



VAUGHN'S VOICE

VAUGHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 17 Terrific Readers & Writers Awards, Library
- 19 Optimists Awards, 2:15 p.m., Library
- 21 Cooking Matters Courses for Parents 8:45-10:45
PTO Meeting 4:00-5:00 p.m., Library
- 26 Kindergarten Field Trip to Anderson Farms 10:00-2:30
- 28 Parent Coffee 8:30 a.m., Library
Cooking Matters Course for Parents 8:45 – 10:45
Fall Festival 4:00-5:30 p.m.

November

- 4 Picture Re-Take Day
Cooking Matters Course for Parents 8:45-10:45
- 7 – 11 Veterans Week
- 7 Hearing/Vision Screening - 1st through 5th Grade
- 10 STE(AM) Humanities Night 4-6 p.m.
- 11 Cooking Matters Course for Parents 8:45-10:45
- 14 NO Students - EPR Day
- 15 Lion's Club Vision Screening for Pre-K & K only
- 17 3rd Grade Musical 5:00-6:00
- 18 PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Library
Cooking Matters Course for Parents 8:45-10:45
- 22 Bring Your Parents to School & Turkey Trot 8:30
- 23-25 NO School – Thanksgiving Break

December

- 2 Cooking Matters Course for Parents 8:45-10:45
- 8 1st Grade Musical 5:00-6:00
- 9 Parent Coffee 8:30 a.m.
PTO Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Library
- 12 Terrific Reader & Writer Awards 2:15 p.m.
- 13 Dental Screenings for Kinder-1st grade
- 14 Optimists Awards 2:15 p.m.
- 16 NO School - Teacher Workday
- Dec. 19th - Jan. 2nd Winter Break

School Hours

**8:25 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.**

**Supervision
will not
begin
until 8:10**

*****We will not
have anyone here
earlier to supervise
your children
so please plan
accordingly*****



Principal's Message

Welcome Back Vaughn Families!

We hope you took a moment to pause and spend time with your children over Fall Break. It is hard to believe that a quarter of our year is over. We are excited to have your children return to Vaughn for another quarter of learning and growing. We continue focus on our theme to "Try Everything" in order to support the learning for all students at Vaughn.

Student achievement is our top priority. We have a dedicated, hard-working and child-focused staff that is fueled by ensuring **all students shape a successful future**. I am proud to be part of a community that continues to have a reputation of teachers and parents working collectively to make a difference in students' lives. We want our students to know there are many opportunities available to support them as learners, both in school and in the community.

My role as the principal is to reinforce the importance of prepping all students for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity because I believe our children have the ability to change the world!

SOAR-ing to Success!

At Vaughn Elementary, we believe that all students can S.O.A.R to success by being:

- **S**afe with themselves and with people around them;
- **O**rganized with the class/homework;
- **A**ccountable for their behaviors and learning;
- **R**espectful and Responsible to one another

As we move forward, our staff will be keeping the Vaughn Mission and Vision at the forefront of all decisions made for students:

Mission: Vaughn Elementary ensures a high-quality and equitable education for ALL within our surrounding community. We do this by providing the opportunity to THRIVE socially, emotionally, and academically in our world now, and in the future

Vision: Vaughn students are empowered to be happy and compassionate people who have the skills to pursue their dreams

I know that by working together and offering purposeful learning opportunities for students, parents, and the Vaughn staff, we will continue to provide pathways for our students to reach the highest level of their potential.

A huge thanks from our Vaughn staff for those families who participated in our Fall Goal Setting Conferences. With your support, teachers were able to create meaningful and intentional goals to support student learning for the second quarter. If you missed these conferences, please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a time to meet.

Try EVERYTHING this year!

Sangita Patel, Principal

*My Promise: My job is to accelerate learning for every APS student, every day. **I do my job by fostering a commitment to students, staff, and parents to build a compassionate and collaborative school community that provides children with the opportunities to thrive.** My community needs me to do my job.*



Coming soon...

Bring Your Parents to School Day

November 22, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

You're Invited to Our Fall Festival!

When? FRIDAY OCTOBER 28th 4-5pm
Where? Vaughn Elementary
Why? To spend a day with your family and staff and fun too!
What? Candy, pumpkins, face painting, popcorn and much more!



Parents We Need Your Help in Keeping Your Children Safe

Parents and children, please use the crosswalks. We have many students & parents who ignore the crosswalk. This is a major safety issue. We have had incidences where students have been hurt and hospitalized due to not using the crosswalk. Help us keep your children safe by:

- ❖ Teaching your child to be a good citizen by obeying the law, traffic safety patrol team, and school personnel.
- ❖ Being an example to your child by using the crosswalk yourself, obeying the traffic laws and school safety personnel.

Morning Arrivals and Afternoon Dismissals

Please do not drop off students at school before 8:10 a.m. There is no one to watch your children before 8:10 a.m. The front office is busy getting ready for the day and is not able to babysit students. For the safety of your child please do not drop them off at school until 8:10 a.m. Also know that school ends at 3:00 p.m. Staff members and office staff are very busy with end of school day duties and cannot watch students who are picked up late. District policy states that schools may contact Aurora Police Department when parents are 30 minutes late and we have not been in contact with parents. If you are running late, be sure to contact the front office to inform them.

