online and in all school counseling offices. For online forms please visit the Auburn School District website, go to the For Families tab, and click on Highly Capable.

Direct questions to our school Counselor Lorie Campbell:
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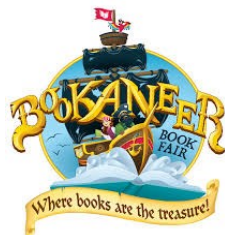
In Case of Snow or Inclement Weather

1. Please listen to your radio or television for information on Auburn School District.
2. Check the district website at www.auburn.wednet.edu for late start or cancellation notices.
Please do not call the school.
3. You can also follow Auburn School District #408 on Facebook and Twitter.
4. If school is 1 hour late, your bus will come one hour later than normal. If school is 2 hours late, your bus will come 2 hours later than normal.

If school is 1 or 2 hours late, morning ECE classes will be cancelled .

WINTER WEATHER

Our Winter weather changes daily. Some days are rainy while others are sunny. Please remind your student to dress for the weather of the day. On warm days, numerous jackets and sweaters have been left outside after recess. They are brought to our Lost and Found area by the front doors of the school. Please feel free to stop by if your student has lost an item of clothing.



Alpac Book Fair Update

Thank you all for a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. With your support we are able to purchase \$4,586 in books for our library! Your students will love reading more of their favorites!! Thanks again ☺

Upcoming Events

December, 2018/January, 2019

Dec 10	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Dec 11	Family Reading Night 5:30-6:30pm
Dec 13	PTA Skate Night 6-8:00pm Auburn Skate Connection \$6 per skater \$8 for inline skates
Dec 17	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Dec 20	Community Sing Along 6:00pm Alpac Gym
Dec 24-Jan 4	No School- Winter Break
Jan 7	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Jan 14	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Jan 15	PTA Meeting 6:30pm
Jan 18	MLK Jr. Day Assembly- 3rd Grade Performs
Jan 21	NO SCHOOL- MLK Jr. Day
Jan 28	PLC Late Start - 10:10am
Jan 31	Class Photos- Alpac Gym

Community Survey: The Auburn Prevention Coalition is seeking input from the Auburn community regarding youth substance abuse. The confidential survey results will be used to develop programs in the community. If you have questions or want to be involved in the coalition, contact Ashley Boyd at aboyn@auburn.wednet.edu.

ONLINE SURVEY ENGLISH: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KIAUEN2018>

ONLINE SURVEY SPANISH: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/KIAUSP2018>

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.

POSSIBLE STRATEGIES TO REACH MY CHILD'S ATTENDANCE GOALS

- I will talk to my child about how going to school every day will help them do well in school and achieve their hopes and dreams
- I will keep an attendance chart at home. At the end of the week, I will recognize my child for attending school every day with a reward.
- I will make sure my child is in bed at a reasonable time and an alarm set, if needed to get up in the morning.
- If my child complains of a stomachache or headache, and medical concerns have been ruled out, I will send him/her to school anyway.
- If my child has a cold but no fever (less than 100 degrees), I will send him/her to school anyway. If I don't have a thermometer, I will purchase or borrow one.
- I will find a relative, friend or neighbor who can take my child to school if I can't make it.
- If my child is absent, I will contact his/her teacher to find out what he/she missed.
- I will set up medical and dental appointments for weekdays after school.

Let's keep our attendance high! As you can see from years past, we show a decline in attendance over the winter months.

Please be diligent about sending students when they are able to attend. Families should schedule vacations outside of school days and schedule doctor visits outside school time.

All classes are aiming for above 92% attendance in December for entrance to our winter celebration. Please help us reach our goal.

