

# Scratching Post



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Melinda Patterson, Principal

## From the Principal's Desk

We've had a great first week of school! Students are learning classroom and school procedures as well as our ROAR expectations (Show **R**espect, Take **O**wnership, be an **A**ctive Learner, and **R**emain Safe). It is an exciting time at Auburn Elementary!

We have many new faces here at Auburn Elementary. We would like to welcome the following new staff:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Jill Beardslee

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rebecca Pagel

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jennifer Abbott

Special Education Teacher – Michelle Kincaid

Art Teacher – Thomas Ozier

Librarian – Rachel Dial

Interventionist/ Kindergarten Teacher – Barbara Brown

Paraprofessional – Taylor Waggoner

Paraprofessional – Darlene Wilburn

Paraprofessional – Jayme Wilson

Pre-School Paraprofessional – Mikayla Manker

Lunch Aide – Georgina Engler

My goal is to help your student(s) have the best possible school experience. Please don't hesitate to contact me with concerns. Let's make this a great year!

Melinda Patterson

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### August

- 16 First School Day PreK-K
- 18 EARLY RELEASE – 3:00 pm
- 31 Parent Information Night  
6:00 – 7:00

### September

- 1 EARLY RELEASE – 3:00 pm
- 6 NO SCHOOL – Labor DAY
- 22 EARLY RELEASE – 3:00 pm
- 27 NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day

## New/Replacement Bus Cards

Complete the [New or Replacement Student Bus Cards form](#) to order a new or replacement bus card. After the first new or replacement card requested, a fee may apply.

**\*Kindergarten students do not need to the first card.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxZlYhexiU9e6Yx3pstmzfAGPMiyQljny6YudLPrE1wKBWA/viewform>

**In order to improve access and efficiency, The Scratching Post will be posted on our School website or emailed on campus portal for future viewing (<https://usd437.net/schools/auburn/>). However, if you would like to still receive a paper copy, please fill out the attached survey.**



# Library News



My name is Rachel Dial and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement about working with your children. The school and community have been so welcoming. I am truly excited to be working here.

I would like to give you some information about myself. I have been a licensed teacher for 13 years. I graduated from Emporia State University with a bachelor's degree in education and completed my masters of education at Fort Hays State University, with an emphasis in Library Science. I was a librarian for ten years at Central Elementary School in Dodge City, Kansas.

I am in my third year of living in Topeka. My husband grew up here and graduated from Washburn Rural High School. My husband and I have two girls who are excited to finally live closer to family so they can be with their cousins all the time instead of just the holidays.

I would like you to know how gracious and wonderful the staff at Auburn Elementary has been helping me get prepared for this school year. The whole Auburn community has been truly kind and helpful. I am so happy to be working with you and your children. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better.

Happy Reading  
Rachel Dial  
Auburn Elementary Librarian



**Don't forget to like us on Facebook. Make sure you look for the Auburn Elementary icon to "Like" the school. Stay informed of activities and events happening throughout the school year.**

## Lunch Prices

Guest Breakfast: \$1.65

Guest Lunch: \$3.65

Extra Milk: \$0.50

**Breakfast and Lunches are free for all students. Only K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are allowed guests due to 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> eating in classrooms.**

## Helpful Links

### Calendar

<https://usd437.net/calendars/auburn.html>

### Breakfast and Lunch Menu

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/auburnwashburnusd437/menus>

## Attention

Harvesters' BackSnack program provides a weekly bag filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren to take home over the weekend. BackSnack is a partnership between Harvesters, Auburn Elementary, and Auburn Christian Church. Harvesters provides the food and the backpacks. Auburn Christian Church helps facilitate picking up the BackSnack food kits from Harvesters and distributing them to the schools. Auburn Elementary personnel facilitate handing out the BackSnacks at each school. The purpose of this program is to help address concerns of hunger due to lack of food resources.

There is no income requirement for the program.

If you would like to participate in this program, there will be a sign up sheet at the AE Parent Info Night on August 31. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Boyd, school social worker, [boydkat@usd437.net](mailto:boydkat@usd437.net)

## TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS:

Items **not** allowed on the bus:

- Balloons of any kind
- Large stuffed toys
- Skateboards
- Glass containers
- Animals, bugs, snakes
- Firearms, explosives, or other dangerous objects
- Skates of any kinds must be inside a bag and only then can they be transported on the bus.

**Masks are Required to ride the bus!**

**Students are not allowed to ride home with other students!**



# The Buzz from PTO

- AE PTO Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

\*No Meeting in December\*

\*No Meeting in January\*

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

\*No Meeting in May\*

*\*Meetings take place in the school library at 6:30pm. It will be made virtual upon request to [aepto437@gmail.com](mailto:aepto437@gmail.com) prior to date.*



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## Reminder from Nurse Seitz:

AE parents,

Welcome back. I look forward to a fantastic school year with your children. I am the one responsible for keeping track and reporting all Covid related incidents in our building to district. I wanted to go over the new guidelines that our school district has adopted for the 2021-22 school year.

### Masks

Wearing a mask although, highly encouraged, is optional for all students currently. If your child wears a mask properly, and is deemed a close contact of a positive case they will not need to quarantine for the mandatory 10-day period. If your child wears a mask and then tests positive, they will decrease the amount of potential close contacts.

### Quarantine

Positive test with symptoms results in a 10-day quarantine from the onset of symptoms, as long as symptoms are resolving and person is afebrile for 72 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

Positive test without symptoms is a 10-day quarantine from the positive test results date.

Close contacts are identified as anyone unvaccinated, 6 feet or less apart for 10 or more minutes cumulatively, while indoors not wearing a mask. Once identified, close contacts need to quarantine for 10 days from the date of last contact with the positive case. If close contact becomes symptomatic they would need to have a PCR test performed and resulted before coming out of quarantine if negative and 10-day quarantine is completed, or starting a new positive test quarantine. If close contact remains asymptomatic on day 6 or after of quarantine they can have a PCR test performed and if negative can come out of quarantine on day 8.

Household contacts are identified as any person that lives with a person that tested positive. All household contacts have a 20-day quarantine period. The 10 days the positive case has and then an additional 10 days for themselves.

As with anything there is always multiple scenarios that can extend or reduce the amount of quarantine days. I ask that if a student, parent, or staff member has anything Covid related that they call and talk with me so we can work together to establish individualized timelines and a plan of care that is in accordance with what our district has set forth for the 2021-22 school year.

If you would like to Continue receiving a paper copy of the scratching post, please fill out and return with student to office.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Have a Sibling? Yes OR No We will send home with the youngest.