



School District of Auburndale

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Thank You Mrs. Marleen Knutson for 26 years of service on the Auburndale School Board of Education!

Marleen Knutson has decided to retire from her seat on the School Board of Education at the end of her current term. Her wisdom, expertise and leadership will be sorely missed by fellow Board Members and the District alike. We have been so grateful over the years for Marleen's leadership and expertise on the School Board, and always look to her wisdom when the tough decisions have to be made. Marleen has served most recently as Board Clerk and as a consistent and dependable Board representative to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the CESA 5 learning cooperative.

Mrs. Knutson has been a part of the continued success of our district first as a teacher, and for over two decades as an elected Board official. She is a dedicated and reliable support to students, staff, and administration and has always had the best interests of all in the forefront of her thoughts and actions. Thank you Marleen! We will miss you greatly, and know that you will always be a huge part of the success of the Auburndale School District, past, present, and future.

From the Administrator's Desk *by Mr. James Delikowski*

Surviving, and Thriving, Through a Difficult School Year

I don't think anyone would argue that Auburndale students, staff, and community members have been working through a very challenging year this school year. Responding to the challenges of the pandemic, all the unknowns along the way, as well as all the other unprecedented events of the last 6 months, have pushed all of us to be more than we thought we could be. The Auburndale community, our amazing staff, and our exceptional students, accepted the challenge and have overcome. The warmth of Spring, the opportunity to get the long-awaited vaccinations, and the continued hope of a better tomorrow are more evident each day and the feeling of joy begins to be palpable in our hallways again.

Building Project Work Continues

Auburndale has continued to be a model district in Wisconsin, finding ways to keep our students and staff in school and

growing throughout this year. But that's just the beginning of what we have to celebrate. We have, through the support of our community, passed two referendums. One referendum references our continued desire to support excellence in our staff while the other is an investment in our present and future leadership in education, especially in the areas of technical education. District Administration, the School Board, and staff have been dedicated to this project for nearly two years, and the fruition of that hard work is right around the corner. We are anticipating a groundbreaking for new construction and renovations as early as the first week of June 2021, and hope to have all projects finished shortly after the winter break. Our students and teachers will soon be enjoying state of the art updates in several instructional areas, and general facility renovation that will contribute to the overall positive teaching environment in our district.

Board Elections

As noted in the District Mirror, Mrs. Marleen Knutson has decided to retire after 26 years of service on the Auburndale School District Board of Education. This year two seats are open for election on the school board and four community members have submitted the appropriate paperwork to run for those spots; Ms. Kayla N. Gotz, Mr. Bill Thiel, Mr. Dave Homb (incumbent), and Mrs. Sheila Cherney. We encourage you to vote for two of these candidates on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the Spring election.

Continued Excellence of Auburndale Staff and Students

Our students and staff continue to shine here at Auburndale. Our talented thespians have been busy working hard to produce the spring play, our musicians have participated in and found great success in the Solo and Ensemble competition. The Boys and Girls Basketball teams have made deep runs in the post season, with the girls competing in sectional finals! And one of our wrestlers placed 4th at State competition!! Congratulations to all!

It is a rare delight for one of our many superb teachers to become a Crystal Apple award winner, but the word about just how great our teachers are in Auburndale is out. Once again, Auburndale has produced a Crystal Apple Winner! Congratulations to Mr. Mark Brost! Thank you for all you do, and enjoy the recognition you, and so many of our teachers, so deeply deserve.

I continue to look forward with more hope each day to new opportunities to serve the students, staff, and community of Auburndale. I am more impressed than ever at the excellence that we live as we all strive together to prepare our young people for success, no matter how they choose to pursue it.

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.

Coming in April you will see our sign up for summer school classes. Take advantage and sign your child up for some amazing classes that will challenge them in a variety of ways. We will be holding summer school in June and August this year. Also, this spring we continue to visit 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.

Again, another big THANK YOU to all families for continuing to help keep our school doors open and in-person learning occurring. We continue to provide the best learning environment possible for all our students.

Auburndale Middle and High School Report

by Mr. Steven VanWyhe, Principal

As spring approaches, I am excited to see tractors back in the fields and athletes outside. There is something about spring that reminds me of days growing up on the farm near Arpin. This was a great school to graduate from, and I am proud to be principal of it now.

