

Auburn Village School

October 2019

Dear Parents,

The beginning of a new school year has always had a special meaning and a sense of excitement. It is a time that marks a fresh start, exciting possibilities, and great promise. For children, it means new friends and teachers, new learning, discovery, and growth. We look forward to working with you as we educate your children in these elementary years of school. These years are the most important because they lay the foundation for your child's total school experience.

We are grateful to the Auburn Community for supporting our addition and renovation. The students are enjoying their new classrooms and beautiful new cafeteria. If you have not visited the school yet, please visit during parent-teacher conferences in early November!. The renovated area will be completed at the end of the calendar year. At that time our entire project will be finished and our entire staff will be in their permanent classrooms.

I appreciate that you recognize your child's academic progress and enthusiasm for learning at this exciting time and know you will encourage it to continue throughout the academic year. Mark your calendars for Parent-Teacher conferences on November 5th. There is no school that day.

Respectfully,

AVS Administration

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Head Lice: Head lice are a common finding in school age children. The best way for schools to get control of lice is for every parent to check every child frequently, and report to the school if lice or nits (eggs) are found. Schools are only one place your child may contact lice: consider other places where your child is in contact with other children such as babysitters, child care, church, clubs, family visits, sleepovers. These are all possible places where lice can spread. If you suspect your child has contracted or been exposed to head lice, please inform the Health Office so I may confirm the diagnosis and screen for further cases. Individual parents will be informed if their child is infected. No school announcements will be made due to confidentiality issues. For further information on head lice treatment check out the [CDC head lice information](#).

Thank you, Jennifer Bernier, MS, RN, CNL (School Nurse)

Yearbook Announcement!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yearbook is looking for Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Cross Country photos to put in this year's yearbook. If you have taken any pictures of these students and would like to see them in the yearbook, please send them to lpope@sau15.net. You can do this right from your phone and click "large" or "actual size" for best results. Thank you in advance! :) Madame/Señora Pope

School Events in October

10/8/19 School Board Meeting @6pm
10/8/19 Middle School Staff Meeting/NO OPEN HOMEWORK ROOM
10/9/19 Grade 1 field trip to Audubon 9-1pm
10/9/19 Boys & Girls Soccer Pictures (safety complex) 2:30pm
10/10/19 Grade 8 field trip to Pawtuckaway 8:30-2:15pm
10/10/19 Cross Country Team Pictures (safety complex) 2:30pm
10/14/19 NO SCHOOL/Columbus Day
10/15/19 PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
10/16/19 Photo Retake Day
10/16/19 NJHS Induction @6:30
10/18/19 Grade 8 field trip to SNHU @8:45-11:45am
10/18/19 Cross Country Team Party @6:30
10/19/19 PTA Monster Mash @ 6-8:30pm
10/21 through 10/26/19 PTA Theatre Camp for grades 1,3,5 & 7
10/29 Fall Sports Awards @ 6:30

7th Grade Parents: Save the Date- 3/13/20

Annual Project SAFEGUARD Event- Student and Family Education Guards Us Against Reliance on Drugs

This Day long event takes place at the Tower Hill Church and is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow with your child. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information being sent home in January. Feel free to contact Mrs. Avellino with any questions or suggestions of engaging and informative speakers. Mrs. Avellino can be reached at 483-2769 ext. 2218

RED Ribbon Week: October 28-November 1

Be on the lookout for fun Dress Up Days. Our NJHS students will be choosing the dress up days this year. Elementary Students will learn about ways to live a healthy life while Middle School events and activities will focus on drug and alcohol prevention.



The Auburn Village School NJHS will be hosting its annual food drive soon. All items are donated to local families. Each family will receive canned goods as well as a Turkey and “fixings” to help with their Thanksgiving feast.

If you wish to receive a basket or you know any family that is interested in receiving a basket of goodies please contact Food Service Director, Sarah Belanger @ sbelanger@sau15.net or 483-2769 ext. 1137.

The Baskets can be delivered to your door by the Auburn Fire Department. All names are kept confidential, they only receive your address. Or, you can arrange to pick it up at the school.

