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From the Administrator's Desk

By Mr. Kevin Yeske

I am expecting that by the time you read this message that everyone has moved into what we call the "family" season. Time away from school, activities, and sports that many of our students are involved in. Jobs that consisted of working hours after school have been increased to days as well and elementary recess time has been extended from 15 minutes to daylight hours. It is my hope that all will get to experience the summer "family" time together away from the school routines in place from September through May.

If you recall last summer, the Board of Education created a survey intended to gather information regarding a variety of topics and sent it to all of the parents of our students through Infinite Campus. We will be doing the same thing again this summer in order to receive confirmation on supporting what was identified as strengths and hopefully showing improvement in focus areas identified as weaknesses. The results of last year's survey can be viewed on the District Website on the Community Survey 2023 tab. If you do not have students that attend school here but wish to complete the survey, please contact Casey Oertel, Administrative Assistant, at districtoffice@aubschools.com and she will send you the link for the survey. Again, we appreciate your willingness to provide feedback to the school board on this anonymous survey.

As this school year draws to a close I want to acknowledge and thank Maria Miller, Caitlin Pankratz, Amber Ringquist, Jim Peterson, Becky Reissman, and Steve Voss who are either retiring, moving on to another school district, or simply pursuing passions outside of education. Your contributions to the education and support of our students is noted and appreciated.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the community, friends, neighbors, fire-fighters, organizations, educators, businesses, and colleagues who reached out in a variety of ways to support our family after our home, possessions, and vehicles were destroyed in a fire on May 7th. The willingness of this community to rally when all is lost is humbling and appreciated. I wasn't born, raised, educated or even knew Auburndale existed until I was in my late 20's. I was hired as the secondary principal in my late 30's. I have no family within an hour of Auburndale. When I moved to this community in 2001, I never thought, "when I retire I'm going to stay in Auburndale." Now, I cannot ever imagine leaving. Thank you to all for making this community our home! Until we meet again with the start of the 2024-2025 school year, enjoy the time with family and friends!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Elementary Office:

June 3 - 7	7:30am - 3:30pm
June 10 - 21	7:30am - 11:30am
July 2	7:30am - 3:30pm
July 9-10	7:30am - 3:30pm
July 16	7:30am - 3:30pm
July 23	7:30am - 3:30pm
July 30	7:30am - 3:30pm
August 5-29	7:30am - 3:30pm

High School Office:

June 5-7	7:00am - 3:00pm
June 11-12, 14	7:00am - 3:00pm
July 9-10, 30	7:00am - 3:00pm
August 1-31	7:00am - 3:30pm

From the Elementary

Principal's Desk

By Mr. Andrew Scharenbroch

The school year has come to a close and it's time to enjoy summer sun, but before we do we need to say a big THANK YOU to everyone at Auburndale Elementary School who made the 2023-24 school year a success! A school doesn't happen because of individuals; it happens because of a team. Thank you for keeping students home when showing symptoms or ill, and thank you for helping us get back to a normal school year! THANK YOU ALL!

We wish our retirees (Mr. Voss, Mr. Peterson, and Mrs. Miller) all the best and thank them for being part of our family at AES! We also welcome new staff in August to continue the amazing learning that occurs here daily!

The students learned a great deal and there was lots of positive growth both in academic knowledge and social development! Our 4K students now know their upper and lower case letters, our K and 1 students are reading at or above grade level, and our 3-5 students have made huge strides in math, reading, and writing too. As a school, we look to continue our tradition of exceeding expectations! We also talked a lot about showing good character and being the best we can be! Through hard work and perseverance so much has been accomplished. As we close the doors on another year, a summer awaits that is full of fun and learning! Keep reading, keep writing, and always ask questions to find out how and why. The building will be ready for new and exciting things as we open the doors next September and get ready for another adventure in learning and growing!

May your summer be full of relaxation, fun, and good health!

HELPING HANDS DAYCARE

Helping hands daycare is currently full for the 24-25 school year, if you would like to submit an application to be put on our waitlist, you can find the applications and statement of understanding on our district website, please email it to:
helpinghands@aubschools.com

From the Middle/High School

Principal's Desk

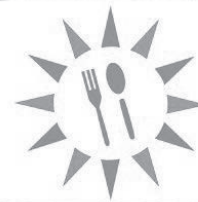
By Mr. Steve Van Wyhe

Another class of Auburndale graduates are now officially alumni! We had our commencement ceremony on May 17th in the Tim Anderson Gymnasium. Thank you to all who came to support the class of 2024.