We are looking forward to graduating another fine group of seniors on May 21st. We are planning an outdoor graduation ceremony again this year for the class of 2021.

As we close in on our 8th month of in-person learning, I am so grateful for all those that made this school year a possibility. Our teachers have taught in new ways and adjusted to new schedules. Our students have worn masks and adapted to a block schedule. Our parents have been flexible with changing policies and quarantined students. Our bus drivers have continued to do what they have always done and more. Thank you all, we couldn't have done it without you!

We are planning to continue with the block schedule next year. The block has been popular among students and teachers. We will be making some adjustments from this year, as we have learned a number of things. The start of next school year will be impacted by the referendum construction, and part of the construction will continue into the year. That being said, we are so excited for the improvements! It is awesome to be part of a district that has so much support from the community.

All State High School Band

Congratulations to Carl Lundgren (trumpet) and Ashley Esser (french horn) for being recipients of the National Band Association All State Band Award. Only the top students from schools across the state were given this award. Great job Carl and Ashley!

Wrestling 2020-2021

by Coach John Karl

The 2020-21 wrestling season was very different this year. We were limited to one meet a week and at the beginning of the season limited to single dual competitions. This year the team's numbers were low and due to Covid we combined with Marathon just for this season. The co-op team finished the season with 6 wins and 6 losses. Our squad had a lot of experience, which helped the individuals compete at a high level. The members included Noah Altmann, Brett Thiel, Cody Poeschel, Sloan Welch and Brice Thiel. The team will lose only one senior Cody Poeschel who will be greatly missed next season.

Our co-op team finished with conference wins against Phillips and Athens/Edgar. Due to a shortened season the Eagles entered the WIAA tournament series January 30 at the regional in Amherst where Brice Thiel earned 1st place and Noah Altmann and Sloan Welch earned 2nd place and a trip to sectionals at Valders HS. Brett Thiel and Cody Poeschel placed 3rd eliminating them from the postseason.

The next Saturday Noah, Sloan, and Brice wrestled sectionals at Valders. All the guys wrestled hard but only Sloan qualified for the state meet. Sloan earned his first trip to the state tournament by placing second. Noah and Brice placed 4th at the sectional ending their season.

On February 13 Sloan competed in 182# weight class at the WIAA State Individual wrestling tournament hosted by Wausau East High School this year. In Sloan's first match he defeated a wrestler from Westfield by a score of 5-2 advancing Sloan to the semifinals. Sloan was then defeated by an Iowa-Grant wrestler which sent him to the wrestle backs. Sloan then defeated a wrestler from St. Croix Falls in sudden victory 5-3. The victory advanced Sloan to the third-place match which he lost to a Weyauwega-Fremont wrestler 8-4 so Sloan came home with the 4th place medal and a spot on the podium. Sloan's performance was impressive because he was the only underclassmen in his weight class. The coaching staff is proud of all the wrestlers for their dedication and hard work in a difficult and strange year.

This group of kids including the incoming 8th graders with hours of hard work over the offseason, can be at the top of the conference next year. This group will have to dedicate themselves to the sport during their off time to reach their full potential and goals for next year. I have confidence that the members of this team will go the extra step to get better.

The Auburndale wrestlers, coaching staff, and I personally would like to thank all the fans and community for their support throughout the season. The coaching staff would also like to encourage individuals from sixth to eleventh grade to give wrestling a try, and become part of a successful tradition here in Auburndale. We hope everyone can come out and support the team next year.

2020 Football

by *Coach Jay Anderson*

The 2020 Football season was clearly one of change and uncertainty. With a new school mascot, some uncertainties concerning COVID and low numbers in the upper classes, we decided to move to 8-player football in 2020. With the late change we were fortunate to fill our schedule. However, after some early successes the season schedule quickly got off track. In Week One, the football team made the trip to Sevastopol to play the 2018 8-player state champions. With no fans allowed and a surprise adjustment to the field (we played on a full sized football field), the Eagles put together a very solid game cruising to a 76-22 victory. Hunter Wright passed for two touchdowns and ran for five more. Senior Schuyler Gilhausen had two receiving touchdowns and ran one in for a score. Junior Terrence Roberson led the team with 177 yards rushing on just 11 carries. Schuyler led the defense with 12 tackles. In Week Two, the Eagles went to Greenwood and came away with an exciting 32-26 victory over the Indians. Hunter Wright passed to Alex Willfahrt in the endzone for a 28-yard touchdown as time expired to seal the win. The final touchdown was set up by a key completion of 37 yards to Schuyler Gilhausen. Many contributors on defense as we played an opportunistic game that forced several turnovers. The team showed a lot of grit and fortitude to earn this victory... it was truly a team effort.