Any questions/concerns please contact Sarah Belanger.

Thanks.

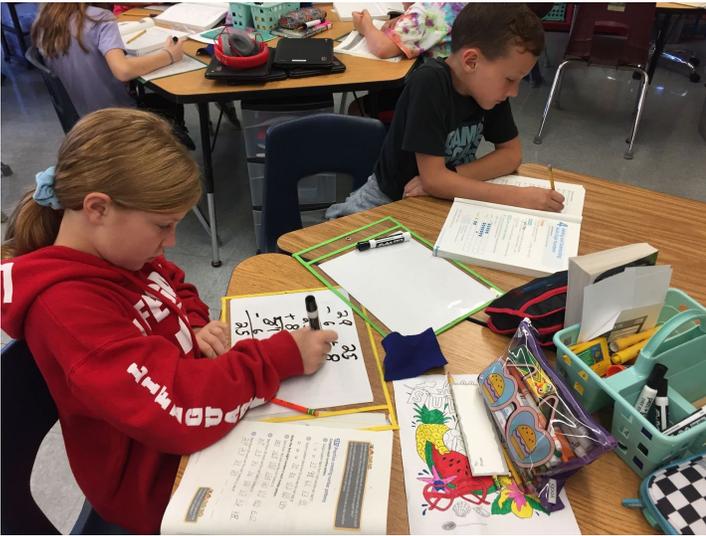
REFRESHING RECESS

Aimee Johnson, OT along with the 4th grade team and support from Ms. Stamoulis and administration will be conducting a 6 week long program called “Refreshing Recess” starting the week of September 23rd geared at promoting positive recess experiences for all 4th grade students. Structured activities and themes are provided one day a week for the 6 weeks and will be carried out by recess teachers, Aimee Johnson, and Ms. Stamoulis. Mrs. Collins is even planning on participating if she can!

This program was developed by a group of Occupational Therapists , Rebecca Mohler, MA, OTR/L, Shannon Kerns, OTR/L and Susan Bazyk, PhD, OTR/L, with the purpose of creating a positive recess experience so that all students can enjoy playing and socializing with friends. The ultimate goal of the program is to provide the recess supervisors and students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources needed to sustain a positive recess environment. Embedded weekly activities and themes each week will be presented to the students and carried out throughout recess. These weekly themes are geared towards encouraging children to engage in active play, develop new interests, form friendships, interact positively with peers, resolve conflicts, include others, and decrease bullying.

Why is This Program Needed? There are positive relationships between active play during recess and academic performance. Recess provides social benefits, emotional benefits, cognitive benefits as well as physical benefits. Positive experiences at recess time promote positive mental health for all students as well. By providing structured and positive play experiences for all students to enjoy, Refreshing Recess allows all students to actively participate since the entire 4th grade will be doing the same activities. We invite EVERYONE to play! Students who struggle with social interaction or who may have difficulty at recess will benefit from adult led structured play activities, and since everyone is included, this program allows everyone to have fun!

Fourth Grade



Fourth grade is having a fabulous start to the new year! Each morning our individual classes begin the day with a morning meeting which provides the opportunity to build our classroom communities. We are learning about risks and consequences in literature and enjoying the Imagine It reading selections together. In math our students are engaged with hands on activities reviewing and expanding on place value with various manipulatives, as well as multi-digit addition and subtraction. Natural hazards are exciting to study in science, and we have been able to tie in current events with the hurricane season.

Sewing Club

Sewing club will be starting on Friday, October 4. Forms must be filled out and returned prior to the first meeting. We will start with hand sewing projects. Students will learn basic stitches and skills. Any question, please contact Amanda Joaquin at ajoaquin@sau15.net.



Last year's final project, 16 patch quilt block as a pillow cover.

 I will learn to read
but first I need to...

Rhyme
I need to recognise the sounds that letters make before I can read



Look at books
I need to be interested in words and books to read



Track
I need to follow objects with my eyes to read



Talk
I need an extensive vocabulary to understand what I read



Do puzzles
I need to differentiate size, shapes, lines and directions to read



Build
I need to use my fingers and hands independently to hold books and turn pages



Thank you to Jen Strabone and her family for creating our scarecrows. Ms. Frizzle and her students look like they are ready for a new adventure in Auburn!