Our Leadership Class took 4 buses of veterans to Wisconsin Dells for the Duck's Trip, and the entire student body welcomed them back. At Auburndale we value our veterans. Thank you to all area veterans for your service! We also had our Community Clean-up as students traveled through the community and cleaned up the area roads and parks.

We had a very successful spring sports season. Track sent a number of athletes to state, our baseball team won a regional championship, and our softball team advanced to the state tournament for the first time in school history. Go Eagles!

During the summer we will be planning for another great year. We are looking forward to welcoming the next group of 6th graders into our building in the fall. I hope you all enjoy the summer!



Summer Food Service Program

The Auburndale Food Service Department would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer! We have enjoyed providing breakfast and lunch to the students over this past school year. The School District of Auburndale will not be providing meals throughout this summer. However, if you have a need for lunches during the summer months there are other sites in the area.

To find sites that provide free breakfast and/or lunch you can either:

- **Text food (in English or Spanish) to 304-304**
- **Call 211 for assistance in locating a site**
- **Visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder**

Student Achievements

Congratulations to this year's students who completed a **Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship**.

Thank you to area employers for making this possible.

Student	Employer
Joey Bauer.....	Central Mechanical Systems
Abby Becker.....	Marshfield Ag. Research Station
Brady Becker.....	Becker Trucking
Liz Becker.....	A & B Process Systems Corp.
Kaitlin Brandl.....	Gotz Century Farm
Ryan Czaikowski.....	Fabricated Systems Specialists
Kiana David.....	Pankratz Dairy
Ella Dillinger.....	JoAnn Fabrics
Brayden Haffenbredl.....	Honey Pine Holsteins
Taylor Kieffer.....	Dan-Cin Dairy
Bode Lang.....	Bulgrin Grandview Farms
Regynn Lau.....	Marshfield Clinic/YMCA
Sonya Merritt.....	Fleet Farm
Mason Meissner.....	Fleet Farm
Haylee Nagel.....	Parker Farms
Rachel Pankratz.....	Pankratz Dairy
Lucas Peterson.....	Menards
Michael Pongratz.....	Earth, Inc.
Sammie Stanton.....	Marshfield Clinic Health Services
Brett Thiel.....	Wilbar Dairy

DECA Career Development Conference

Congratulations to Juniors Alexis Fait and McKenzie Keuffer who qualified for the DECA International Career Development Conference which was held April 26 - May 1 in Anaheim, California. Alexis was the first Auburndale student to medal in a role play for her Food Marketing event. Medals are given to students who score in the top 20%.

McKenzie Keuffer also achieved a first for Auburndale in being selected for DECA's Aspire Leadership Training. Each year 15 Wisconsin students are selected to participate in specialized leadership training. Selection is based upon academics, service in the community, and local leadership participation. The Auburndale DECA Chapter is advised by Mr. David Jicinsky.

Spring Fine Arts Night 2024

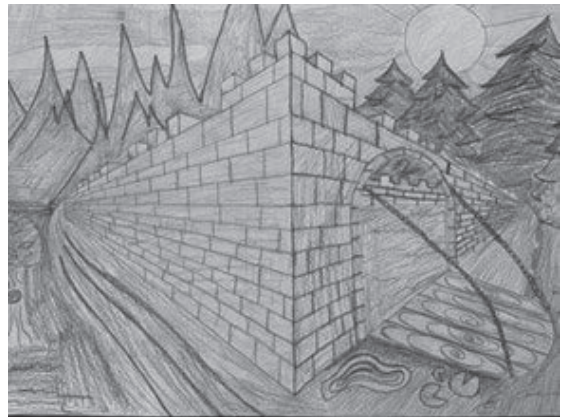
Spring Fine Arts Night was an enjoyable evening of sights and sounds. The art show began at 5 pm and was located in the library this year. This location made it easily accessible as you head in to listen to the concert.

Both middle school and high school artwork was on display.

