



January 31, 2021

Dear Audubon Families:

We hope you and your families are doing well. In today's communication, we'll be sharing about Wednesday Staff Training, Audubon Reopening Plans, Wee Care Eagles Food Drive, STEM Fair Sign-up, Audubon Parent Enrichment Program, and the SMFD Ed Foundation Read-a-Thon.

Wednesday Staff Training

This Wednesday, February 3, staff will be attending District training. **On Wednesday, students will attend their morning meetings with their teachers.** After the morning meeting, students will be working independently on assignments provided by their teachers. Teachers will not be available to help students during the rest of the morning when they are in training. We'll follow a regular Wednesday minimum afternoon schedule.

Audubon Reopening Plans

This week we are sharing with you more reopening information about classrooms, restrooms and recess.

[Audubon Reopening Highlights Part II](#)

To help us prepare for family communication around Audubon's reopening in the coming weeks, please submit your [Audubon Reopening Questions](#) to us.

This week's Pillar of Focus: Health & Hygiene/Handwashing

Handwashing is considered an effective strategy in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Signage will be posted throughout the campus to promote proper handwashing.

Two handwashing methods include:

- 1) Handwashing with soap and water is the preferred method and sites will be supplied with adequate soap and paper towels.

- 2) Handwashing with hand sanitizer will be used if running water is not available. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and common areas. Students will use hand sanitizer under adult supervision.

Staff and students will be trained on proper handwashing techniques: washing their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application. Daily routines in classrooms will include handwashing on a regular basis throughout the day. Handwashing should occur at transition periods, each time an individual enters a classroom and as needed.

Wee Care Food Drive

Audubon will be having a "Souper Bowl" food drive from February 1st to February 15th. We will be collecting canned or boxed soups for the Samaritan House.

- During Week 1 (February 1-5), use your food donation to cast your vote for who you think will win the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7.
- During Week 2 (February 8th-15th) use your vote to support your grade level in the Audubon Eagle's Souper Challenge:
 - Grades TK-2 versus Grades 3-5.
 - Which grades will collect the most soup?

Collection bins will be in front of the MPR from 7:30 am to 4:00 PM during weekdays.

Remember that Audubon Eagles are Souper sincere about our Wee Care because we hope to help the Samaritan House feed others in need. Thank you so much for your support!

6th Annual Audubon STEM Fair Sign-up

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers & mathematicians! The Audubon PTA is excited to present the 6th Annual STEM Fair at Audubon! This is a great opportunity for students at all grade levels to explore their curiosity. It also gives families a chance to discuss various themes and ideas and develop them into a project! Projects are created entirely at home. On March 24 students will share their projects over a live virtual celebration event. It has been a memorable event in past years and we hope to recreate the same energy this year!

- Students must register in advance in order to participate. Registration closes March 10 and can be completed through this [Audubon Registration Sign-up link](#).
- Information on project guidelines are on the [Audubon PTA Website](#).
- If you have any questions, please contact Kamini Cormier (kamini.cormier@gmail.com) and Angel Haight (angel.haight@gmail.com)

Audubon Parent-Led Enrichment Program

Beginning in late February, the Audubon PTA will be offering after school Parent-led enrichment classes with a variety of programming. The PTA is looking for parent volunteers to lead these virtual Wednesday enrichment classes. We just need your talent for one 30 - 60 minute class in the subject of your choosing. These programs will be offered school-wide based on volunteer interest: Art,

dance, music, coding & technology, and more could be offered. Sessions will be split TK- 2 and 3-5 based on the parent volunteer's expertise.

- To volunteer please click this [google form link](#) below and input your details.
- We will be holding an informational Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 4th at 5:30pm for anyone interested in being a volunteer enrichment leader. Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/94756428017>
- Direct any questions to Danielle Combs at audubonptamembers@gmail.com & for more up to date information visit the [Audubon PTA Website](#).

Readathon

The Readathon will run from **January 22nd - February 5th**. The event will feature community members reading and reviewing culturally relevant books to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of our students. A link to these thoughtful readings is available at smfcedfund.org/readathon where students can also access a reading minute tracker.

Dates to Remember

- Readathon, January 22-February 5
- District Wednesday PD, February 3
- School Holiday, Monday, February 15
- End of Trimester 2, March 5
- Deadline to [register for Audubon STEM Fair](#), March 10

Working together, we can accomplish great things!

Best regards,
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