

School District of Auburndale DISTRICT

Our Mission: To provide a safe environment to encourage the desire for life-long learning and success utilizing resources effectively and efficiently.

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From the Administrator's Desk

by Mr. James Delikowski

Warm Autumn Greetings School District of Auburndale Community Members,

I am excited to have this chance to greet all of you as another school year is well underway here in the heart of our wonderful school district. I believe my feet are now sufficiently wet with my new responsibilities and I'm loving every minute of it, eager to swim in service to these great students, staff, and families that make up the entirety of one of the most successful school districts in central Wisconsin, indeed, in all of Wisconsin!

Our success and our Auburndale Pride continues to rest in the awesomeness of our students, staff, and the community that so deeply supports them. Our academic prowess continues to shine! As our test scores come out you'll see that our district continues to rise in its success overall, and both schools continue to show improvement in many areas, and the starting point was high to begin with. Our talent was clearly displayed last week at the Auburndale's Got Talent show, and our athletic talent was again displayed in our Fall sports, with Cross Country heading to State competition again, Football winning our home playoff game, and Volleyball making it to the third round of regional play. Well done Auburndale!

New, Exciting Initiatives and Possibilities!

Speaking of our success, we are currently working on two initiatives, the first has been a long time coming and will contribute to our continued identity as a district of service, academic prowess, and overall student talent. As many of you know, our district has been around in some way, shape, or form since 1873 when the first school house was built in Auburndale. Since that time our students have been known as hard working, successful, intelligent, and caring and also carried the logo of the Aubies for over half a century and the Apaches for fifty years more. In 1998 Auburndale became

more aware that the Apache Nation preferred us not to use a mascot affiliated with their community. As always, the Auburndale community did the right thing and agreed to avoid using the old mascot and worked to avoid proliferation of the label that belonged to the community of the five nations making up the Apache people. We are now working hard to give our students a new logo and mascot to rally our school pride around. Although there are many personal opinions about the whys and whats, our community once again has made it clear, "Whatever the reasons, let's do this, move forward, and give our students a mascot!" One more reason why I love working here!

We want to hear your voice as well in order to make this important decision. If you have a recommendation for a new mascot please email your idea to mascot@aubschools.com. If you are able, please identify how your idea connects to our community's history and nature, and suggest both a name and a mascot that would go along with it. Our students will also be making suggestions. In late November, a committee of community members, teachers, coaches, and students will gather all of the suggestions and select a set amount that most clearly represents our community and its successful schools and students, present, past, and future. Those selections, say 5 or so, will then be presented to the students and community members to vote on. Community members will be encouraged, likely in early December, to come in to any school office and fill out a ballot. Students will vote at school. By January our new logo and mascot will be unveiled! Looking forward to all the great ideas and celebrating all the sources of pride that live and work in our district! Whatever we choose we can rest confident in the fact that our pride lies squarely within the success, service, and talent of our students, and the great support of our community! We Are Auburndale! We Are Proud!!!

The second opportunity for our students is even more exciting. The district is working through a

thorough facilities review, trying to find all the areas in which we could better meet the needs of all of our students, instructional needs, safety needs, etc. This review was precipitated by the great interest in our new autos courses. It was evident that we needed to explore our facilities when I watched over twenty students hovered around one lift in autos class learning about automotive maintenance. As we sat down with our teachers it was guickly apparent that our students needed more. After interviewing several companies we invited Miron Construction Co., Inc. in to help us look over our entire facilities to find out how we can best meet the needs of all of our students. 4K-12, and provide accessibility to them that will prepare them for success for many years to come. As we complete that process, which will involve community members, staff and students, we will keep you well informed of what comes next.

I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you at the many concerts, athletic events, and service projects to come between now and the Winter break. I hope that this change of seasons finds you well, safe, and continuing to grow in our Auburndale Pride!

Middle/High School Report

by Mr. Steven Van Wyhe

My first few months back at Auburndale have flown by! It was so neat to be a part of Homecoming Week, and even to participate in the Homecoming Parade. It brings back memories of my time here as a student. The school has certainly changed since then. There have been many additional opportunities added for our students that were not available when I graduated. These opportunities include expanded course offerings, as well as college and AP level classes.

Many of our students are also involved in extracurriculars. I try to encourage students to participate in extracurriculars. Whether it be sports, Drama Club, FFA, or any others (we have too many to mention them all), this involvement can provide lasting memories and leadership skills. Encourage your children to give an extracurricular activity a try.