Studio Artists each had their own section of artwork. Those attending could come and go to the art show throughout the evening.

Starting at 6 pm, Middle School Band and Choir performed several songs followed by middle school awards and an intermission. The High School Jazz Band played several songs, followed by High School Choir and then Choir awards. Combined choirs sang one song and then the High School Band played to wrap up the night.

Spring Fine Arts Night 2024 was enjoyed by all!



Academic Honor Roll 2023-2024 School Year

The School District of Auburndale honors students who excel academically in middle and high school. To be recognized for high honors a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.7 or higher and for honors a 3.0 to 3.699. Congratulations to the following students who obtained the GPA for their first semester:

High Honors 3.7-4.0

Seniors: Kaden Anderson, Maggie Baltus, Joseph Bauer, Abigail Bauer, Elizabeth Becker, Kaitlin Brandl, Sawyer Cherney, Ryan Czaikowski, Kiana David, Ella Dillinger, Shea Fabisiak, Logan Hardinger, Berkley Katzner, Regynn Lau, Sherrill Lueck, Mason Meissner, Camden Mereles, Emmett Nieman, Rachel Pankratz, Rylee Rennhack, Evelyn Schmitt, Evan Scholl, Dakota Specht, Ruth Suazo, Paige Swensen, Brett Thiel, Caden Weinfurter

Juniors: Taylor Anderson, Emily Becker, Jasmine Bilgrien, James Binder, Anna Budtke, Keegan Empey, Alexis Fait, Liliana Grube, Molly Jewell, Denver Korslin, Mya Krings, Isaac Linzmeier, Lakota Marcott, Leah Martinez, James Norby, Hailey Reshel, Nathan Richardson, Mariela Santiago, Emily Van Asten

Sophomores: Kylie Anderson, Danika Blomberg, Tabitha Brandl, Brody Braunsky, Luz Carrera Martinez, Jasmine Draeger, Savannah Grosskopf, Sydney Lobner, Joshua Lundgren, Nikita Pilz, Abigail Post, Olivia Smrz, Ila Sundberg-Frank, Trevor Trowbridge, Brooklyn Weiler

Freshmen: William Akins, Lilyana Bellanti, Jacob Bohman, Kyle Bohman, Jaxon Grube, Kathryn Haagenson, Gracie Hasenohrl, Rose Hasenohrl, Isaac Kloos, Leila Kumm, Moises Martinez, Chesney Nagel, Mark Norby, Jalynn Scherr, Grace Schulte, River Skinner, Alana Steines, Raymond Teska, Brenna Thiel, Alivia Wolf

Eighth: Marti Anderson, Breanna Aue, Daelynn Blomberg, Gavin Genett, Ella Lang, Lakota Nemeck, Corbin Nikolay, Joscelin Raab, Nora Teska, Jayden Weiler

Seventh: Isaac Aschenbrenner, Dresden Baird, Andrew Brandl, Emma Budtke, Sawyer Cepress, Alana Cherney, Ainsley Halverson, Owen Kieliszewski, Maximus Krings, Thomas Krings, Ella Kumm, Emily Lundgren, Benjamin Martin, Amelia Meidl, Kylee Melby, Aubrey Richardson, Landyn Taft, Kaden Turner, Landon Walter, Ella Weichert, Avery Wilson, Jacob Wolf

Sixth: Madeline Akins, Brooklynn Anderson,

Sedonia Cepress, Abby Czaikowski, Haley Dupee, Samantha Flick, Madison Grube, Hadlee Huser, Chloe Johnson, Mason Kloos, Axel Larsen, Jacob Matticks, Madden Meissner, Landry Nagel, Aubree Niznik, Gracelynn Roberson, Ryan Schreiber, Alexis Scott, Teyvin Smith, Elizabeth Teska, Blair Thiel, Camdyn Weichert, Noah Wellach, Lucas Xiong

Honors:

Seniors: Brady Becker, Gregory Brummond, Aden Cherney, Ryder Cherney, Jayden Dallman, Taylor Kieffer, Bode Lang, Preston Mayer, Sonya Merritt, Lucas Peterson, Michael Pongratz, Hope Schulte, Samantha Stanton, Nicholas Steines

