

AURORA SCHOOL

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OFFICE NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have already won the Attendance trophy for the month of August and I know that our students will keep up the good work.

Teachers and students came in the building ready to start the year's work. Teachers are working together to provide SPL time for each student in grades K-8th. SPL is time in the student's schedule that they receive either enrichment or support in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. This is our first year to provide SPL and have some bugs to work out, but this is providing students what they need.

Mid-terms went out September 14, 2016 for grades 4-8th. If you have not seen your child's mid-term, you want to ask them to produce the paper for you. If your child cannot provide you with their mid-terms you can keep track of grades through Live-grades.

We will also be using a standard based report card for K-3rd grade. This is not new. It is the same type of report card students have been getting in K, 1st, and 2nd grade, the county has just extended to include 3rd grade.

I am looking forward to this year with excitement and joy for our students.

~Mrs. Hibbs



Upcoming Events

September 19th 8th grade fundraiser meeting in Mrs. Waugh's room at 5pm

September 19-23rd NED yo-yos available for purchase

September 23rd PTO Thirst for Art Fundraiser and Cross Country Bake Sale 5:30-7:30

Sept. 29th 2 hr. Early Dismissal

Sept. 30th No School

October 11th PICTURE DAY and PTO Meeting 6:30

October 14th 2 hr. Early Dismissal

October 23-31st Red Ribbon Week

October 27th WVU Safety Programs

October 28th Movie Night @7pm

October 29th Trunk or Treat 5-7 pm

December 2nd Aurora School Social Studies/ Science Fair



PRE-K

The preschool students are working hard learning to write their name, count to 20, and identifying their letters. Please work on these things at home with your child as well.

We are getting ready to move into our Fall Themed Units. This includes Apples, Leaves, and Community Helpers.

Starting in October, the School will begin the Book It program so please remember to read with your child and turn in the information to their teacher each month.

~Mrs. Crystal

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has been an exciting place to be the past few weeks. We have learned the classroom and school rules and have settled down to learning. We had a quick review of the letters and we have now started learning sounds and how they fit together to make words. In math, we are continuing to work with the numbers 0-10. Science has been very exciting. Our Monarch butterfly unit finished with the successful appearance of three butterflies. Thank you to the kindergarten parents that are helping their child practice their word rings, number cards, and letters. It shows in the progress of the students. Also, a special thank you to the kindergarten parents that donated to our classroom basket for the Calendar Party.

~Mrs. Mayfield

FIRST GRADE

First grade has been really busy! In math, we have been practicing basic addition using counting on, picture stories, fingers, counters, dot addition (my personal fav) & number lines. Parents, which methods do you use on a regular basis? I teach them all then they pick one that works best for each child. Some kiddos have already picked the best one not even thinking about it while others are just grasping the concept. If you'd like to help them choose the best addition strategy, give them opportunity to practice adding within 20. Talk about what they

GUIDANCE NEWS

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, CARRIE LINN, ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION SPECIALIST, WILL BE VISITING AURORA SCHOOL AND PROVIDING PRESENTATIONS TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS. THIS PROGRAM EMPHASIZE GOOD DECISION-MAKING SKILLS AND ENCOURAGES ABSTINENCE. IN ADDITION, WE INVITE PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARENT NIGHT AT AURORA SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, FROM 6-7PM, WHERE THE PRESENTER WILL GO OVER THE WHOLE PRESENTATION WITH THE PARENTS, SUPPLY LITERATURE FOR HOME, AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

RED RIBBON WEEK IS OCTOBER 23-31ST THIS YEAR AND THE THEME IS "YOLO: BE DRUG FREE." WE WILL BE HAVING A DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION SPECIALIST COME TO THE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 28TH TO TALK WITH THE 6-8TH GRADE STUDENTS. PLEASE BE LOOKING OUT FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS, SUCH AS DRESS-UP DAYS, TO BE HAPPENING THAT WEEK.

~Mrs. Durst



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers are starting to make appearances here at the school. We are always in need of more help in the library if you have some free time through the week. Please contact Mary Bachtel by calling the school at 304-735-3781 or email at mary.bachtel@k12.wv.us

~Mary Bachtel, PVL

are thinking while they add. Please use ONLY numbers less than 20, they get overwhelmed. I have loved seeing their personalities come to life & how they work together, or boss each other... we're working on that!