At this point of the season things unraveled. Sevastopol was contracted to visit Auburndale on October 10th but they decided against it and cancelled. That was followed by three more scheduled 8-player games that were cancelled. Without options to play 8-player games and a sophomore class now ready to play full Varsity games, we were able to schedule 11-player opponents. On October 23rd Thorp travelled to Auburndale for our first, and as it turned out, our only 11-player game. The team was focused and ready to play as we jumped out to a 40-0 lead and never looked back as we won by the score of 61-12. Defense was solid all game as we forced 3 turnovers and registered 7 tackles for a loss. Senior Hunter Wright had a game that needs to be mentioned as he passed for 3 touchdowns, rushed for 4 touchdowns, returned an interception for a touchdown and was 7-7 on extra-point kicks. Hunter wasn't alone as the offensive line was solid in pass protection and run blocking as Terrence Roberson ran for 96 yards and 2 touchdowns. Four of the five starting offensive linemen will be returning next season and we will be expecting big things out of them and everyone else that returns. Next year's Seniors of Jesse Fowler, Terrence Roberson, and Brice Thiel will be asked to fill some leadership roles in 2021.

Looking back at the ups and downs, and especially about the way that our season ended, I think of the outstanding leadership from our seniors. As we stood on the field for our final practice before we were to play Altoona on October 30th, we received the call that ultimately led to the cancellation of the game due to COVID protocols. It was not the way we wanted to end the season but they showed class and a maturity level that was needed at that time. Those Seniors are: Schuyler Gilhausen, Kaden Hoffman, Cade Krings, Anival

Martinez, Dylan Northway, Cody Poeschel and Hunter Wright. Thank you, Seniors. With the move to 8-player, we did not have the chance for All-Conference but upon the completion of the Alternate Fall season, the WIAA and WFCB will be providing some awards and recognition. I hope that we will have some recipients. With all that said, the Auburndale Eagles 8-player football team finished the season ranked #4 in the State. The football program which includes Jr. High, Junior Varsity and Varsity combined to go undefeated in 2020. I would like to thank the players in the program, the parents, the administration and the assistant coaches. Go Eagles!

Tractor Day Drives On!

The Auburndale Tractor Club has been very busy working on plans for a Tractor Day this school year. The Club is currently tying up loose ends from the Covid closure last Spring that left us spinning our creative wheels and will be sending out T-Shirts to last year's donors, as well as delivering the collected funds to last year's drive recipient. The students have been brainstorming about this year's event and have come to the decision that the day will happen, but with a few adjustments.

With everything going on this year the students wisely decided that it might be a nice break this year to keep things simple, and let Tractor Day be more of a celebration. This year, the kids will use Tractor Day as a way to celebrate our district, its deep agricultural and hard-working roots, and the hard work that students, staff, and the community have put in to bring us through a difficult year, with great success. The parade will be held this year on Friday, April 30 down the usual route starting around 8am. The students will not be soliciting donations for a cause this year, because this one year, the school and the Auburndale community are our cause for celebration. Of course, if folks want to donate to next year's cause, yet to be determined, they can send donations to the Auburndale High School care of the Tractor Club.

We are so excited to be able to hold this event this year and to celebrate the determination and will of the District and this great community to keep leading our young people in learning and growth, especially through challenging circumstances. If you are able to watch the parade we encourage you to keep the safety and health of yourself and your neighbors in mind by practicing social distancing and wearing a mask. Thank you again for your kind support.

The Auburndale Tractor Club

MARCH is Youth ART Month!