Juniors: Thomas Aue, Shanden Blank, Derek Godard, Corbin Haemer, Alden Jensen, McKenzie Keuffer, Matthew Korbal, Hayden Lobner, Genevieve Nelsen, Isaac Pleet, Blake Raab, Daniel Rennhack, Colten Richardson, Dominic Vine, Tanner Wargowsky, Colton Weiler, Brodie Wolf

Sophomores: Julian Anderson, Tevin Bauer, Robyn Gonzalez, Samantha Kadrluk, Hunter Richardson, Colleen Schmitt, Trevin Seevers, Logan Stone, Madysen Van Asten, Nathan Van Wyhe, Ayden Wargowsky, Peyton Weinfurter

Freshmen: Brayden Anderson, Jillian Baltus, Blake Becker, Truxton Becker, Audrey Brown, Alexis Godard, Ryan Gonzalez, Carter Grassl, Morgan Griesbach, Breleigh Grimm, Brian Henke, Ashlyn Homb, Myah Katzenberger, Makayla Pongratz, Rumor Rademan, Alayna Richardson, Adeline Schmitt, Adam Wechorek

Eighth: Elayna Aue, Arsenius Baltus, Jaxon Braunsky, Tyden Dorshorst, Payten Hanlan, Kara Heeg, Austin Hilgart, Logan Holmes, Cayden Jantz, Sawyer Malsin, William Martinez, Amelia Pleet, Isabella Weber, Carson Weiler

Seventh: Steffen Back, Treyton Becker, Cloey Bell, Jacob Boushon, Abigail Boyer, Waylon Budtke, Jackson Crane, Beck Dammann, Sunny Dorshorst, Thomas Grzesiak, Cristal Martinez Sanchez, Paydin Parker, Abigail Schmidt, Lydia Schunke, Jaxon Skoug, Aiko Skow, Bennet Tilberg, Abigail Vollert

Sixth: Bennett Becker, Jacob Brandl, Cheyenne Clark, Shelby Eckes, Blake Graf, Anna Grzesiak, Owen Hardesty, Ava Hasenohrl, Laden Holtzheimer, August Jinsky, Jonathan Mannise, Braxton Paul, Garrett Pavlik, Ayden Pilsner, Aiden Schmidt, Ivy Seidel, Jackson Seidl, Natalie Spreeman, Adam Van Camp, Brielle Vruwink, Tara Weber, Carleigh Weiler

High School Math League

By Mr. Scott Meidl

With the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, we helped close the door on the 54th year of math league at UW-Stevens Point. Due to block scheduling, many students not enrolled in math courses often forget they are eligible to participate in the competition. This has drastically reduced the number of participants, but not the success they have achieved. Since we were not fielding a full team, the first two meets were held at school, with students traveling to UW-SP to partake in the finale. I would like to thank the students for their extraordinary effort and attitude not only within the realms of math league, but as everyday leaders within our school.

In the Geometry category:

Alana Steines placed 8th in the third meet, and finished the year 24th overall in our division. While she only participated in two of the meets, she ended up 71st out of 225 students across all schools.

In the Algebra category:

Danika Blomberg placed 2nd in the second meet, and ended the year in 7th place. She found herself in the top 10% of all Algebra students: out of 223.

Brody Braunsky finished 4th in each of the last two meets, ending up in 5th for examinees in our school size. With an impressive score of 196 points, Brody finished in 12th place overall.

Elementary Awards Ceremony

Each year on the last day of school, the elementary students gather in the gymnasium for the annual Awards Day Ceremony. Students receive recognition in art and music, reading, behavior, perfect attendance, and so much more. The building also celebrates staff members with milestone years of service awards, beginning at 10, 15 years and so on. This year the staff and students were able to say thank you and farewell to Mrs. Miller, Mr. Voss, and Mr. Peterson. At the end of the ceremony, the 5th graders wave goodbye across the gymnasium to the younger grades.

Middle School Math League

A second middle school math league competition was held at Pittsville on May 1, 2024. Participants competed individually and in teams of four within the following categories: fractions, decimals, percents, algebra, geometry, as well as individual and group problem solving. Participants were also mixed with individuals from other schools and competed in a STEM event. Earning awards were Kara Heeg and Daelynn Blomberg who placed 9th and 18th, and Treyton Becker and Isaac Aschenbrenner who placed 1st and 2nd in the STEM event. Other participants included Austin Hilgart, Wyatt Pavlik, Andrew Brandl, and Alana Cherney. Congratulations!