A Fun Day of Team Building for the 5th and 6th Grade Team

The 5th and 6th graders kicked off the school year by visiting Camp Lincoln in Kingston, New Hampshire. The focus for the outing was for 5th and 6th grade students to spend the day getting to know each other now that the two grades are considered one team. The day's activities included working in groups to accomplish team building tasks, exploring the great outdoors during a nature walk, and encouraging and supporting each other in completing a ropes course. It was a beautiful day and a great way to begin the new school year.



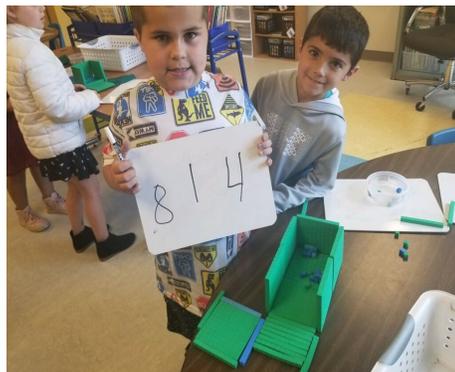
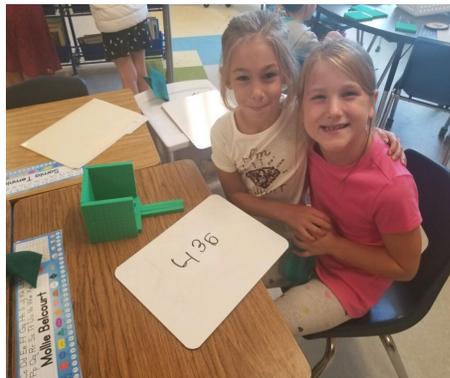
Second Grade News!

We are all happy to be back and in the swing of the new school year enjoying all the new features and wonders of the renovation! Students have been working hard on learning classroom routines, school expectations and embracing some changes. The second grade team is excited for a wonderful year full of learning and fun!



Math Fun!

As we take on our first unit of Math In Focus, second grade is learning about place value and the many forms to write numbers. We are learning about expanded form, standard form and word form as well as creating numbers using base ten blocks. We even had fun creating buildings with base ten blocks and then determining the value of the structure when we add all the pieces together! How fun!

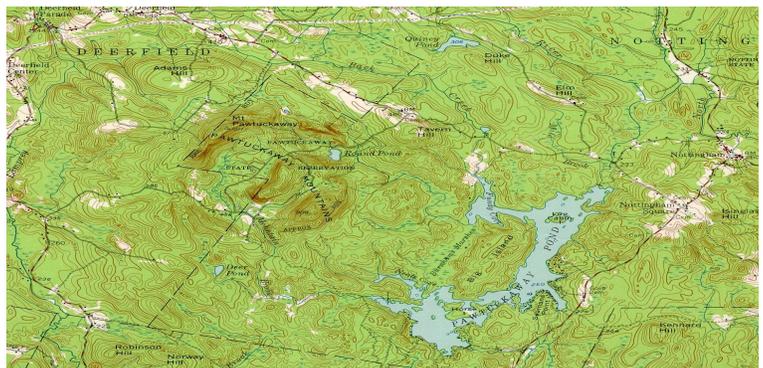


Second Grade is also loving the new parts to the playground!
Check out these happy faces who have been enjoying chalk on the new
blacktop while soaking in the beautiful weather!



Grade 8 Trip to Pawtuckaway State

On Thursday, October 10th, the eighth grade students and teachers will be traveling to Pawtuckaway State Park. While there, the students will make connections and



predictions for the geological formation and processes that shaped New Hampshire and Pawtucketaway as seen today. Students will have to use their knowledge of large-scale geological changes and features learned in class.

A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE

On Saturday, September 21st, a few special members of the AVS community volunteered their time to bring a new feature to our playground. A giant thank you goes out to Anthony Muncey, Nate Jones, Enzo Scott, Ava Audet, and Elise Steck-Yeaton who spent a very warm Saturday constructing a Gaga Pit. Thank you also to Mr. Scott and Zophia; we could not have completed the pit without your guidance and expertise. Lastly, thank you to Mrs. Cote, Dr. Collins, Student Council, Yearbook, and NJHS who made the project possible.



