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From the Administrator's Desk

by Mr. James Delikowski

Greetings District Community Members,

I wanted to thank you all for your continued support of our students and our staff as we endeavor to prepare our students for what comes next. I know that all of you have the best interests of our community and its young people strong at heart, whether you voted for or against the referendums on the ballot this month, and for that I express my deep gratitude to you. The district will continue to exercise wisdom and fiscal responsibility so that you can always know that your children are getting the best education possible.

With the passage of our referendums we are eager and excited to get going on our building project, which included significant work on updating and expanding our technology education facilities at the Middle/High School. The architects are already busy at work and project bidding will take place in the early Spring. Work should begin as soon as school lets out for the summer, and our calendar for next year will be mildly adjusted in order to get the project accessible to our students as early as November of next year. We will keep you well informed as things move forward in that area.

I can't believe we are nearing the third full month of in person classes already! Thanks to the diligence of staff and students, the patience of our families, and the careful planning of our Board and administrators, the district continues to be able to educate our students in the best way possible, together in the rich learning environment of our classrooms led by extraordinary teachers. This continues to be our goal, to offer an in person education

for every student who wants it as long as we are able to do so in a safe way. I know this has come with some inconveniences, like facemasks and closed campus to visitors and community groups, but these measures have been central to our continued success in staying fully open for our most important purpose, educating our young people. We are busy working on plans to at least partially open our facilities to community groups made up of our students, with several safety measures in place, and eventually to broader community use. This will happen as soon as we are confident that we can do so in a way that doesn't put at greater risk our primary purpose, educating the young people of the district.

We look forward to the days when this pandemic is behind us, and that day will surely come. Thank you again for your support and for your continued high regard for your school, your staff, and your community's future.

All the Best -

Mr. James Delikowski

Elementary School Report

by Mr. Andy Scharenbroch, Principal

As the seasons turn to the cooler winter weather the elementary school continues to strive for excellence and provide amazing opportunities for all students every day during these unique and challenging times. The staff has done an amazing job providing learning both in person and virtually every day! I would also like to thank parents for their support with keeping their children home when ill and following the DHS quarantining rules to help keep our elementary doors open and everyone safe! Throughout the early months of school the students have been able to utilize the greatest classroom; the school forest. Along with getting outside into nature the students are using the Marleen Knutson Learning Center and discovering great experiences in a variety of ways. The School Forest continues to provide endless learning opportunities in a safe environment that fosters curiosity, exploration, and creativity. We will be holding our annual Veteran's Day celebration on November 10 or 11 virtually this year. The elementary school continues to be creative in finding new ways to offer quality learning experiences during the pandemic. Stay well and be safe!

C.A.R.E. - COMMUNITY OF AUBURNDALE REACHING EVERYONE

C.A.R.E. continues to provide assistance to families in the Auburndale School District. Our caring community members and businesses fund the program. Last year the C.A.R.E. Program helped over 40 families during the holiday seasons. Cash donations are greatly appreciated and can be made out to School District of Auburndale (with a note indicating CARE Program). Please mail your donation to the attention of: CARE Program, School District of Auburndale, P O Box 139, Auburndale, WI 54412. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your continued support.

Auburndale Middle and High School Report

by Mr. Steven VanWyhe, Principal

As we finish the first quarter, I want to thank the students, staff and parents for their flexibility. We have made a number of changes this year that have allowed us to stay open. Each morning I have been able to greet the smiling students as they arrive for school. I realize that not every school principal has had that opportunity, and I am grateful for it.

If there is one favor that I can ask of the community, it is to thank the teachers and staff of Auburndale School District when you see them. I see firsthand their dedication to the children of this district, and it is something our community should be proud of. Our teachers are teaching students in their classroom, as well as virtually. This new addition has added a new element to their day, and I cannot thank them enough for doing their best to teach those virtual students. Thank you for your dedication to our students!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

4K and Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year will be the week of February 1 - 5, 2021, 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, 2021. For Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. 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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Vision/Hearing screenings

Vision screenings/Hearing screenings will still be done this year. Please watch for the permission slips to come out soon. Since we are not allowing visitors in the buildings, I will be doing the vision screenings without the help of the Lion's club. I will start them soon and plan to have them done no later than the end of November. Hearing screenings will be performed later. If you have concerns about your child's hearing and would like it done sooner, please let me know.

Colder Weather

Frostnip/Frostbite can happen within minutes when temperatures are right:

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather.
- Remind older children to put a coat, gloves, hat, and boots in their cars in case they break down.

We will continue to go outside until the temperature or wind chill reaches 0 degrees.

Are you or your family struggling?

If your family is struggling in any way, please don't hesitate seeking help. There are local and state programs and even programs at the school that may be able to help you. Don't let pride get in the way of peace of mind.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has a wealth of assistance programs listed on their page <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/help.htm> They have resources for health, housing, utilities, childcare, food, mental health and more.

Wood County has some health programs on their website <http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Health/HealthServices.aspx>

At our school district level, you may contact Jodi Ertl at 715-652-2115 ext 2120 or myself at 715-652-2812 ext 1521 or any other school

employee you feel comfortable with as we are all here to help

COVID & Flu

I want to thank all of you parents/guardians for doing such a great job at keeping sick children home. With the state's numbers on the rise and surrounding counties skyrocketing, I am enclosing another copy of the guidance on when you should stay home.

The symptoms of COVID and the flu are similar, except for the loss of taste or smell with COVID. Remember to wash your hands often, cover your sneezes and coughs, wear a mask and try to maintain a 6 foot distance when possible.

Masks are required at school. Please make sure your children are bringing them. We have had lots of students claiming to have forgotten theirs or that they broke, so putting extras in their backpacks is encouraged. Remember that masks should be washed daily in hot, soapy water.

Helping Hands Daycare

Helping Hands Daycare is now accepting **RESIDENT ONLY DISTRICT CHILDREN**. If you would like to use the daycare, please go to the district website under helping hands, read through the handbook and fill out the application and the statement of understanding and return it to:

Helping Hands Daycare
Auburndale Elementary
10654 School Ave
P.O. Box 139
Auburndale, WI
54412

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