Another really neat opportunity for students at Auburndale High School is the Leadership class taught by Mr. Cournoyer and Mrs. Anderson. This class is continually finding a way to make a difference in our community. In October they took a group of veterans to Wisconsin Dells and took them on the Ducks tour. They raised money for this, and found a meaningful way to recognize our veterans. They lead the AHS Community Connection Coffee Hour every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the High School from 7:30am-9:00am. Members of the community are welcome to see the great things our students of the district are doing. There are too many things to mention here, so I invite you to hear from them. I hope to see you there!

Elementary School Report

by Mr. Andrew Scharenbroch

As the leaves fall and weather starts to get chilly the learning is really taking off at the elementary school. There are two new initiatives we are working on this 19-20 school year. The first is a new math series. We are now using Bridges. This program was chosen by teachers who went to several schools and observed, talked with, and learned from about how it worked and more importantly how it helps students learn math through a variety of means. We are very excited about this program, and how it presents math both in a fundamental way but also focuses on number sense, and communication with problem solving! It has been going well!

Our other initiative is called Adventure Time. This is our new way to address student growth in the areas of reading and math. For 30 minutes, everyday students work with different teachers in their grade level or with our reading and math specialists to focus on specific skills in those areas. It's an awesome daily way to have small groups and really emphasize and review different skills. Keep on reading every day and be the best you can be!

2018 Varsity Volleyball Season

by Coach Empey

The varsity volleyball team had a very successful season. The girls worked through many ups and downs as the season progressed and grew closer because of it. Watching the girls support each other and push through adversities was a wonderful gift. The team finished with a fantastic record of 28-9.

Thank you to all of the parents, students, and community members who supported our volleyball program this season. When you put forth positive energy from the stands it helps to fuel our teams. All three of our teams learned life lessons of putting their teams' success ahead of their own personal gain. When we support and push others to be better, it not only lifts us up, but our whole community.

C.A.R.E - Community of Auburndale Reaching Everyone

C.A.R.E. continues to provide assistance such as clothes, jackets and school supplies as well as helping our during the holiday seasons to students who are in need and live and attend the Auburndale School District. Our caring community members fund the program. Cash donations are greatly appreciated and can be made out to School District of Auburndale (with a note indicating CARE Program). Your donation may be dropped off at one of the school offices or mailed to the attention of: CARE Program, School District of Auburndale, P O Box 139, Auburndale, WI 54412. All donations are tax deductible.

Mark Your Calendar!

4K and Kindergarten registration for the 2020-21 school year will be the week of February 3 - 7, 2019, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. Registration will be held in the Auburndale Elementary School office.

For 4K, your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2020. For Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020. Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record with you. Your child does not have to be present for registration. If your child is already in our 4K program this year, do not register them for Kindergarten. They are already registered.

Employment Opportunities

Teacher Substitutes and Support Staff

Substitute Aides - Casual, days and hours vary. Positions needed: Teacher and Teacher Aide, Food Service Aide, After School Program Aide. Visit the Employment Page of the school district's website at <u>www.aubschools.com</u> for an application. Completed applications can be emailed to Stephanie Durrant at <u>sdurrant@aubschools.com</u> or mailed to the Auburndale School District, PO Box 139, Auburndale, WI 54412. If you would like additional information, please call 715-652-2117 for more information.

Former Teacher (Steve Gorell) Visits!

On October 1st former Auburndale teacher, Mr. Steve Gorell, visited 3rd grade to work on an autumn project. He provided wooden pumpkins for each individual student to decorate. Mr. Gorell wanted to complete this project in honor of former teacher aides: Delores Berdan and Bonnie Peters. The 3rd grade thanks Mr. Gorell for his time, effort, and continued support of Auburndale students.



The kindergarten students enjoyed a visit from Mr. Gorell, retired fourth grade teacher. Mr. Gorell brought in small wooden pumpkins that he made for each student. For their project, the students painted faces on the front of their pumpkin and added the words "I love my family" on the back. During his time with us, Mr. Gorell stressed to the kindergarteners that if they pay attention, learning never stops.

Mr. Gorell wanted this lesson to be dedicated to three life-long teachers of the Auburndale School District: Mrs. Marleen Knutson, Mrs. Donna deBoer and Mrs. Lorraine Voight.





Tips for the winter season.

Make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Frostnip occurs before frostbite. Frostnip affects the areas of the skin that are exposed to the cold air. These areas will look flushed or white and will become tingly and numb. Frostbite occurs next with the skin becoming red, bluish-white and waxy looking. This can occur to areas not exposed to the cold air as well. Frostbite can lead to more serious complications and requires immediate action.