Bad weather day lineup...

When the weather drops to 19° or below, or is raining/snowing students will be brought into the school for their safety. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will line up outside their classrooms. 3rd through 5th grade will line up in the gym until their teachers pick them up. Parents must sign in at the front office to accompany their child inside the school.

VAUGHN WEBSITE

Have you had a chance to visit the Vaughn Website? It is full of information on upcoming meetings, events and cool websites your children can access to help them with anything from Reading to P.E.! We also have information on our UIP and what we are doing to raise student achievement in reading, math and behavior. Look at the powerpoint on our website by going to <http://vaughn.aurorak12.org/> and fill out the online survey or fill out the form below with your opinions and suggestions and return it to school. Your voice is important to us.

Keeping Students Safe

Students learn best when they feel safe. To actively maintain the safest schools possible, APS has formed partnerships with law enforcement, fire and rescue agencies, as well as mental health, crisis, and social service organizations. In the event of an emergency, APS has the following plans in place:

- All schools have lockdown and evacuation plans that are practiced regularly.
- All schools have strong visitor management policies. Everyone must sign in upon entering school grounds.
- All schools have security cameras in strategic places.
- APS has a highly trained Incident Response Team that proactively simulates crisis scenarios to ensure student and staff safety in emergencies.
- Members of the Incident Response Team meet with school staff annually to evaluate emergency response preparation.

Ensuring student and staff safety is a top priority for APS. If your child has a safety concern, please report it immediately to school staff or use one of the APS safety reporting tools at aurorak12.org/safety.

Family English Program at Vaughn!

We are offering a great opportunity of offering English classes to parents and family members of Vaughn students. There are three components that parents must comply with in order to be in the program:

- ✓ Come to the English classes Monday through Wednesday at the time assigned to you.
- ✓ Attend the parent classes every Thursday.
- ✓ Participate in PACT time in their student's classroom.
- ✓ Volunteer at least one hour a week.

It sounds like a lot but the truth is that it is very easy and worth the time when the parent sees not only their success but also that of their child.

LIBRARY

In the Library, students are allowed to check out 2 books per week if they have returned the books they have previously checked out. If fines or fees are owed, they must be paid before a student is allowed to check out books.



We are also working on Library Skills and Literacy Skills. Please read with your children for, at the very least, 20 minutes per day to turn them into Super Readers!

PE NEWS

Have students wear proper shoes on PE week. See Coach McDermott if parents need a Specials schedule. Weather changing send a hoodie or coat for outside.



What's Happening in...



In STEM this month students will learn to ...

- Count out groups of objects and make a matching set.
- Sort objects and explain their sorting rule.
- Describe the properties of wood and paper.
- Identify and explain the stages in a plant life cycle (trees, apples, pumpkins).

In Humanities this month students will learn to ...

- Draw a picture with a character, setting, and event to tell a story.
- Work on words, read, and write in literacy stations.
- Identify and write the letters in their name.
- Model the behaviors of a reader and writer.
- Begin to read, write, and spell high-frequency words.

**Please see the monthly Kindergarten Newsletter for more information, important Kinder dates, and the homework!



First graders are off to a running start this year. We have been working on personal narratives in writing. We

thought of something that has happened to us or something that we did and we wrote our stories across 4 pages! You can support your child at home by asking them to tell you a story about their day.

- In reading we have been learning the behaviors needed to become independent readers. We have been talking about the characters in the story, where the story takes place, and the main idea of a text. Keep reading with your child and talking about the books that you read.
- In math we've been reading and writing numbers up to 50 and we've been counting up to 100. We have also been using pictures, numbers and equations to solve addition problems.

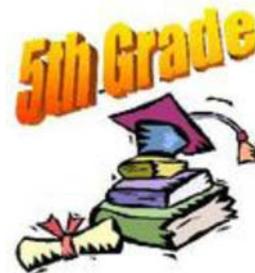
We just finished our science unit on Plants and Insects eagerly waiting to see what we'll discover next.



Third grade mathematicians are mastering three digit addition and subtraction and applying their learning to solve two step story problems. Next they will begin developing an understanding of multiplication. In writing they have

become brilliant story tellers writing personal narratives about a small moment in their life. As readers they are deepening their understanding of text evidence, theme, main idea, and character traits.

- In reading, students are exploring many texts on the same topic in order to determine the main idea of each text. They will use the main ideas to compare points of views. They will also analyze how an author's belief about a topic impacts the way that it is written.
- As scientists, students will learn to distinguish a mixture from a solution and will learn the properties of each.
- During quarter 2, students will learn about the causes of the American Revolution and the effects of the war. They will also learn how England and America had opposing points of view.
- As writers, students will express their opinions and citing sources that support the ideas. They will decipher fact from opinion.
- In math, students must be solid as their basic facts for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Students are learning to add and subtract fractions and are continuing to practice with order of operations.



"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. **Art** is knowing which ones to keep."
– Scott Adams

It is hard to believe that we are ending the 1st quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. We have been very busy in the Art Room! The fall has provided great inspiration for our artists at Vaughn Elementary. We have been busy creating different types of self-portraits. As we look forward to the 2nd quarter, we will be studying and exploring different types of medium and artists.



Thanks for your continued support,
Ms. Brown