Pictured top to bottom, left to right: Austin Hilgart, Wyatt Pavlik, Isaac Aschenbrenner, Daelynn Blomberg, Kara Heeg, Alana Cherney, Treyton Becker, Andrew Brandl.

Community News

Cardio & Weight Room

Key fobs are available in the high school office to purchase for \$10 a year. There is a list of rules/expectations for using the weight room, cardio room, or walking the hallways. There is also a waiver to sign before utilizing the fob. Call ahead: 715-652-2115. Thank you!

Summer Hours:

5:30-7:30 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.



2025 Veterans on Main

There are a few banner spots open for the 2025 Veterans on Main. The cost to sponsor a banner is \$350. The sponsor receives the banner, proof of the banner, along with five Veterans on Main booklets. The banners are on from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. If you are interested in sponsoring a Veterans on Main Banner or sponsoring the booklet, please contact Joren Anderson at janderson@aubschools.com or call 715-652-2115 ext. 2250.

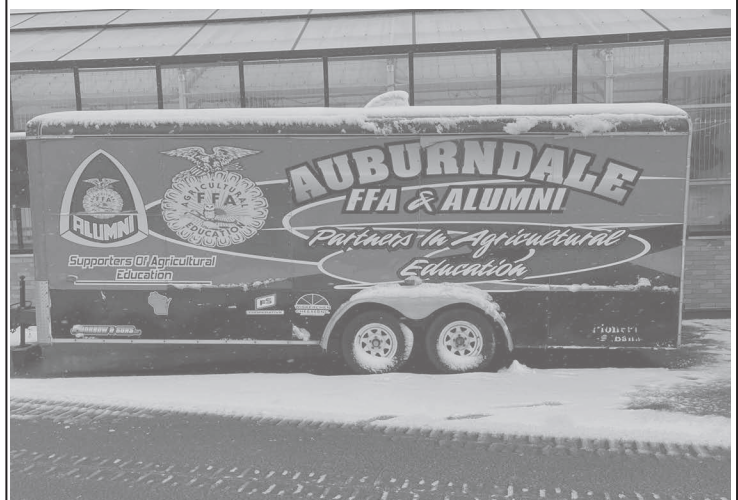
Veterans Recognition Night

On Friday, September 13 at the Auburndale vs. Pittsville football game, at Thorpe Field in Auburndale, the Auburndale Student Council and Community Leadership Class will honor our communities' veterans by recognizing them before the game. All veterans and active service members are welcome to attend and will have free admission. If you know of a veteran who would like to participate, please send their name and branch of service to Joren Anderson at janderson@aubschools.com or 715-652-2115 ext 2250 to ensure they are recognized.

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL ITEMS

A sale on the Wisconsin Surplus website will be held in early July. A link will be posted on the front page of the school website once the auction is open. Once the list of items are sent to Wisconsin Surplus, they decide when to open the auction. Please note: once our items are posted on Wisconsin Surplus, their company handles all transactions. You must follow the instructions on their website if you wish to bid on an item.

- John Deere riding lawnmower with working dump box
- 20 foot cargo trailer



2024 Veterans Duck Trip

The annual Veterans Duck Trip organized by the Community Leadership class was on Wednesday, May 1st. This year 90 veterans participated in the day. Veterans checked in and received their green Ducks shirt and enjoyed snacks and camaraderie. After the four buses were loaded, we traveled to the elementary school where the students greeted the veterans with flags, high-fives, and hugs. When we started the journey to Wisconsin Dells, Wood County Sheriff's Department and Milladore/Sherry Fire Department escorted us to the county line. The veterans were very appreciative of the escort which included stopping traffic on intersections to allow us to continue our journey.

Our second stop was at Kwik Trip in Necedah for a bathroom break and snacks. Kwik Trip was efficient in getting 116 people in and out of the store. They opened up two lines dedicated to our precious cargo and we were off to Wisconsin Dells.

