

# School District of Auburndale

## DISTRICT MIRROR

**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*

#### Some BIG News for the School District of Auburndale!

I hope this District Mirror finds you all well and warm in the hopes of our imminent Spring. I am excited to update you on two initiatives that the District continues to work on. The first is that we are in the final process of the search for our new school mascot. I am also eager to share with you more information about the ongoing facilities review process and some of the possibilities we have to provide for our student’s continued and growing success. Please read about both of these opportunities below. I also want to extend my invitation to you to mark your calendars for the best Art Show in the world, happening in the old middle/high school gym on May 7 and 8. While you’re there you might consider purchasing a plant at our annual plant sale. On April 7 the electorate will vote for one resident to fill one position on the Board of Education. Incumbent Ms. Susan Strobel Raab has completed her Declaration of Candidacy and will appear on the Spring election ballot.

#### 1. Facilities Review Updates Working to Build for the Future of our Student Success

The district has been working since last Spring on assessing our facilities and our state of readiness to educate kids for many decades to come. At the February board meeting Miron Construction and Eppstein Uhen Architects presented several options to the school board and the public in attendance. The projects presented were very exciting and included major improvements to our educational readiness and security for students. We are excited about the possibilities, which include district-wide capital maintenance needs (ex: roofs, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc.), possible additions to our technical education, family/consumer education, and agricultural

studies areas, a potential multi-purpose community center that would serve as a top-notch location for musical and drama performances, but also serve as shared learning/collaboration space for teachers, students, and the community. The plans presented also addressed a secure office entrance at the Elementary school and updates to some of the learning space there, as well as major improvements to the playground areas. Other ideas were renovations to the science classrooms at the Middle/High School and an externally accessible cardio/weight room to provide for both community and student needs in a secure setting.

The Board, Administration and community members will continue to focus and prioritize these ideas in order to best meet our student’s and community’s most pressing needs for success. The community will then see these refined options in the form of a district-wide survey in which they can provide input on these exciting possibilities. You will continue to be fully informed as the process goes along through mailings, informational meetings, and board presentations. I look forward to talking to you more about this process.

#### 2. Mascot News!

##### Our New Mascot Work Nears Fruition

As you know we have been working hard to give our students a mascot and a strong boost to our school spirit. The community has expressed patient understanding for the need to give our students a mascot and a new school nickname to go along with it. Through our several informational meetings it was made clear that the community would like a little more time to make the best choice on our new mascot. The board has approved “to retire the nickname/label ‘Apaches’ for the school district of Auburndale, with honor and respect.” They have also instructed me to continue the work of developing our new mascot with strong input from current students and the community. By now you should have received my letter encouraging you to get us your mascot suggestions for an extended ballot. A second letter with a ballot included, listing the top choices from the hundreds of suggestions will be soon

to follow. I am so excited about this opportunity to grow our school spirit and celebrate the respect, integrity and honor of what it is to be an Auburndale student and graduate. We hope to be able to have this work done by the April Board Meeting, ensuring time to retire our mascot at graduation and celebrate our future logo. I want to extend my thanks to the mascot committee members who met to work on this project, the student leaders who continued that work, the Board, and the many community members who showed their strong support for our students and our community by getting involved. Thank you!

## **Elementary School Report**

*by Mr. Andy Scharenbroch, Principal*

Spring birds are starting to show, and maple syrup aromas are starting to fill the Auburndale countryside as we start heading towards the end of another school year. However, in the few months left the students and staff will be very busy. We have our state required Forward Exam for grades 3-5, as well as other end of the year assessments to look for student growth and development academically.

We continue to have some awesome all school activities to end the year such as the Hitters Derby, Kindergarten Olympics, Track Meet, and finally our BIG FIELD DAY in May. Family members are encouraged to volunteer or come and have fun during these events!

Coming in April, you will see our Summer School Information. I encourage your child to participate in these amazing classes that will both challenge them and be fun for them in a variety of ways. Also, this spring we will be visiting our outstanding outdoor classroom, the SCHOOL FOREST! During the winter months students were able to snow shoe and look for animal tracks, as well as other learning experiences beyond the classroom. Mr. Nagel will be teaching maple syrup making, and teachers will take students into nature to expand the classroom and learn about the world. It is such a gem to have in this district and we are very fortunate for our students to have this resource.

Also, please watch for news on the elementary school Culvers Night in May. This is one of our annual fundraisers. As always continue reading with your child every night and help them be the best they can be!