In reading, we've been diving into words- High Frequency words, CVC (consonant vowel consonant words) and Spelling words. We have taken our first Spelling tests. Do you remember your first test? First anxiety over the test? These kiddos are doing GREAT! I see them meeting their goals and making great gains already!

SECOND GRADE

We have been working very hard in math and will continue to work hard. We have been learning how to subtract two 2-digit numbers with regrouping! We also just started adding 4 numbers. If you have any extra time at home, grab a pen and paper and do some math. In reading, we have been talking about cause and effect. Our reading groups are going very well! I'm very proud of these students. Remember to keep reading!

~Mrs. Ravenscroft

THIRD GRADE

Third grade is continuing to be busy with every subject area. In math, students are continuing to work on multi-step addition/subtraction word problems. In reading, we are currently reading a biography of a famous baseball player, Roberto Clemente. We read a fictional and informational piece every week. Lowercase cursive letters are still being

introduced and practiced. Students just finished "publishing" their first writing assignment on Microsoft Word. In social studies, we just finished up our map unit, and are getting ready to start our first lesson in science on motion and matter. The class has been busy preparing for guided reading centers, in which we should start next week full swing.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all the donations for the calendar party basket. Our basket has a value of \$65.00 and is full of cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc. Thanks for all of your help!

~Mrs. Mauldin

FOURTH GRADE

We are all settled in and enjoying learning. Some exciting things have been happening in 4th grade!

Reading: The students just finished up their 1st novel of the year, "Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing". We will work in the Journeys Reading Series for a while then move on to Novel 2, "Finding the Titanic". They are great readers!

Math: We have started Unit 2 in our math program that will work on multiplication and division of whole numbers. We are also writing checks and keeping a bank register for our banking unit and using Mountaineer Football statistics to practice rounding, averages, bar graphing, and converting measurements.

Science: We just finished working with light bulbs and circuits in our science unit and are beginning work with magnetism. They love the discovery that happens during our science labs.

Social Studies: We have created a 50 States bulletin board and are learning a lot about each one of them. They are even singing "Fifty Nifty United States" in class. Most have them all memorized!

We are off to a great start and I love the enthusiasm coming from this group. They are very eager to learn and our days go by quickly because we are having fun. Please continue to work with them on multiplication facts at home and encourage them to read each night. Book It will begin next month. Don't forget to log in to Live Grades to monitor your child's progress.

~Ms. Lazare

ART NEWS

Students are still working on art for the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Students' art will be featured on mugs, water bottles, magnets, etc. for parents to order. Order forms will be sent home in October, and orders will return in time for Christmas. Also, there will be art on display at the Buckwheat Festival.

~Miss Groves

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Vision screenings will be held Wednesday, Sept. 21.

October 27th, WVU Safety Programs will be at our school. P/K-4th grades will have morning sessions, and the Middle school session will be in the afternoon.

~Mrs. Wolfe

MRS. WAUGH- MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

5th Grade just finished learning about the Powers of 10 and is now focusing on decimal place value: rounding, ordering, written form, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

6th Grade just finished reviewing factors and multiples, and is now focusing on the division of fractions.

7th Grade has been working with operations using negative and positive numbers. This week we have been learning about multiplying and dividing negative and positive numbers. It is also expected that we apply these rules to fractions and decimals as well.

8th Grade has been working very hard on learning the exponent rules. They will be applying these rules of exponents when they learn about scientific notation as well. Encourage them to ask lots of questions when they have them. This is no walk in the park.

All grades: Please make sure that your kids are studying multiplication every night if they do not have those memorized yet.

~Mrs. Waugh

MRS. ROUSH- MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA

Students will be starting in different groups to ensure that all students are achieving the highest possible academic success.

I am so proud of all the students with their grades and how hard they are working!

~Mrs. Roush

MR. HAUGH- MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

Students are settling in nicely and are off to a great start.

~Mr. Haugh

MRS. AKINS-MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their continued patience and support as the students are settling in to the new school year.

I would also like to invite parents to join my classroom REMIND, by joining you will get important updates, homework assignments, dates for tests, etc. this is also a GREAT communication tool for you and for me. If you are interested, please contact me for information on how to join!

IMPORTANT DATE

8th Grade Trip to Morgantown for the Golden Horseshoe Performance will be on Nov 3rd.