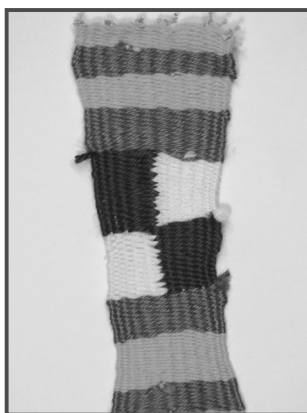
by *Mr. Yohn*

Several Auburndale Elementary and Middle School Art Students have been part of different exhibits recently. Noah Peterson, Emma Seidl, Aiden Schmidt, Logan Biederman, and Lakota Nemecek had artwork in the Wisconsin Art Education Association regional exhibit, with three advancing to the state virtual art show. Their work can be seen in the following online gallery link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HqbTH1ZgAiYKklnel5o1JGRqLsBeisTreszhxyUjac/edit#slide=id.p>

Other art students are part of the Middle School Art Exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau. The show opens in person March 15 and runs through April 25. 5th graders Skylar Hale, Austin Hilgart, Corbin Nikolay, and 6th grader Alana Steines will have their art on display. Congratulations!

A shout out also goes to Amelia Pleet, Daelyn Blomberg, and Joscelin Raab for awards in a recent Land Conservation Poster contest. The girls took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the county level competition with Amelia advancing and tying for 2nd place at the District level.

These and other young artists have been keeping busy. Remember to view the latest Artists of the Month Display on the Elementary School Web Page!



AUBURNDALE FFA 61ST ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED



SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021
Auburndale High School
10629 North Rd, Auburndale

\$9 per carryout
Find us on Facebook!!
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We offer:
Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, Smith Brothers sausage, Weber's milk, cheese, real maples syrup, and sweetened dried cranberries

**Pick up will be on the
south side of the high school**

SCHOOL CENSUS INFORMATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE

In order to get an accurate census count, we are asking that this form be completed by **all District residents with children in the household.**

Please complete this form and return it by: May 28, 2021

Mail: School District of Auburndale
 District Office
 PO Box 139
 Auburndale WI 54412

Email: bookkeeper@aubschools.com

Return: Send to school with your student in a sealed envelope marked ATTN: District Office

Parent/Guardian Name _____
LAST FIRST

Address _____
HOUSE/FIRE NUMBER STREET/ROAD

Telephone # _____ Township/Municipality _____

PLEASE LIST **ALL** CHILDREN (LESS THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE)

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AUBURNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THE PLACE TO BE!

*Public School Open Enrollment Is Now Open
(February 1 - April 30, 2021)*

“What’s best for kids?” is always on the forefront of the minds of the staff at the Auburndale School District. How do we follow through with it? By offering a fun, safe learning environment with small class sizes where our students are known by name and where teachers know each and every student personally. Auburndale School District prides itself in its strong educational programs and is able to extend that education into its newly constructed year-round outdoor classroom at the Marleen Knutson School Forest Learning Center. Which, by the way, was constructed by Auburndale students, volunteers, and the magnificent efforts of the Technical Education Department. Want to drive your tractor to school? Learn how to make maple syrup? Take Early College Credit Classes? Be involved in band, choir, athletics, and many other extra-curricular activities such as study club, drama club, and FFA? Let the Auburndale School District be the answer to all these questions. Come be a part of the culture at Auburndale School District whose motto is “Preparing Students for What Comes Next.”

Sounds great, right? The Auburndale School District has openings in all sections of its regular education program and some sections in the special education program. (See space availability below.) A simple online application can be completed and submitted through the DPI website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment> or paper applications can be obtained at the Auburndale High School Office, Auburndale Elementary School Office, or the District Office. Do not miss this open enrollment opportunity for your child - the application period is open from midnight February 1 until 4:00 pm April 30, 2021.

If you have questions regarding open enrollment, please contact Casey Aschebrock at the Auburndale School District Office at 715-652-2117 or caschebrock@aubschools.com. You may also reach out to the Public School Open Enrollment Program at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. PO Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841. Toll-free: 888-245-2732. Email: OpenEnrollment@dpi.wi.gov. Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Auburndale School District 2021-2022 Open Enrollment Spaces Available

Regular Education Program:

4K = Open	Grade 4 = 18	Grade 9 = 29
Kindergarten = 12	Grade 5 = 24	Grade 10 = 32
Grade 1 = 15	Grade 6 = 34	Grade 11 = 31
Grade 2 = 18	Grade 7 = 23	Grade 12 = 34
Grade 3 = 26		Grade 8 = 25

Special Education Program:

EC (PreK/4K) = 0	Speech/Language = 0
5K - Grade 5 = 7	Contract/Alt. Placed = 0
Grade 6 - 8 = 7	WCAS = 0
Grade 9 - 12 = 5	