Third Grade

All the third graders gathered in the Team Room to read with friends! This was our kick off to the 'Friendship' unit in our Imagine-It! Program. We also discussed and explored our very first book project in 3rd grade!





MIDDLE SCHOOL - Calling all students in grades 5-8! It's not too late to join chorus! If you like to sing and are interested in joining, please see Mrs. Ouellette ASAP! Participants may ride the elementary bus home. If you plan on attending, you **MUST** have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Ouellette at 483-2769 ext. 2214 or email couellette@sau15.net.

BARNES & NOBLE - Pop in to Barnes and Noble to support the PTA and sing along with the chorus on Friday, November 8th. The chorus will be performing well known songs from 6pm to 6:30pm. Come join the fun!

SECOND GRADERS & CHORUS - SAVE THE DATE!

Our winter concert featuring 2nd grade and chorus (grades 5-8) will be held on Thursday, December 12th, 2019 at 6:30pm in our gymnasium. Chorus students should arrive at 6pm; second grade students should arrive by 6:15pm. The snow date will be Tuesday, December 17th, same time and place. More information will follow the beginning of December.

Kindergarten News

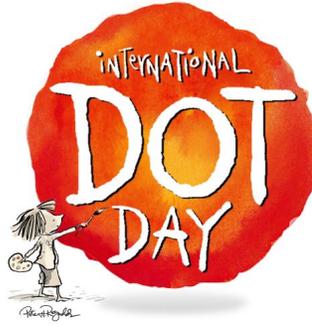
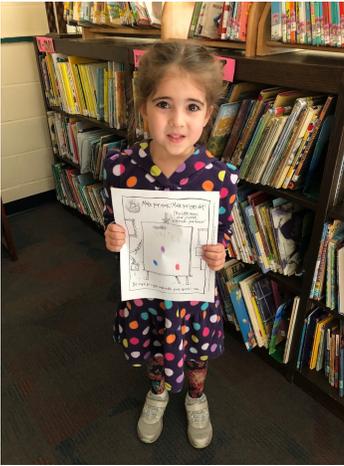


The Kindergarteners have been hard at work! They have met their new classmates, begun learning our routines, and have conquered walking to and from class each morning

and afternoon. Investigating the classroom each day has introduced them to a few of the many activities they will be experiencing this year. They have started visiting the Library and have enjoyed Music class. Mrs. Johnson has been in to visit a few times too! We are pretty sure they will all tell you that they have loved getting out on the playground to run around and explore each day.

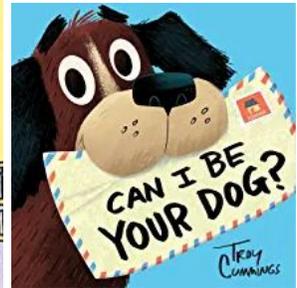
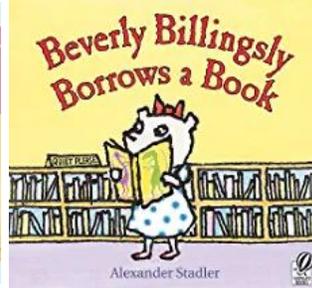
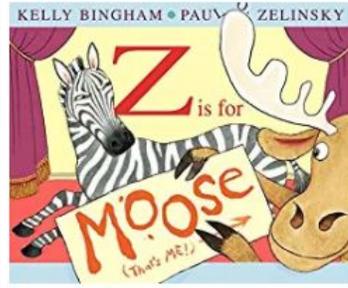
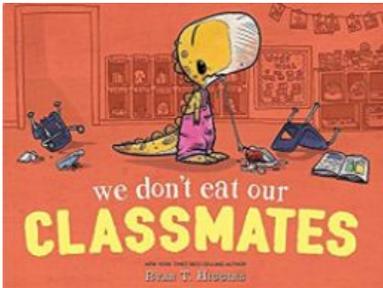


