



Persevere  
Respect  
Integrity  
Dedicate  
Engage

January 25, 2024

## SBA Test...No Stress

In May of this year students will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). The SBA is aligned with Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Families often experience some stress or anxiety around standardized testing. We would like to reassure you students are prepared to take this test! Curriculum and instruction has been aligned with the CCSS all year and classroom activities have been deliberately designed to prepare students for the SBA test. There is nothing that will be presented on this test students have not been taught or exposed to. We have broken the test into multiple sections over multiple days for the purpose of limiting the amount of testing performed each day. Most days we will not test any longer than 1 1/2 hours. Students will receive breaks, recesses, specialist classes and regularly scheduled lunch times on testing days. It is important that school staff and families join together in providing positive support and encouragement for our students. We are excited for our students to demonstrate their learning on the SBA, and we appreciate the additional support from families at home!

**SBA Testing Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year are listed below.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS OR VACATIONS  
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS!**

### **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL!**

#### **3rd grade:**

ELA - Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15  
MATH - Tuesday, May 21 & Wednesday, May 22

#### **4th grade:**

ELA - Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15  
MATH - Tuesday, May 21 & Wednesday, May 22

#### **5th grade:**

ELA - Wednesday, May 15 & Thursday, May 16  
MATH - Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30  
SCIENCE - Tuesday, June 4

## **DATES to note**

### **Late Start Mondays:**

School starts one hour late  
EVERY Monday this year.

### **January**

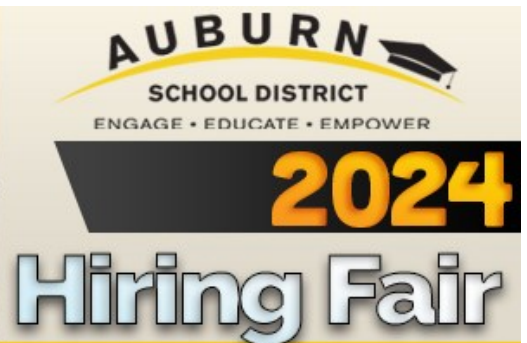
**Tues/Wed Weekly thru 4/3:**  
Extended Day Math  
Program (1st & 2nd grade),  
3:15-4:15pm, Rms. 203/208  
**1/22-1/25 & 1/29-2/1:**  
Musical Bootcamp, 3:15-  
5:15pm, Gym  
**25:** PTA General Membership  
Meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, LLH  
**25:** 5th Grade Band Concert,  
7:00-8:00pm, Auburn High  
**26:** PTA Popcorn Friday  
**30:** District Bridge Concert,  
6:00-7:00pm, Auburn PAC

### **February**

**6:** Green Club, 3:30-4:15pm,  
portable 902  
**9:** Superhero Day for \$1  
**12:** LLH Multi-Culture Night,  
5:00-6:00pm, LLH Gym  
**13:** Advanced Green Club,  
3:30-4:15pm, portable 902  
**16:** 4th Grade State Capitol  
Field Trip, 9:45-1:45  
**16:** Last day to turn in Highly  
Capable nominations &  
permission to test forms  
**16:** PTA Happy Hearts  
Dance, 5:30-7:00pm  
**29:** Big Smiles WA Mobile  
Dentist at LLH Elementary

### **NO SCHOOL Dates to note:**

- Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 19: President's Day
- Feb. 20-23: Mid-Winter Break
- April 8-12: Spring Break
- May 27: Memorial Day
- June 19: Juneteenth



## You Belong...

We are excited to invite you to the Auburn School District Hiring Fair.

Come work with us!

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 23**

**9AM TO 12PM**

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL  
711 EAST MAIN STREET  
AUBURN WA 98002

# PARAEDUCATOR

## Hiring Information Session

*Join Us!*

**Thursday, February 22**

**5:00 to 6:30 pm**

**James P. Fugate Administration,  
Board Room**



- ✓ Great school district
- ✓ Medical, dental, vision benefits
- ✓ Competitive wages
- ✓ State retirement plan

**Low-cost Internet Options:** Resources for reduced and potentially free internet are available to ASD families. More information can be found [HERE](#).

### Attendance Matters!

The week of January 8th - 12th we had a 91.99% attendance rate school-wide, and the week of January 15th - 19th our school-wide attendance rate was 95.36%.

**The class with the highest participation rate for January 8th - 12th is:** Mrs. Knapp & Mrs. Hamilton's Third Grade Class!!

