

TIGER TIMES

The Newsletter of Auburn Early Education Center

Counselor's Corner

During the first few months of school, we sent out a survey of our counseling program to parents. One question asked parents and teachers to rank topics they hoped their child would be exposed to throughout the year during guidance. High atop that list was positive peer interactions and solving conflicts peacefully. Conflict resolution is one of the nonnegotiable topics for classroom guidance. It always pops up on teacher and parent needs assessments, so it's a high priority for programming. This month, we will focus on positive peer interactions. We will spend a great deal of time focusing on peaceful problem solving. Students will be encouraged to be "upstanders" whenever they see a situation that may involve safety issues. They are encouraged to stand up for others and report the actions immediately. Unfortunately, there is no quick and easy way to help children master conflict resolution skills. The majority of students will need an adult to hold their hand every step of the way. Students are always welcome to come to my room for help in working through a conflict.



Principal's Message

It is with great sadness that I relay the information about the passing of one of our own, Irma Gomez-Moran, from last week's tornadoes. Ms. Irma saved the day for us as she stepped in mid-year as a wonderful Cafeteria Assistant Manager. Her warm greetings, positive attitude, and work ethic with her team and for the

students, made her instantly likable.

We join her family and friends in mourning her loss. She is survived by her mother, her oldest daughter Andrea (who was working at EAMC at the time and aftermath of the storm), her younger daughter Angela (currently at UAB, expected to make full recovery), and her husband Cameron (recovering at EAMC, expected to make full recovery).

We have been in touch with the family. There will be needs. We will team with Cary Woods (where she spent several years) and the Child Nutrition Program office. We are ready, willing, and able to help support as needed. Stay tuned for more information on ways you can help.

Thank you all for your donations, thoughts, prayers, and actions, as we support Ms. Irma's family and our all those affected by the storm.



Curriculum Corner

February was an exciting month at AEEC! We celebrated World Read Aloud Day throughout the day February 1st. We had guest readers visit every classroom. Many classrooms had several special guests. We also had a Rocking Chair Reader. Students were given passes from their teacher to listen to the Rocking Chair Reader throughout the day. The chair rocked all day with guest readers!

Teachers have also been working hard to learn and implement parts of our newly adopted program, Phonics First. Phonics First is an Orton-Gillingham based program designed to teach reading through a multi sensory approach. Both students and teachers are embracing these strategies and lessons.

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Thank you to all the families that took time out of their evening to help make DINO-MITE Family Night such a huge success. AEEC had over 300 people engaged during that evening through various activities. If you ever have any suggestions and/or questions about parent engagement at our school, please don't hesitate to email me at padorman@auburnschools.org!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Family Connection and Technology Committees for making this night possible with their creativity, hard work, and time spent on making family night such a fun and interactive night. I also would like to thank all faculty and staff that jumped into action helping the stations run smoothly, cleaning up after the event, and signing in families as they came in. It truly takes everyone to make an event a success!

Media Center

Genre has been the focus during library media classes. We have explored biographies, historical fiction, animal fiction, humor, fiction, and non-fiction. We also enjoy a successful Spring Book Fair and Dino-Mite Family Night. A big thank you to all the families who came out and supported these events. In celebration of Read Across America Week, the library was turned into Dr. Seuss' Cafe. Our second graders did a great job hosting and reading to all of our first grade friends. "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr. Seuss

Notes from Nurse Haley

Thank you for all of your donations to our Clothes Closet! Also, please remember that we are not out of flu season just yet. Please remember to keep your student at home if they have not been fever free for 24 hours. (ACS Handbook page 53, Student Illness and Conditions)

Safety at AEEC

Parents, please remember that the AEEC front loop drive is for handicap accessible vehicles, daycare vans, and buses ONLY. NO cars should use the front loop drive at any time. Visitors should use the visitors' parking lot across the street from Parkway Baptist Church or the Parkway Baptist Church parking lot.

Please do not drop students off in the front parking lot. Students, who are not bus riders, should be dropped off in the car line. Please use the above mentioned parking area for visitors if you are walking in with your child. Thank you for helping to keep our little ones safe!

Teachers are continuing to train our students to not open any exterior doors for any person, even someone they know, including teachers, administrators, and staff members. Teachers are continuing to train our students to let an adult know immediately. All visitors will be directed to the main office to check in with Mrs. Mary. Please make sure to only use the main entrance doors of AEEC.

Upcoming Dates for AEEC

March 18	Registration Opens for Returning Students
March 21	Power Schools Family Night 5 PM
March 28	2nd Gr Music & Art Night 6 PM
March 29	Report Cards/Checklists
April 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
April 9	Dedicated Dads at OES 6:45 AM
April 19	NO SCHOOL
April 22-26	PowerSchool Testing for 2nd Grade
April 25	Kindergarten Kick Off
May 6-10	Book Fair - Buy One, Get One
May 10	Mother's Day Tea