Library Classes Celebrate International Dot Day Week of September 15th



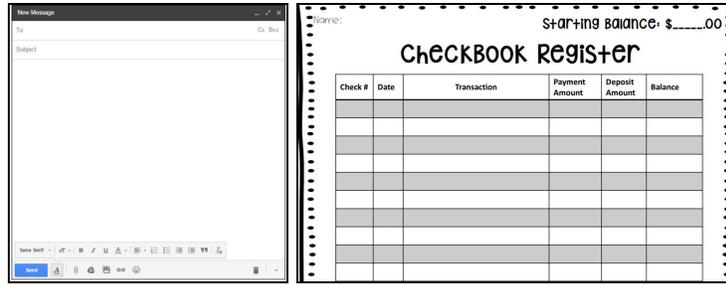
During the week of September 15th, elementary students celebrated International Dot Day by reading the book “The Dot” by Author and Illustrator Peter Reynolds. The story was followed by activities that encouraged students to “make their own mark”, explore their own creativity and self expression.

Great September Reads in the Library...



Students in elementary library classes enjoyed listening to the above stories during their library classes last month prior to borrowing books. Just a reminder that Grades K-3 are allowed to borrow one book for one week, and grades 4-8 can borrow 2 books at a time for a two week period.

ECB - Life Skills Students Learn About Email Etiquette and Financial Literacy



Fifth and six grade students in Mrs. O'Neil's ECB Life Skills class learned how to write professional emails to teachers and each other and also some personal financial literacy skills such as writing checks and recording life expenses into a checkbook register.



All 8th grade students have the opportunity to go on the Washington DC trip with SouthSide Middle School from April 26-April 29, 2020. Information packets were given out to any student interested. If they have not taken a packet, they are outside the main office. This is not an Auburn Village School sponsored trip. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Regina McGuiggin at rcmguiggin@mansd.org. AVS will not be having an information night.

Our next PTA meeting will be held in the media room/library at AVS on Tuesday, October 15th. Hope to see you there!

Fall is off to a great start for the PTA!

Please be sure to get in your PTA membership forms. We have our membership drive going again this year. It ends on October 18th. The grade who has the most memberships will get to Color Blast Dr Collins and Mrs. Murray. That's right!! We have a battle going on right now. Kindergarten is in first place (and won last year) and there is a tie for second place between grades 3, 4, and 5. This contest does include middle school. Get those forms in!

Every student was sent home with a Birthday Gram form. Be sure to get in those October birthday grams soon! Anyone can send a birthday gram so be sure to share the form with grandparents, aunts & uncles, and anyone that would want to surprise your student. If your child's birthday is in the summer we can celebrate their half birthday or deliver it the last day of school. If you need a copy of the form you can find them on the PTA Facebook page, in the AVS office, or email the coordinator Sandi Leclair at sandileclair@yahoo.com.

For those of you who collect Box Tops you may have noticed that they have changed. We will be getting out more information to explain how it now works. So be on the lookout for that. We earned over \$1,000 last year so please be sure to pass those in and keep on collecting!

Mark your calendars! Come celebrate the 21st Annual Monster Mash on Saturday, October 19th in the AVS gym from 6:00pm-8:30pm. The fun will include a DJ, costume contest, the famous "spooky walk," games, photo booths and more!! Admission will be \$7 per person or \$25 for a family of 4 or more. CASH ONLY! There will also be snacks and drinks for sale. Just a reminder that this event is for students K-5 but if a middle school student is interested in earning volunteer hours at the Monster Mash please make sure they email Wendi Guilette at wguilette@comcast.net. All proceeds go to AVS PTA. We hope to see you all there!

The fall session of Missoula Children's Theatre will be for grades 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th. Auditions will start on Monday October 21st and the plays will be on Friday, October 25th and Saturday October 26th. The play will be Robinson Crusoe. More information will be sent home as that date approaches. If you have any questions regarding this program or want to learn more please email Ami D'Amelio at amidamelio@gmail.com.