Social Studies/ Science Fair at Aurora School will be held on December 2, 2016.

~Mrs. Akins

BORN LEARNING TO BEGIN ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 4TH

It's almost **BORN LEARNING** time! For those who haven't heard of "Born Learning", let us briefly explain. Aurora School has a wonderful program once a month entitled "Born Learning." We are the only school in Preston County with this program, and we believe it is a wonderful addition to our school. This is our second year of funding to offer this program to all families that have a child in the **prenatal through age 5 group**. We meet on the **first Tuesday evening** of the months of October through April at 6pm in our school gym. **This year's start date is October 4th**. We begin with a sit down family style dinner, which is followed by a presentation for adults in the family on a topic related to raising Preschoolers ready for success when entering the formal school setting. The adults can be grandparents/childcare providers if parents are working or not available. While the adults meet, the children go to our art room for supervised childcare fun. The evening always ends with door prizes!

We are hoping that all families from the program last year whose child is still in this age group will return, but we also hope there are others in our attendance area that missed us last year and wish to join this school term.

You may register by email at kjhayes@k12.wv.us or call Cindy Stone, school secretary at 304-735-3781. Questions also may be addressed using the above information.

~Krista Hayes

AURORA SCHOOL FLOAT TEAM 2016 PREPARES ANNUAL FLOAT FOR BUCKWHEAT & AUTUMN GLORY PARADES

We've reached the middle of September and the Aurora School PTO float building team is in full swing with plans for our annual Buckwheat Festival and Autumn Glory floats. The theme of "It's Time to Volunteer" has been chosen, and many volunteers in and outside of the Aurora School are already preparing needed items for this float. On this year's edition you will see a huge clock tower with the clock reminding everyone of the importance of sharing time to volunteer for needed areas in our world around us. The tower will be surrounded by two arbors with huge sunflowers depicting the beautiful fall season. School students in grades Pre-K through 4 will be riding wearing T-shirts designed to enhance our theme. This year's float will carry on the front a memorial section to our wonderful bus driver and friend Jeff Harsh who we lost last April. This year's parade dates for the Buckwheat event in Kingwood will be on Friday, September 30th and Saturday October 1st. The parade date for the Autumn Glory parade in Oakland is Saturday, October 15th. The team wishes to express our gratitude to the Aurora School Business Partners, who have shared funding to purchase float building materials, as well as LOWES of Oakland for providing items at discounted cost. Also, thanks goes out to the Aurora Mt. Lion's Club, several community members and parents who are donating manpower to make the 2016 float a reality for our school.

~Krista Hayes

PARENTS AS POWERFUL PARTNERS/ LITTLE LEARNER'S SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN IN EARLY OCTOBER

We are pleased to share that Aurora School is now finalizing the programs entitled **“Parents as Powerful Partners”** and **“Little Learners”** to begin the week of October 10th for Preschool children and their parents or childcare providers. This program is for all Preschool children in our attendance district. [Daytime childcare providers may bring children to this program.] The PAPP/ Little Learner’s Programs will work in conjunction to offer weekly a library hour in the school library for children ages 2, 3, and 4. The library experience will include weekly checking out books for in home reading materials appropriate for preschoolers. Also a resource center will be available for checking out items such as board games, DVDs on shapes, colors, number, letters, puzzles, etc. for you to use at home. There will also be a playgroup hour with academic readiness opportunity each week. Children will be able to play and develop proper social/emotional skill with peers during this time, as well as work on academic stations to further develop age appropriate basic academic skills. Children ready to begin basic skill on computers will have access during the playgroup hour with academic stations to further develop age appropriate basic academic skills. Children ready to begin basic skills on computers will have access during the playgroup hour to work on the ABC MOUSE program that is free in the school setting.

The goal for this program is to give families opportunity without leaving the community to ready their preschool children for wonderful success when entering the formal kindergarten setting. We believe we have a need in our rural community to offer preschoolers a library and playgroup experience weekly to help them further develop socially, emotionally, and academically.

A form will be coming home with students that has info to register for this program, which can be returned to school or done by a phone call to the school secretary, Cindy Stone at 304-735-3781. You may also email Krista Hayes at kjhayes@k12.wv.us with questions or to have young children that may receive this info directly from the school,.