**The class with the highest participation rate for January 15th - 19th is:** Mr. Richstad's Fourth Grade Class!!



## NEWS FROM YOUR PTA

Please join us at the PTA General Meeting **TONIGHT**, Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. We will discuss what's been happening at school and events coming up soon. Mrs. Barlow will give her Principal's report and a representative from each grade level will discuss what's going on with student learning. The meeting is a great way to learn more, get involved and make friends! All family and caretakers are welcome, and childcare will be provided in the gym. We hope to see you there!

### 2023-24 PTA MEETINGS

FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Wednesday, September 27th / 6-7 PM

Tuesday, November 14th / 6-7 PM

Thursday, January 25th / 6-7 PM

Wednesday, March 13th / 6-7 PM

Thursday, April 4th / 6-7 PM

Wednesday, May 22nd / 6-7 PM

Join us at the  
next meeting!

### Auburn School District Replacement Levy on February 13 Ballot

The ASD has a four-year Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy on the February 13 ballot.

The proposed levy replaces the 2020 levy that expires this year and makes up 14% of the ASD budget. Funds from the levy are used for: all athletics and activities and transportation to these events; special education programs and transportation; staffing for positions underfunded by the state including nurses, safety officers, school resource officers, psychologists, librarians; and extended learning opportunities.

The levy will collect \$51.8 million in 2025, \$54.4 million in 2026, \$57.1 million in 2027 and \$60 million in 2028. The district will collect no more than \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in each of the levy years. The overall school tax rate will remain stable.

Detailed information about the levy is available on the ASD district website at [www.auburn.wednet.edu/2024levy](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/2024levy).

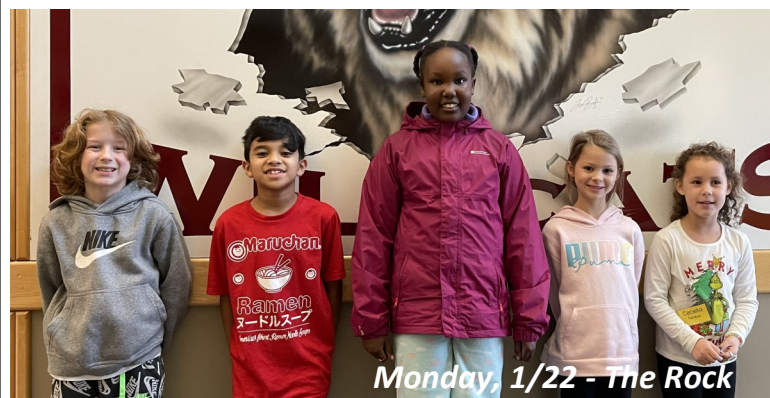
The election is all-mail and ballots must be postmarked by February 13. Please remember to vote!

Questions may be directed to Cindi Blansfield, associate superintendent of business and operations, at [levy2024@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:levy2024@auburn.wednet.edu) or by calling 253-931-4930.

### Lunch with the Principal

Throughout each school day, our teachers and staff submit students' names for demonstrating Wildcat PRIDE. On Fridays we draw one name in each grade level from all the Wildcat PRIDE tickets submitted that week. The winners get to have lunch with the principal on Monday. Pictured below are our winners for Monday, 1/22 with lunch provided by The Rock. Wildcat PRIDE is demonstrated in the following ways:

**Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Engagement**



Monday, 1/22 - The Rock

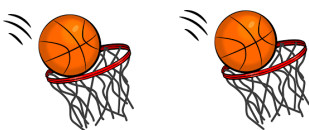
### 5th Grade Basketball Practice Schedule

#### Boys

Friday, 1/26 3:25-4:45  
Tuesday, 1/30 3:25-4:45  
Friday, 2/2 3:25-4:45  
Tuesday, 2/6 3:25-4:45  
Friday, 2/9 3:25-4:30  
Friday, 2/16 3:25-4:30

#### Girls

Monday, 1/29 5:30-6:30  
Thursday, 2/1 5:30-6:30  
Tuesday, 2/6 3:15-4:30



Students (Left to Right): Jensen Watkins, Gabriel Puloka, Kaitlyn Maina, Kensington Diamond, Cecelia Purdue



This time of year, weather can be unpredictable and can impact school schedules, bus routes and activities.

- ◇ You will receive a phone call from our School Messenger system if schedules change.
- ◇ You can also sign up for text notifications by texting **Y** to **67587** to receive direct text messages.



**Our School Vision:** To prepare our students for life-long success in a diverse world, Lakeland Hills Elementary provides a safe and academically rigorous learning environment so that all students achieve a year or more of growth each year.