Frostbite Prevention

- Watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately.
- Limit your time outdoors and take warming breaks as needed. Frostbite can happen in minutes.
- Keep moving, as exercise increases blood flow.
- Know the early warning signs
 - Numbness or tingling
 - Red or pale skin

Frostbite Care

- Remove child from the cold and place in warm dry clothing if available. Be cautious of the affected area, do not rub, as rubbing could cause more damage. If feet are affected, carry the child.
- Take child to hospital or call 911.
- If warm water is available (NOT HOT) place the affected area in the water. You may place warm compresses to the area for 30 minutes. If warm water is not available place blankets around the affected area.
- If there is the risk of the area being frozen again, DO NOT thaw. This could cause more damage to the tissues.
- Do not disturb any blisters that have formed.

If frostbite is suspected please get your loved one emergency help as soon as possible.

Here at Auburndale Elementary the children do not go outside once the weather or wind chill temperature reaches 0 degrees.

Please remember to send warm winter clothing including: hat, mittens, boots, and jacket to play outside.

Dear Parents,

With cold and flu season in full swing, please review the following with your child. Remember good hand washing is the key to stop the spread of germs.

Many times it is hard to decide when to keep your child at home from school. But making the right decision is easier when following these simple steps. Keep your child home if:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees)
- Lethargic (tired and run down)
- Difficulty breathing
- Influenza
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting



Your child may return to school after 24 hours when:

- Fever free without the use of fever reducing medication
- No longer vomiting
- No longer has diarrhea
- Initial dose of antibiotics given

Any questions or concerns please call and ask for the school nurse.

715-652-2812



Football Season Recap

The 2019 Football Team finished its season with a hard fought loss against #1 seed and undefeated Abbotsford in Level Two of the WIAA Playoffs by the score of 26-21. The Varsity Football team finished with a 8-3 record. The Apaches qualified for the playoffs for the fourth straight year with a 3-2 record in the always tough Marawood Conference. Season highlights included: Recording three shutouts, a 26-8 Homecoming victory over Mayville, hosting a WIAA playoff game for the first time in seventeen years, and a Level One playoff win against Markesan. The team worked hard and showed great unity throughout the season. I especially would like to thank the Seniors for their effort. They showed great enthusiasm, worked hard everyday and above all were outstanding leaders. Thanks to all the football players that were willing to sacrifice so much, thank you to the parents for all they do, and the coaching staff for their effort. All-Conference honorees are: Quarterback Cooper Weinfurter (1st Team, Unanimous, Votes Leader), Receiver Hunter Wright (1st, Unanimous), Receiver Paul Kollross (2nd), Offensive Lineman Cody Trowbridge (1st), Runningback Kyle Peterson (1st), Defensive End Kyle Peterson (2nd), Outside Linebacker Brent Lau (1st, Unanimous), Outside Linebacker Schuyler Gilhausen (2nd), Inside Linebacker Codv Trowbridge (2nd), Defensive Line Austin Low (2nd), Defensive Back Cooper Weinfurter (1st), OL Seth Low (Honorable Mention), DL Jesse Fowler (HM), WR Fletcher Raab (HM), DB Hunter Godard (HM). Along with the Marawood Conference awards, Cooper Weinfurter was also named to the Channel 7 All-Star Football First-Team as a Defensive Back. Congratulations to everyone. I would like to finish by asking parents to encourage their student/ athlete to get into the weight room as much as possible. We have programs in place and the weight room is essential to today's athletes. It is supervised and open to them from 6:30-7:30 before school and 3:15-5:00 after school. Thank you.

Auburndale's Got Talent

This year we had our first annual variety show. Students of all ages participated doing various acts. We had singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, magicians, and gymnasts. Everyone did a fantastic job and we look forward to more interesting acts in the coming years!

Veterans Recognition Night

On Friday, September 27, the Auburndale Student Council recognized local Veterans at the Auburndale vs. Stratford Football game. Over 40 Veterans from both communities were honored before the game representing all branches of the military. Veterans were given gift bags, letters and a meal at the concession stand. Thank you for your service!



Veterans Trip to Wisconsin Dells

On Wednesday, October 23, the Community Leadership class took 23 Veterans on a trip to Wisconsin Dells for a ride on the Original Wisconsin Ducks. In the morning, the Veterans and students aathered for donuts and coffee and were escorted out of town by Wood County Sheriff's Department. The elementary students gathered outside the school for a send-off. The Veterans got off the bus and gave high-fives, handshakes and hugs to the students. Following the Ducks ride, the veterans ate at Pizza Ranch. On the ride home, Veterans received "mail call." From Dexterville, the Veterans were escorted home by the Wood County Sheriff's Department. Upon arriving at the Auburndale Middle/High School, the Veterans were welcomed home by the Vesper and Richfield Fire Department hanging a large American flag, along with the Middle/High School student body. There was a brief assembly for the veterans and cake following.