By now you should have received the Fall Fundraiser packet! This is the biggest fundraiser for our PTA. We appreciate everything you can do to make this a success! Meadow Farms offers a great selection of affordable & practical items for yourself or someone on your holiday list. They make it very easy to share with friends and relatives who live far away with their direct shipping when ordering on-line. Besides all the great prizes that Meadow Farms offer the students for their sales, the AVS PTA is going to award the top three sellers in sales a \$50 gift card to Amazon. If there is a tie we will put their names in a drawing. Every single item sold helps towards our goal and for that reason every student who sells one item or more will be put in a drawing for a \$25 GC to Amazon. No sale is too small! We appreciate every one. All forms and orders are due in by October 16th. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser please reach out to sandileclair@yahoo.com.

Keep your eye out for the Reflection intention forms. They will be passed out to all homerooms during the week of 10/7. They will be due back at the end of October. The theme for this year's Reflections Art Contest is "Look Within." All art entries will be due on 11/26. We had THREE winners again make it to the Nationals this year and we are so excited to celebrate them at the Reflections Luncheon in November! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this program the PTA offers please email Adrian Newton at avsptareflections@gmail.com.



Babysitting Class

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to again offer a Child and Babysitting Safety Course. This class is designed for tweens & teens in grades 5-8 who wish to become babysitters as well as for children who may be left at home without a parent. This course covers how to stay safe, feeding, playtime and how to start and safely advertise a babysitting business. Students will learn how to change diapers, what are age-appropriate toys and games and will receive a basic first aid overview. Choking and what to do in an emergency is also covered. The course will be taught by Gail of Coastal CPR and First Aid, LLC. She is an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Instructor and an American and Safety and Health Institute Training Center

This 2-day class will be held on Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, November 21 from 2:45-5:30 pm at the Auburn Safety Complex. The fee for the class is \$59 per person. Pre Registration is required. Class is limited to the first 15 paid students. This class tends to fill up fast so please register early.

Teen (and pre-teen) Painting Night

JenMac Creates will guide each participant through the process creating custom-made scrabble blocks by choosing and mixing colors, applying stencils, painting, and sanding to create customized scrabble blocks. All required materials will be provided. Each participant will be given 4 wood blocks, all paints, brushes, tools and stencils to create your own personalized creation

This event is open to students in grades 6 and up. This class will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Safety Complex. The cost for the evening is \$29 per person which includes all the supplies to create 4 blocks. Additional blocks are available for \$5 each. Please indicate how many blocks you will need on the registration form.

Junior Chefs

Junior Chefs, with instructor Jen Anderson, is a cooking program for children ages 7 and over. At Junior Chefs, our young gourmets learn how to mix, measure and bake their own delicious creations. This class will be offered once a month (see dates below) at the Longmeadow Church from 4:00-5:00 pm. Each class is \$22. You can sign up for one, two or all. Each month has a different class theme for the season. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

October 17th- Apples & Pumpkins All Around, November 21st- Festive Fall Food, December 19th- Edible Gift Ideas

Trunk or Treat

The Auburn Safety Complex and Parks & Recreation are again partnering to bring our residents the Trunk or Treat that will be held on Halloween night! It was such a fun event last year that we are happy to see it become an annual Auburn tradition. Trunk or Treat is not replacing traditional trick or treating but is a fun, night time option in a safe environment.

What is Trunk or Treat? Trunk or Treat is a different spin on Trick-or-Treating where Auburn community members bring a car, decorate its trunk (or entire car) and pass out candy as kids "trunk or treat" from car to car.

Teen Council

The Auburn Parks and Recreation Department is seeking dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated teens in grades 7-12 to join the Teen Council. Teen Council members will advise the Parks and Recreation staff regarding the concerns and interests of today's youth and teens. Teen Council members will build leadership skills and work experience through assisting with the planning and implementing of programs such as field trips, community events, and classes for youth and teens. The next meeting of the Teen Council is Monday, September 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Safety Complex.

Registration forms for Parks & Recreation programs can be found online at <https://www.auburnnh.us/parks-and-recreation/pages/rec-forms>. If you have any questions, contact Amy at Parks & Rec at recreation@townofauburnNH.com or call 483-5052 x101