



## AUBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2900 Waukegan  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
248-537-6500

**Dear Auburn Families,**

Welcome back, Auburn Eagles! Whether you're joining us for the very first time or returning for another great year, I am truly excited to have you as part of our Auburn Elementary family and the Avondale community. Auburn is more than just a school — it's a place where children are known, valued, challenged, and celebrated.

This year promises to be full of learning, laughter, and growth. We know that the start of a new school year brings a mix of excitement and jitters (for kids *and* parents!), and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our goal is to make sure your child feels safe, welcomed, and ready to shine from day one.

**Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:**

- **Meet the Teacher & Popsicles with the Principal: Thursday, August 21st (3:00 - 4:30 PM);** Teachers will be available to meet with families until **4:00 p.m.** Principal Byas will be available to connect with families until **4:30 p.m.**  
This is one of my favorite events of the year! Come say hello, meet your child's teacher, see the classroom (under construction), and enjoy a popsicle together. It's a great informal way to ease first-day nerves and start building those important school connections.
- **First Day of School: Monday, August 25th - Half Day (8:32 AM - 11:45 AM)**  
We'll kick things off in a special way — during the morning, we'll host our **Curriculum Presentations & Open House**. You are welcome to walk in with your child, explore the classroom, learn about our curriculum, and hear how we partner together as a **Title I school** to support every learner. This event should wrap up around 10:30 AM.

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### Additional Back-to-School Details

#### School Hours

- Full Days: 8:32 AM - 3:39 PM
- Half Days: 8:32 AM - 11:45 AM
- Doors open for all students at 8:20 AM
- Doors open for Busy Bee approved students ONLY before 8:20 AM

#### Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### Attendance

Call the office by 8:30 AM if your child will be absent: **(248) 537-6510** (leave a voicemail if calling before school hours).

#### Medication

If your child needs medication during the school day, a doctor's medication form is required. All medication must be in the original container and stored in our clinic.

#### Transportation

Please click on the link to see bus route information and times (subject to change).

[Auburn 2025-26 Bus Routes](#). This information will be posted to the district website during the week of August 18, 2025. Families will be notified once routes are available. Please arrive at your stop 10 minutes early the first few weeks. A parent/responsible adult must be at the stop for pickup. Transportation questions? Call **(248) 537-6050**.

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### **Free School Meals Program**

At this time, all students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2025-26 school year, as approved in prior budgets by state legislators. While final state budget decisions are still pending for 2025-26, meals remain free until a time we are informed otherwise. To help ensure this important support continues, we encourage all families to complete the Education Benefits Form at [avondaleschools.org/familyportal](https://avondaleschools.org/familyportal). Submitting this form not only helps protect funding for school meals, but also supports a variety of programs and services for your child and school community. Lunch service for TK & Kindergarten begins Tuesday, August 26.

### **Emergency Contacts**

We can only release students to adults listed in PowerSchool (18+ with ID). Please double-check your emergency contacts in Power School before school starts.

### **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

Please click on the link for Auburn's Arrival Process & Map: [Arrival Process & Map](#)

Please click on the link for Auburn's Dismissal Process & Map: [Dismissal Process & Map](#)

Please review so we can keep things safe, smooth, and stress-free for everyone.

### **School Supply Lists**

Suggested school supply lists for elementary students are available on Auburn's school website [Auburn K-5 School Supply List](#).

### **Registration & PowerSchool Updates**

Online registration opens for returning students on **August 11, 2025**. Families must complete registration by **August 22, 2025**, which includes:

- Verifying or updating contact and medical information
- Signing handbook and technology agreements

For the full district calendar, visit: [2025-26 District Calendar](#)

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At Auburn, we believe that when home and school work together, amazing things happen for kids. Your voice matters here — and so does your presence. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, attending events, or simply checking in with us, your involvement makes a big difference in your child's success.

On behalf of our entire Auburn staff, thank you for trusting us with your children. We are honored to be part of their learning journey, and we can't wait to get started.

Here's to a fantastic school year filled with curiosity, creativity, and community!

Sincerely,

*Shalonda Byas*

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