When we arrived at the Wisconsin Dells city limits, the Wisconsin Dells Police Department escorted the buses to the Original Wisconsin Ducks. They also stopped traffic at intersections making our arrival timely.

Once at the Original Wisconsin Ducks, the veterans and students were divided into six ducks to begin our journey on land and water. Following the informative and exciting ride, the Lake Delton Police Department and the Emergency Response Department escorted our precious cargo to Pizza Ranch. Again, the veterans were in awe of the special treatment of the escort and traffic being stopped for them. At Pizza Ranch, the crew was able to feed our large group within 45 minutes and we were on the road headed home.

On the bus ride home, every veteran received "Mail Call" with letters, coloring pages, and cards from students throughout the district. At Dexterville, Wood County Sheriff's Department picked up the buses and escorted us home to Auburndale. Along the route home, both Arpin and Auburndale Fire Department assisted with the escort. When the buses arrived back at the Middle/High School, the veterans were greeted by the ladder trucks from the Rudolph and Vesper Fire Department holding a large American flag. Getting off the bus, the veterans were welcomed home by the middle and high school student body cheering, clapping, and the band playing. The veterans went into the Tim Anderson Gymnasium for a short assembly where they announced their name, branch of service, and years of service. Following the assembly, the veterans enjoyed cake and coffee to wrap up the day. This day is to honor our veterans for their service and the sacrifices they have made for our country and freedoms. This trip is completely free for our veterans. If you would like to donate to this fantastic adventure, please make checks payable to Auburndale High School with Ducks Trip in the memo line.



SPORTS

2024 Wrestling Season

By Coach Karl

The 2024 wrestling team had a successful season finishing 3rd in the Marawood Conference. The team finished the season with a 10-3 record in dual meets. Many individuals had great seasons. Many individuals developed important life skills throughout the season that they will use in their future endeavors.

Individual highlights for the season included the BiState finishes of 2nd place Colton Weiler and 3rd place Derek Godard. All Conference honors at the Marawood Conference Tournament at Auburndale which included Derek Godard, Zade Grassel and Colton Weiler 1st place, Carter Grassl and Greg Brummond 2nd place and Trevor Trowbridge, Coleman Becker and Brett Thiel placed 3rd. All the wrestlers on the team placed in the top six at the WIAA regional at Edgar. The team had 6 sectional qualifiers, Derek Godard and Colton Weiler placed first, Zade Grassel placed second, Brett Thiel and Wyatt Malsin placed 3rd and Trevor Trowbridge placed 4th at the regional to qualify for sectionals hosted by Edgar. Brett and Trevor wrestled very hard at the sectional but fell short of going to state. Derek placed 3rd, Zade placed 2nd, Colton placed 1st and Wyatt placed 3rd which qualified all four to the WIAA State Wrestling meet.

The three Eagle wrestlers earned medals with Derek placing 6th, Zade placing 3rd, Wyatt lost his first match and did not place and Colton just missed out on a state championship losing 3-2 in the championship match.

The Auburndale wrestlers and coaching staff would like to thank all the fans, parents and community for their support throughout the season. We hope everyone can come out and support the team next year.



High School Track Season

By Coach Karl

The HS track team began the season with the indoor schedule in March competing at UWSP, UW-Stout and the Marawood indoor meets where the teams gained good experience. In April the outdoor schedule began which started with Bangor and continued through May ending with the Marawood Conference meet and the WIAA tournament series. All athletes competed hard with many earning all conference and qualifying for sectionals. Boys qualified 2 individuals and the girls qualified 1 individual and 2 relay teams.

The Auburndale High School Track Team individuals that qualified for state were sophomore Logan Nagel in the discus with a throw of 140 feet 9 inches and placed 4th, Sophomore Trevor Trowbridge who placed 3rd in the 300 intermediate hurdles broke the school record of 42.46 from 1981 with a time of 42.27. The girls qualified one individual Rose Hasenohrl in the 400m dash by placing 3rd and running a time of 1:00.54. The girls team also qualified in 4x400 meter relay made up of Alana Steines, Gracie and Rose Hasenohrl and Alivia Wolf in a time of 4:13 that placed them 3rd and the girls also placed 4th in the 4x800 meter relay which included Alana Steines, Gracie and Rose Hasenohrl and Kennedy Crane in a time of 10:04.31.