## **Auburndale Middle and High School Report**

*by Mr. Steven VanWyhe, Principal*

Greetings Auburndale School District Families!

I hope you are all enjoying a great start to 2020. It has certainly been busy here at school. Our drama club put on an excellent production in January. It was great to see so many students involved! Our band and choir have been busy preparing for solo/ensemble. Our wrestling and basketball teams have continued on their excellent seasons, and they are now approaching the post-season. We wish them the best of luck as their seasons move forward!

As spring approaches, we start to think ahead to graduation. This is a very exciting time for our seniors! Many have their plans for next year already planned out, while others are still figuring out their future plans. I will miss this group of seniors, as they have made me feel welcome in my time here. Our graduation ceremony will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you are free that evening, please come out to show your support for this awesome class.

I mentioned this in the last District Mirror, but I would like to remind you about AHS Community Connection Coffee. AHS Community Connection Coffee Hour is every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the High School from 7:30am-9:00am. All members of the community are welcome to stop in and get some coffee. We also welcome our veteran on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30am-9:00am. These are excellent opportunities to learn more about the great things happening in the Auburndale School District. I hope to see you there!

## **Busy Days in Second Grade**

*by Debbie Heidmann*

Learning is in the air in second grade. The year began with a trip to Stevens Point. We visited the University Planetarium and Science Museum. We included a stop at the Sculpture Park and saw numerous, unique sculptures created by a variety of artists. We spent a brisk, fall day helping our community by raking leaves. Many hands helped to make a big job manageable. As done in the past, we collected donations for St. Vincent de Paul to aid with those in need at Christmastime. We are thankful for our generous families. We had an exciting time at our "Camp Out" in the little theater where the students shared an animal that they created. The students did a nice job researching, writing, and reporting facts about their animal. Most recently we performed a half-time show at the staff vs. 5<sup>th</sup> grade student's basketball game. The student's were enthusiastic as they cheered for both teams. We are looking forward to a busy and productive second half of the school year.

# Auburndale FFA Pancake Feed

## March 22, 2020

### 60th annual

The Auburndale FFA will be hosting their Annual Pancake Feed on March 22nd, 2020. We will be serving food from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Potato and buttermilk pancakes, sausage, cheese and desserts! Please join us for good fun and good food!

**March 22, 2020**  
**9am-2pm**  
**10629 North Rd.**

**We offer:**

**Potato and original pancakes, sausage, milk, desserts, and cheese curds.**

**Auburndale Booster Club Basket Raffle!**

**Adults :\$9**  
**12 and under: \$4**  
**Preschool: Free**



# AUBURNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2020-2021 CALENDAR

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1 Winter Break  
15 Q2 End  
18 Teacher Work Day  
19 Q3 Start

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24-27 Teacher In-Service  
25 ES & MS/HS Open House  
(3 pm - 6 pm)

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26 Teacher PD Day

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1 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School/Q1 Start  
7 Labor Day  
14-18 Homecoming Week  
25 Teacher PD Day

MARCH '21						
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1 P/T Conferences  
(11 am - 7 pm)  
19 Inclement Weather Day  
24 Q3 End  
25 Q4 Start

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12 P/T Conferences  
(11 am - 7 pm)  
23 Teacher PD Day

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23 Teacher PD Day

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4 Q2 Start  
25-27 Thanksgiving Break

MAY '21						
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10 Inclement Weather Day  
21 Graduation Day  
31 Memorial Day

DECEMBER '20						
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23-31 Winter Break

JUNE '21						
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2 Last Day of School/Q4 End  
3 Teacher Work Day

 = No School

 = Built-in Inclement Weather Day/Tentatively No School

Board approved 2/19/2020

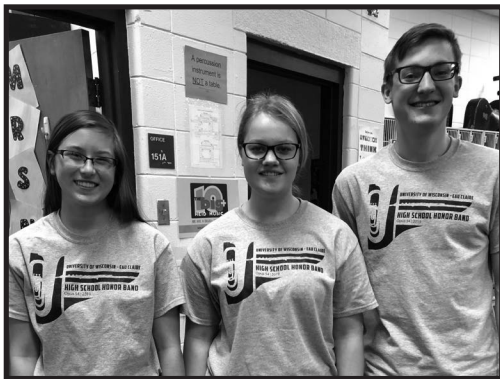
## UWSP Jazz Fest

Congratulations to the High School Jazz Band for performing for four adjudicators at UWSP Jazz Fest in January. Justin Peplinski and Carl Lundgren were both awarded Outstanding Jazz Musicianship Awards!