Cross Country 2020

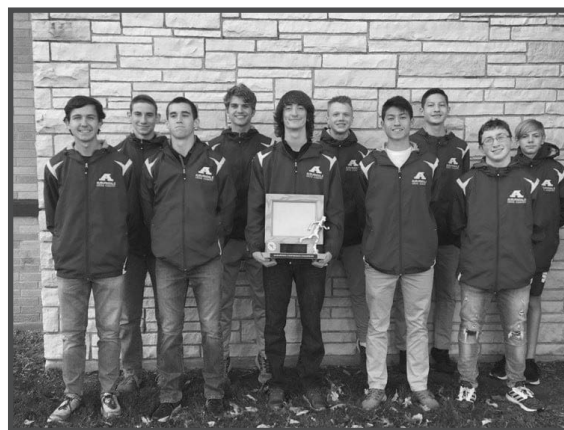
The Auburndale Cross Country team had an unprecedented season with new challenges and obstacles. This season our teams ran in mostly quadrangular meets. The boys’ team took first in every meet during the regular season. At the Marawood Conference meet, the boys’ team won with 24 points. The girls’ team took 2nd place. For the boys’ race, Carl Lundgren and for the girls’ race, Jordan Karl won their perspective races and were Individual Conference Champions.

Making First Team All-Conference: Carl Lundgren (1st place), Jordyn Karl (1st place), Charles Jewell (2nd place), Gavin White Eagle (5th place).

Second Team All-Conference: Mason White Eagle (7th place), Ian Grosskopf (10th place), Erricka Zenner (10th place), McKenna Zieher (11th place), Parker Empey (12th place), Lily Kloos (16th place)

Honorable Mention: Victoria Hasenohrl (17th place), Annalise Jewell (22nd place) James Pankratz (23rd place).

Both teams advanced to the Sectional Final race at Rosholt and the girls’ team were sectional runner-up earning their sixth consecutive trip to the State Meet. The boys’ team placed 4th and Carl Lundgren advanced to the State Meet for the second consecutive time placing 2nd. At the State Meet, Carl Lundgren placed 13th and the girls’ team placed 8th. The girls’ team received Academic All-State as a team as well as individuals including McKenna Zieher, Jordyn Karl, Erricka Zenner, Victoria Hasenohrl, Autumn Richardson, Annalise Jewell, and Lily Kloos. Carl Lundgren also received an Academic All-State award as an individual. Carl also earned a spot on the Second Team All-State for Division 3. Congratulations runners on a great season!



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Activity Shed

Hello everyone! My name is Erika Kunding and I am a student in the Auburndale Community Leadership class and I would like to share good news with you. There is a brand-new shed that was built for the promotion of getting active in our community. The shed is located at the Auburndale park next to the volleyball courts. The shed is a place where equipment is stored. Equipment that can be used for all community members. In the shed there are balls and other equipment that you can rent out for free. There is also a list of games you can play with your friends when you visit the park. This will also be attached to the Lions Facebook page for everyone. There are also some games that you can play that do not require equipment. The list of games will also be posted outside of the shed!

All you have to do is call or text Jim Kunding at 715-305-4170 to set up a time to have the shed opened, or if you have any other questions feel free to email Jim at kundingers@gmail.com.

Middle School Spelling Bee

by Amber Guldan

The Auburndale Middle School hosted classroom spelling bees this school year. The bees were held following the guidelines of the Scripps National Spelling Bee for online and classroom testing guidelines. Grade level winners were selected from those classroom bee results by Mr. Derek Czynscon and Mrs. Amber Guldan.

The sixth-grade top spellers included: Wyatt Plawman - first place and Jacob Bohman - second place.

The seventh-grade top spellers included: Logan Nagel - first place and Julian Anderson - second place.

Both first place grade level spellers participated in the Regional Bee and Logan Nagel advanced to the State Bee. Great job students and best wishes at the State Spelling Bee Competition, Logan!

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Auburndale

April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the qualified electors of the School District of Auburndale that on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, a school board election will be held. Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

**BILL THIEL
SHEILA CHERNEY
KAYLA N GOTZ
DAVE HOMB**

Electors will vote in their regular polling place. Polls will 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 more information regarding acceptable photo identification visit the <https://elections.wi.gov/node/3609>.

Dated this 1st Day of March, 2021