Cross Country Team Recap

by Coach Anderson

The Auburndale Cross Country teams had another impressive and competitive season. The girls team won the Marawood Conference Meet for the third year in a row. The following runners earned the following accolades:

First Team All-Conference: McKenna Zieher (3rd), Carl Lundgren (4th), Erricka Zenner (8th) Second Team All-Conference: Jordyn Karl (9th), Macie Schmeiser (12th), Autumn Richardson (13th), Lily Kloos (14th), Gavin White Eagle (16th) Honorable Mention: Vanessa Mitchell (17th), Charles Jewell (18th), Annalise Jewell (20th), Ian Lang (23rd)

The girls' team were Sectional Champions and Carl Lundgren qualified as an individual to compete at the State Meet the following week. At the State Meet, the girls team finished 3rd place. Carl placed 23rd with a time of 17:12. The girls who represented the team at State were: Erricka Zenner (35th), Jordyn Karl (44th), Macie Schmeiser (45), McKenna Zieher (57th), Lily Kloos (76th), Autumn Richardson (93rd), and Vanessa Mitchell (113th). The Cross Country program thanks all who supported the teams throughout the season!



Homecoming 2019

During the week of September 29-October 5, the Auburndale High School held its annual Homecoming festivities. The week consisted of Homecoming games and competitions between the senior high classes. Placing first was the Senior class, second, the Junior class, third the sophomores class and the freshmen in fourth place. On Friday, October 4, the high school participated in a Community Pride Cleanup in the morning. Students decorated and delivered pumpkins to residents, chalk decorated posters, assisted in local clean up around the schools and churches, the Auburndale Park, along with local roadsides. In the evening, the sixth annual Homecoming parade was held. It was led by the Stratford-Auburndale VFW, followed by the Auburndale Band and continued with over twenty school-affiliated floats, community businesses, along with the local fire departments. Thank you to all that participated in the parade to make it another successful year. Following the football game, students and community members celebrated the victory by attending the bonfire located at the school forest. On Saturday, October 5, the Homecoming Dance was held. The Family Dance was well attended by elementary students and their families. The following seniors were voted to be representatives on the Homecoming court: Megan Baxter, Anna Beihoffer, Brionna Haasl, Abigail Koopman, Logan Loveland, Alex Mertz, Vanessa Mitchell, Natasha Neve, Austin Riedel, Macie Schmeiser, Hannah Schulte and Cody Trowbridge. This year's Queen Natalie Aue and King Nick Dupee.



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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Auburndale April 7, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Auburndale, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020.

<u>Office</u>

Incumbent

School Board Member Susan Raab

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed with the school district clerk or school district notary no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, in the School District of Auburndale District Office located at 10564 School Street, Auburndale, WI.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2019.

Interested candidates, including incumbent(s), who desire to seek an office can pick up ballot access documents in the School District Office after December 1, 2019. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the District Office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Marleen Knutson School Board Clerk

School Closing Information

It is getting to be that time of year again when it may be necessary to cancel or delay school due to inclement weather. The District uses Infinite Campus as its main communication source with student families and staff. A pre-recorded phone message and/or text message, if requested, will go out to contact numbers registered for each family with students in the District. The message will include details of the cancellation. Please log in to your Infinite Campus account to verify your correct and preferred phone number for such messages. Any changes that need to be made can be requested in Infinite Campus and passed along to the school secretary for acceptance. (Changes may not be visible immediately.) Please contact Sue Richardson at 715-652-2812 for additional information or assistance on how to use this service. In addition, cancellations can be found on WAOW-TV 9 and WSAW-TV 7 and on the Marshfield News Harold Website. An announcement will also be made on local radio stations, WSAU/WIFC/WIZD/ WDEZ/WOFM/WRIG, WDLB/WOSO, WAXX, WGLX, and WFHR. .

Please be sure to discuss with your child(ren) what your alternate plan is in the event that school is closed early.

Notice to Rescind Photograph Option





If you have ever elected to opt out of having your child's picture taken and printed in school materials (paper or digital form) and would like to change that option, please contact the school office in which your child attends to rescind your previous election. High School office: 715-652-2115 Elementary School office: 715-652-2812