## UWEC MS/HS Honor Band

Congratulations to the middle school and high school band students who attended the UW Eau Claire Honor Band. These students spent the day in Eau Claire rehearsing. They gave a wonderful concert that evening! High school students: Sarah Karl, Justin Peplinski, and Kylie Frischman. Middle school students: Haylee Nagel, Makayla Mauer, and Ben Willfahrt.



## National Band Association-All State Band

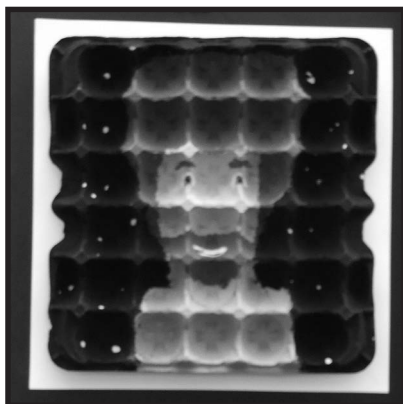
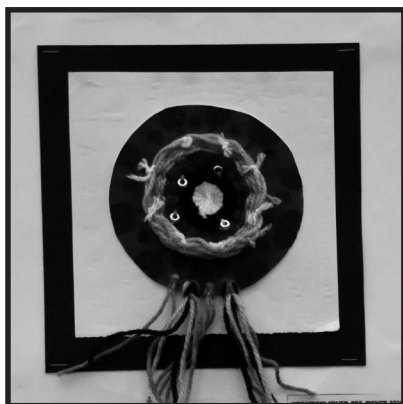
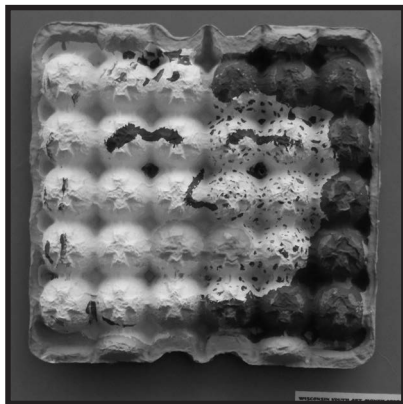
Congratulations to Justin Peplinski and Sarah Karl who participated in the All State Senior Band and Sophia Smrz, Allis Teska, and Evelyn Schmitt who participated in the All State Junior Band. They were selected along with students from the entire state for this honor band. They rehearsed for two days and they gave a phenomenal concert! Great job!



# YOUTH ART!

by Mr. Yohn

Five Auburndale elementary and middle school artists recently participated in the Wisconsin Art Education Association regional exhibit in Stevens Point. Artwork included a drawing by 1st grade student Hayden Loos, "Zebra in the Wild"; 3rd grade student Ella Kumm's textile work, "Weaving"; dimensional paintings by 5th graders Breleigh Grimm, "Roselena", and Wyatt Plawman, "Bob Ross is the Man!"; and an illustrated comic by 6th grader Keira Raab entitled "The Two Kits and the Kit Kat." Several of the artworks in the exhibit will be selected for inclusion in the State Art Exhibit in the Capital building February 22 through March 6.



## Marawood Conference Band and Choir

Congratulations to the high school band and choir students who attended the Marawood Conference Honor Band and Choir. These students spent the day in Spencer rehearsing. They gave a wonderful concert that evening in November. Way to go Abby Koopman, Hannah Schulte, Carl Lundgren, Justin Peplinski, Annalise Jewell, Ashley Esser, Natasha Neve, Parker Empey, Morgan Grassl, Victoria Hasenhorl, and Carly Willfahrt.