Others that competed at sectional but didn't place in the top 4 were Gracie Hasenohrl in pole vault and Shea Fabisiak in long jump placing 5th, just missing qualifying to state. Will Akins (pole vault), Keegan Empey (long jump, 200m dash and 4x200 relay), Denver Korslin (high jump), Alana Steines(800m run) and 4x200 relay which included Ray Teska, Nathan Van Wyhe and Trevor Trowbridge.

The state entrants will be competing at Veterans Memorial Stadium May 31 and June 1 - WIAA State Track Meet in La Crosse. The coaching staff would like to thank the whole boys and girls track team for their hard work and dedication this season. We would also like to thank the parents, faculty, staff and anyone else that helped us throughout the season.



...**YEAR END REVIEW**

Congratulations to all of the spring sports teams for your successful seasons!!

Boys Basketball

By Coach Weinfurter

The varsity boys basketball team completed their season with a 22-5 record. The boys finished in 2nd place in the ultra-competitive Marawood South Conference. We beat Phillips on our home floor for our first playoff game and then won our program's 24th regional championship the next night against Edgar. Unfortunately, our season came to an end in sectionals at the hands of Marathon 57-54. Our boys played a wonderful game but came up just short.

We had several players recognized for Marawood South All-Conference honors. Caden Weinfurter and Kaden Anderson were selected to the 1st Team Unanimously, Evan Scholl and Blake Raab were named Honorable Mention and Blake was named to the All-Defensive Team.

Caden Weinfurter was also voted to the Channel 7 All-Star team. Caden finished 1st on the all time three point shots made list, 12th on the all time scoring list with 938 points, 13th in career rebounding, 6th in career blocks and 6th in consecutive career starts in Auburndale Boys Basketball history. Evan moved into a tie for 23rd for all time assists. Blake also made the list for three point shots made at 19th with 61.

Nicholas Steines also received an award called "The Team First Award." Nick was a big part of our team and didn't get a lot of minutes during games. He was a hard worker in practice and always put the team first. He's a great example of being a fantastic teammate!

Caden was also selected for the WBCA Division 4 All-Star Game played in Wisconsin Dells. The game will be played on Thursday, June 27.

Members of our program include the following:

Seniors: Caden Weinfurter, Evan Scholl, Kaden Anderson, Aden Cherney, Mason Meissner, Nicholas Steines

Juniors: Blake Raab, Ayden Raab, Thomas Aue, James Norby, Keegan Empey

Sophomores: Peyton Weinfurter, Josh Lundgren, Jay Kearns, Curt Hartwig, Julian Anderson, Trevin SeEVERS, Hunter Richardson

Freshmen: Ray Teska, Jaxon Grube, Jacob Kaiser, Colton Brandl, Kyle Bohman, Devin Cherney, Will Akins, Mark Norby

The JV team finished with a record of 14-7 and the JV2 finished undefeated with a record of 12-0. Coach Klawitter and Coach Van Schoick did an outstanding job with our underclassmen. I'd also like to thank Coach Gehrke and Coach Weinfurter for everything they did for our team this past season.

I feel so lucky to be the boys basketball coach in Auburndale. I've been blessed with great players, assistant coaches, parents and fans. Many of our players put in a lot of time working on their skills in the offseason and it's nice to see them rewarded for their hard work. We would like to thank all the people who supported our teams throughout the season. It means a great deal to us to have such awesome fans throughout the season. Go Eagles!

Meet the Auburndale Staff

Natalie Raymond

How long have you worked in the School District of Auburndale:
Since 2022



- **Career:** I worked in Colby teaching HS Special Education from 2019-2022.
- **Family:** My husband, Bob; daughters, Keegan (20), Caitlynne (18), and sons, Reilley (16), Evin (14), 4 step-children, and 3 step-grandchildren
- **Hometown:** I was born in Escanaba, MI and moved around a lot as a kid.
- **Most Memorable Vacation:** My honeymoon in 2018 to Niagara Falls.
- **Secret Talent Nobody Knows About:** They aren't secrets but I sing (since I was three) and dance ballet.
- **Any Pets:** We have four! Two cats, Elsa and Lizzy, and two dogs, Cinnamon and Peanut.

