

# TIGER TIMES

The Newsletter of Auburn Early Education Center

## Counselor's Corner

This month during our weekly guidance lessons, we will be focusing on social awareness. Social awareness helps young children understand how they fit into the world as they develop their values and attitudes about others. These lessons will include topics such as developing empathy, learning how our feelings and behaviors affect others, and cultivating a community of compassion.

Also, we recently honored our Hudson Family Foundation Legends. These students were treated to a recognition day at Auburn Arena, where they were serenaded by the AUB band and cheerleaders. They also received a Thanksgiving meal from Publix. Go Legends!



## Principal's Message

Happy Holidays from your AEEC team! During this festive time, I would like to send out a note of appreciation for our partnership. Our families have been so supportive and generous while working with us in a every ways - academics, volunteering, decorating, providing supplies, tutoring, and on and on.

Our words for November and December have been **collaboration** and **compassion**. It has been heartwarming to see that our students and families live these values out. At AEEC, we can Say It, Know It, See It, **BE IT!**

Thank you for being such a valuable part of our warm, welcoming atmosphere to all of our families and community.

Happiest of Holidays,

Matt Bruner



## Curriculum Corner

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This month, AEEC sent two teachers to the Alabama Reading Association Conference in Birmingham for two days to learn effective reading strategies. Teachers learned about small group instruction, reading standards, and upcoming changes in testing for the state of Alabama.

On November 15, teachers participated in Read Alabama. Teachers across the state read *My Home Sweet Home* by award-winning Alabama author Charles Ghigna to their students. Students learned about many important people and landmarks in Alabama.

School-wide testing begins next week for DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) and STAR Reading and STAR Math (Star Reading and Math are online assessment programs developed by Renaissance Learning for students typically in grades K-12.) These are our two school-wide assessments taken three times each year. Results will be sent home in report cards with parent letters explaining scores in detail.

## Title I News

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The Family Connection Committee has already begun planning for a fun and interactive night coming up in February for Family Literacy Night! The theme will be based around “dinosaurs” and will be exploding with surprises! Go ahead and mark your calendars for Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm. This night is funded by Title 1 and the book fair will also be opened for that evening.

Title 1 funds help our school in so many ways, but family nights are always at the top of the list when it comes to deciding how to spend Title 1 funds for the school. AEEC truly wants parents to feel engaged and welcomed at our school. Parent engagement plays an important role in a child’s educational setting. Thank you for the continuous support and engagement you provide every day for AEEC. If you ever have any suggestions, comments, or questions about how to better our parent engagement at AEEC, please contact me at [padorman@auburnschools.org](mailto:padorman@auburnschools.org) or (334) 887-4950.

## Media Center

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A BIG thank you to all the families that supported out Fall Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success! In Library Media classes, we have been preparing for the Hour of Code, December 3rd through 9th. The Hour of Code is a national movement that takes place during Computer Science Education Week. Students are using robots to learn about coding, sequencing and what it means to be a computer programmer. Some of the robots we have been introduced to include Bee Bots, Ozobots, Sphero, Dot and Dash. We have also had interaction with [www.code.org](http://www.code.org). This is a site where students can get additional experience using blocks or JavaScript to code. Students are continuing to checkout books during Library Media classes and flex media. Happy reading and coding!

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## Notes from Nurse Haley

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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causes infections of the lungs and respiratory tract. RSV can cause severe infection in some people, especially premature babies, older adults, infants and adults with heart and lung disease, or anyone with a very weak immune system (immunocompromised). Signs and symptoms include congested or runny nose, cough, fever, sore throat, & headache. RSV can spread to the lower respiratory tract, causing pneumonia or bronchiolitis. Seek immediate medical attention if your child — or anyone at risk of severe RSV infection — has difficulty breathing, a high fever, or a blue color to the skin, particularly on the lips and in the nail beds. Please refer to ACS policy on student illnesses and conditions.

We are in need of both boys & girls pants to replenish our clothes closet. Donations happily accepted!

## Publix Partners

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Join us in partnering with Publix to help generate funds for our school! As a Publix Partner, AEEC earns money each quarter based on a percentage of the amount purchased. Publix Partner cards are no accepted, but you can visit [publix.com/partners](http://publix.com/partners) to sign up for an account to help earn money for our school. Once you have established an account, you can select Auburn Early Education Center. When shopping, you will only need to provide your phone number. Thanks for helping! Happy shopping!

## Safety at AEEC

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Please continue to check in and check out through the Main Office each time you visit. At that time, your drivers license will be scanned (only the first time each year) and/or reviewed. A visitor's sticker will be printed for you. Teachers and students have been trained to alert the office if any visitors are without a visitor's sticker. Thank you for helping us to keep our school as safe as can be!

The Safety Committee will be meeting again this month for safety praises and to review all AEEC safety procedures. The committee is comprised of a parent representative, a teacher from each department, Officer Elliott (our SRO), Mr. Carl (our custodian), Mr. Hardman (Central Office Safety Coordinator), and our administration.

## Lost and Found

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With the cooler weather we have several jackets and sweatshirts left around the building. If you feel like your child may have lost an item, please come visit our Lost and Found!



## Upcoming Dates for AEEC

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December 4	Dedicated Dads Breakfast at AEEC at 6:45am Guest Speakers: Tim and Kim Hudson
December 6	HAPIE PreK Movie Night at 4pm
December 11	Winter Holidays Program  8:30am- Boswell, Donaldson, Pugh, Hunter, Kuhlman, Adamson, Payne, and Spencer  9:30am- Brown, Clifton, Grooms, Cleondis, Hendrickson, Henry, Boone, and Lammons  10:30am-Whitt, Bradford, Thomas, George, Williams, Wilson, Gates, and Young
December 17	Kindergarten Class Christmas Parties
December 18	2nd Grade Class Christmas Parties
December 19	9:00 Polar Express Viewing for all students (\$1 donation to American Cancer Society for " <i>Believe</i> in a Cure for Cancer"); 1st Grade Class Christmas Parties
December 20	Winter Holidays Begin - NO SCHOOL
January 7	Students Return from Winter Holidays
January 11	Report Cards Go Home