## Drama Club

by Amber Guldan

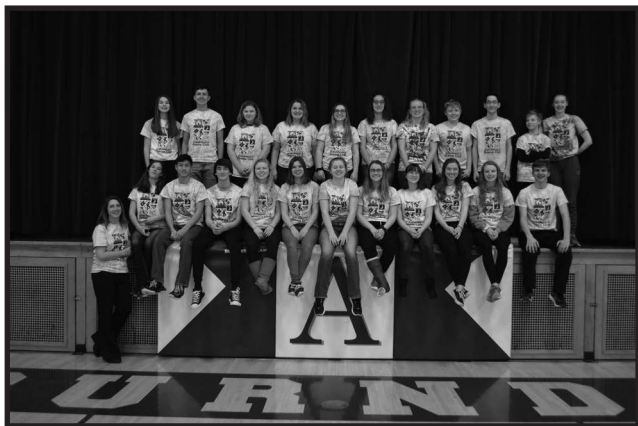
This fall the Drama Club senior members selected the production piece entitled WCKY by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus from Pioneer Drama Service. This witty comedy about murder gone wrong on opening night was set in a 1939 radio station. The play allowed for a wide array of acting abilities and all the students involved were amazing in their roles. This production required over 20 actors to fill the roles and 3 of the actors also created the singing advertisements that were played throughout the production. The large number of roles required opening the auditions up to middle school students. The larger scale of this production required returning actors to teach basics to the new cast members and created a family atmosphere among the cast and crew. The performances are demanding on everyone involved both on stage and behind the curtain and the students quickly learn that the success of any show requires: trust, communication, and support.

The middle school students who were a part of the production included: Julian Anderson, Emily Becker, Brayden Haffenbredl, and Hope Schulte.

New members who made their theatrical debut included: Annalise Jewell, Lily Kloos, Adam Kunding, Gavin White Eagle, Carl Lundgren, Abby Koopman, Logan Loveland, and Carly Willfahrt.

The very dedicated returning members included: Elizabeth Peplinski, Parker Empey, Felix Neve, Lindsey Meyer, Ashley Esser, Hannah Schulte, Morgan Grassl, Sarah Karl, Natasha Neve, and Aly Sebold.

The Drama Club is continuing to grow and anticipates more productions in the future. Thank you to all the family, friends, and community members whose attendance at the performances is greatly appreciated!



## Auburndale Community Scholarships



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The community of Auburndale continues to support our senior class with scholarships to offset the cost of their continued education.

Seniors can visit the school website [aubschools.com](http://aubschools.com) to check out what scholarships are available with descriptions and instructions. Scholarships are due to the counseling office by 3:15 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020. No late entries will be accepted. The scholarships will be awarded on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the T. A. gym. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our senior class. Refreshments will be

## AES PTO Updates

by Jessie Richardson

AES PTO is excited to give an update on our fundraising efforts this far for the 2019-20 school year. We raised a total of \$6,026.05 through our Knowledge Quest Fundraiser, Parents Night and Out, and Auburndale Holiday Bazaar. Thank you for making these events so successful!

100% of AES PTO fundraising profits go back into our school and students! The PTO plays a major role in the daily activities at Auburndale Elementary School. It sponsors and funds many school activities, field trips, enrichment programs, provides supplemental funds for the purchase of books and school supplies, and organizes a variety of events. In the past, PTO has contributed funds for: new playground equipment and items for recess, gym equipment, funding for fieldtrips and classroom supplies and many, many more.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming AES Spring Carnival on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-2:00 PM! We are planning a fun family event complete with: raffle baskets, food, games and safety awareness.

AES Yearbook sale will start this year on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Yearbooks can be ordered for \$12.00 and prices will increase to \$15.00 after April 15<sup>th</sup>. The last day to order will be May 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## Report on Coronavirus

The World Health Organization has reported a new Coronavirus for 2019. It is called Novel Coronavirus (2019-CoV). It has been identified by the Chinese authorities. See below for signs and symptoms.

Common Coronavirus is seen in Wisconsin in the fall and winter months. However, it is not uncommon to get throughout the entire year. Most people are likely to have had the Common Coronavirus at least once in their lifetime. Young people are most likely to get this.

It is spread by coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, like shaking hands, or touching an object that has the virus on it. It is imperative to promote good hand washing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette.

### Signs and Symptoms of Coronavirus and other Respiratory Viruses

- Runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Not feeling well
- Shortness of breath, especially when at rest

### How to prevent the spread of viruses

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow/cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces as needed
- Stay home if you are sick

If any of these symptoms appear or you have questions or concerns please contact your Physician.

See the CDC website for more information.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/012720.htm>

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 7, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the qualified electors of the School District of Auburndale that on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, a School Board election will be held. Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

### VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

**Susan Strobel Raab**

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

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. For mor information regarding acceptable photo identification visit the <https://elections.wi.gov/node/3609>

Dated this 1st day of March, 2020

Marleen Knutson, School District Clerk  
Auburndale School District

