

August 30, 2019



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are very excited to see our Astros again and we're looking forward to a new school year. This letter contains some helpful information for our family members. I know it will be a great year for all!

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Class lists for grades 1-5 will be posted outside the Auburn office on August 30th before 4:00. Kindergarten class lists will be posted by the end of the day on September 6th, once Kindergarten Assessments have been completed.

Our teachers have worked hard to place your students into successful class groupings for this upcoming school year. As educational professionals, they consider many factors including academics, behavior, and social skills before making a placement decision. Our teachers partner with our Counselor, Behavior Specialist, and Special Education team to do this important work. I trust our teachers to make the very best decisions about class placement. Therefore, it is not my practice to make classroom placement changes once class lists are posted.

SAFETY

At Auburn, we are committed to maintaining an emotionally and physically safe learning environment for our students. From time to time we do encounter safety concerns that warrant communication home to families. In the event of a safety concern, contact will be made with you through the contact information we have on file for your student. Please be sure your contact information is up to date throughout the year. In an effort to ensure a safe environment, we practice fire drills on a monthly basis and lockdown drills twice each year—once in September and once in January. Additionally, we do require that all parents and visitors sign in at the main office and get a visitor badge before proceeding down our hallways. Thank you for your help in keeping our school safe.

CONTACTING THE PRINCIPAL

I believe that our teachers are our best sources of information when it comes to our students' daily school lives and I believe they should be the first point of contact when questions or concerns arise. That being said, there may be times when you may like to contact me after having spoken with your child's teacher. The easiest way to contact me is through email, but you may also call the school. Oftentimes I am not in my office because I am in classrooms and interacting with staff and kids, so our front office staff will most likely take a message for me to return your call. It is very rare that I am available for same-day drop in appointments, so please plan to schedule any in-person meetings in advance by connecting with front office staff. I can be reached at shumway_katie@salkeiz.k12.or.us or 503 399 3128.

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