

# TIGER TIMES

The Newsletter of Auburn Early Education Center

## Counselor's Corner

This month, our students will be focusing on personal safety through the use of the curriculum entitled, **Safer, Smarter Kids!** The purpose of this curriculum is to empower children to protect themselves in situations where someone could abuse them by arming them with protective principles. This curriculum gives children the tools they need to avoid victimization without dealing explicitly with the term abuse and without scaring them. It is presented in a very age appropriate format. Parents and other responsible adults want to protect children from those who might harm them, but no child can be supervised 24 hours a day. The **Safer, Smarter Kids!** abuse prevention curriculum will teach your child ways he or she can reduce the likelihood of being abused and ways to get help from others if needed. Some topics covered are: body boundaries, respecting themselves and



## Principal's Message

Hello AEEC families!

As we near the end of the first quarter, I just want to take the opportunity to thank you for a fantastic year thus far. As we rally together as a community, it is clear that we are more than community. We are family. We are a team.

Thank you for coming together to rise up and blow past our fundraiser goal. These efforts will go directly to students. We work with PTO to provide classroom materials, technology upgrades, updated playground equipment, and much more! A special thank you to PTO and chair Tiffany Rhyne for their organizational efforts around Let's Glow!

This month we embark on our five year strategic planning. We appreciate your input, vision, and feedback. Our strategic planning committee looks forward to visioning and designing our future. It is bright.

- Matt Bruner



others, and telling a trusted adult when a situation makes them feel confused or uncomfortable. If you have any questions about this curriculum, please contact me [jnreeves@auburnschools.org](mailto:jnreeves@auburnschools.org) or visit [www.SaferSmarterKids.org](http://www.SaferSmarterKids.org).

### Nurse Haley's Notes

Thank you parents, for working hard to help us keep our students and staff safe and healthy!

**Please remember that students should stay home from school if they have:**

- a fever of 100.5 degrees or more
- an undiagnosed rash
- vomiting
- one or more episodes of diarrhea
- a severe sore throat
- Pink Eye
- a persistent cough
- any sore oozing fluid

### Alabama's Statewide Parent Visitation Month

October is Alabama's Statewide Parent Visitation Month! Teachers are scheduling individual parent teacher conferences this month to discuss your child's progress. There will be no school for students on **Friday, October 19th** as teachers will be meeting with parents.

Throughout the school year please feel free to join your child for lunch in the classroom during your child's regularly scheduled lunch time. Please make sure to bring your driver's license and to check in with the Main Office. We can't wait to see you!

### Safety at AEEC

October is Fire Prevention Month. We will be welcoming the Auburn Fire Department **October 16** and **October 17** as they present "Every Second Counts, Plan Two Ways Out", to all our students in small groups.

AEEC remains committed to safety on our campus! Please continue to check in with the Main Office before visiting any classroom areas. All exterior doors, with the exception of the Main Office entrance doors remain locked during the day.

ALL faculty, staff, and visitors are required to wear name tags while on campus. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you as we employ the use of the Raptor Safety Identification System. To ensure the safety our students, your license will be scanned and a customized name tag will be printed for you. After your license has been scanned once, you will only be required to show your license for your name tag to be printed.

### Attendance Matters

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please make sure to send in a note within 3 days. Also, please note that excessive tardies and/or absences may result in a home visit by the ACS Attendance Supervisor.

### Bus of the Week

AEEC bus riders are working hard to earn bus points each week! Students are awarded points for entering the Tigers Den quietly for bus lineup, loading buses quietly in the afternoon, following the ACS bus rules, and unloading buses quietly in the morning. On Monday mornings, the Bus of the Week is announced, and the winners enjoy popsicles with Ms. Keene in the Tigers Den.

## Curriculum Corner

The month of September was filled with opportunities to learn and grow for both students and teachers. AEEC teachers participated in our district's Pineapple Days. The pineapple is the universal symbol used to welcome others. Teachers throughout the building observed in other classrooms and hosted their peers in their own classrooms in order to learn and share different instructional strategies. It was a great success. Teachers learned new ideas to use in their own classrooms.

## Title I News

Big thanks to AHS and AJHS' STEM Clubs for making our Title I Night with STEM such a fun and exciting event! Parents, students, siblings, and teachers were all engaged throughout the evening with the nine interactive stations. The night also was filled with information explaining why we are a School-Wide Title I and how Title I funds are used for parent engagement activities and other supports throughout the school.

If you need more information on our Title I program, please contact the school and we will be happy to email or send home information. Title I offers so much for our school and each child is touched in some way by the extra funds provided from Title I. Thank you for your continuous support in attending parent engagement activities, completing surveys, and supporting our school throughout the year.

## Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 10 - End of First Quarter
- Oct. 18 - Let's Glow Event 4:30-6:30 pm
- Oct. 19 - Parent Teacher Conference Day - **NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**; Checklist and Report Cards Go Home at Conference
- Oct. 25 - Little HAPIE Tree Fall Festival 5:00-6:00
- Oct. 29 - Nov. 2 - Book Fair Week and Spirit Week (see days to the right)
- Nov. 9 - Veterans Day Program 9:30 am
- Nov. 12 - Veterans Day Holiday - No School
- Nov. 13 - Dedicated Dads at OES 6:45 am
- Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving Days No School