- **Favorite Food:** Sushi and bacon (not usually together but I'd consider it)
- **Hobbies/Relaxation Activities:** Crochet, hike, and kayak. I also enjoy singing, dancing, and reading.
- **Summer Plans:** Helping my daughter move into my house so she can start college in the fall.
- **Favorite job outside education:** School Bus Driver for Wautoma School District. It was a huge part of my decision to become a teacher.
- **The best part about working in education:** The kids. I love to see their personalities grow and mature and watch all of their progress over the course of the year.
- **Who inspired you to pursue the career you have today:** My husband and my kids. They supported me through my undergrad and graduate school.
- **Best advice for someone starting their career:** If you can leave your classroom at the end of the day and say you gave it your all for your students, then you've done your job. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink, and you can give a student every pathway to success, but they have to be willing to take it.



Meet the Auburndale Staff

Chad Weinfurter

How long have you worked in the School District of Auburndale:
Since 1998



Keaton Wegner

How long have you worked in the School District of Auburndale:
1 Year



- **Family:** My wife Jo Ann and sons Caleb, Cooper, and Caden
- **Hometown:** Auburndale
- **Most Memorable Vacation:** Family tradition of attending the Boys State Basketball Tournament
- **Secret Talent Nobody Knows About:** Predicting what will happen in movies/TV shows
- **Favorite Food:** Pizza
- **Hobbies/Relaxation Activities:** Reading, golf, spending time with my wife
- **Summer Plans:** Baseball, family trip to Hawaii, Basketball All-Star game
- **Favorite job outside education:** Construction
- **The best part about working in education:** Seeing kids improve and grow
- **Who inspired you to pursue the career you have today:** Tim Anderson-teacher and coach
- **Best advice for someone starting their career:** Be yourself, work hard, and listen more than you talk

- **Family:** Wife named Sam
- **Hometown:** Shawano
- **Most Memorable Vacation:** Hawaii Band Trip
- **Any Pets:** 3 cats, Homer, Nova and Achilles and 1 dog, Xander
- **Favorite Food:** Enchiladas
- **Hobbies/Relaxation Activities:** Disc golf and house projects
- **Summer Plans:** House projects and spending time with family
- **Favorite job outside education:** Working at Lowe's
- **Who inspired you to pursue the career you have today:** My High School Band Director Mr. Kent and College Saxophone Professor, Professor Hastings
- **Best advice for someone starting their career:** Keep it simple and don't take things too personally

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

MAY IS BETTER SPEECH & HEARING MONTH

Did you know speech & language impairments have increased by 110% for kids 0-12 years old post-pandemic in the US?
(Kahn, Freeman, & Druet, 2023)



CONVERSATION CREATES A LANGUAGE RICH ENVIRONMENT.

PLAY IS A LANGUAGE RICH EXPERIENCE.



A meta-analysis based on 29,017 children revealed that **daily screen time increased** from 1.4 hours pre-pandemic to **2.7 hours** during the pandemic
(Plamondon et al., 2023).



Developmentally appropriate play is the singular opportunity to promote **social-emotional, cognitive, language, and self-regulation skills** that build executive function and a prosocial brain that is ready for academic learning
(AAP, 2018).

SCREEN TIME (AT HOME & SCHOOL)

Daily Screen Time Recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics



0-18 Months
No Screens



18-24 Months
Less than 1 hour



2-5 years
1 Hour MAX



6 years & up
Up to 1.5 hours



More **digital interactions** versus **human interaction** during critical periods of development can **negatively impact the development of:**

- Social Communication
- Language
- Emotional Regulation skills

SCREEN TIME DIMINISHES THE QUANTITY & QUALITY OF INTERACTIONS, RESULTING IN FEWER OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE.

Clues that Screens May Be Becoming an Obstacle:

1. Getting angry or upset when asked to turn off or put away screens
2. Insisting on more and more screen time
3. Spending time off screens thinking about how and when they will get back on
4. Would rather spend time on screens versus other humans
5. Use screens as an escape from reality
6. Inability to calm or regulate emotion without screens
7. Decrease of mental health or behavior
8. Negative impacts on sleep or eating