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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Workshop Kicks Off Harriet Tubman Center Partnership



The Auburn Enlarged City School District and the Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace (HTCJP) are beginning a long-term working partnership aimed at integrating discussions of human dignity and childhood into efforts to address the challenges of diversity issues of all types throughout the school system. To kick off this process, members of the AECSD administrative leadership team participated Monday, November 18 in a workshop led by Dr. Lucien Lombardo, Old Dominion University professor emeritus, HTCJP board member and 1963 Auburn High School graduate. During the workshop, Lombardo introduced the concept of human dignity and its links to childhood, and leadership team members reflected on their own experiences with human dignity as children. In diverse communities, differences can be a source of pride or a reason for powerful

people to marginalize those who are different, reflected in bullying, harassment, microaggressions and stereotypes, Lombardo said. How people experience human dignity in childhood often shapes how they confront and experience differences throughout their lives.

Through this partnership with HTCJP, the district intends to explore ways to apply a child-centered human dignity approach to its mission, curriculum, educational processes and recruitment efforts, building upon the AECSD's existing efforts in implementing New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (DASA). The workshop served as a starting point for further discussions of prospects and strategies for implementation.



*Genesee Elementary School 4th graders with their Wampum Belts*

## Owasco's Veterans Day Ceremony

Students and staff at Owasco Elementary School thanked and honored local veterans for their service during the school's annual assembly on November 8th. Through student-led fundraising efforts, the school donated \$620 to the Cayuga County Veterans' Service Agency.







**Red Ribbon Week** is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country and serves as a vehicle for our students to take a stand on drug prevention and education. The Auburn School District celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 with other Districts around the country and coordinated bulletin boards, poster contests and daily announcements in support of Red Ribbon Week throughout the buildings.



**Seward School Red Ribbon Winners:**

Back row: 5 - Kaydin Guzalak, 6 - Keilany Martinez, 4 - Alexa Fedigan. Front row: 3 - Sean McIntyre, 2 - Ella Coomber, K - Mia Evans, and 1 - Peyton Swanson



**Owasco School Red Ribbon Winners:**

K - Aley Vanderpool, 1 - Natalie Lambertson, 2 - Natalie Sperduti, 3 - Maxwell Houghton, 4 - Rose Thurston, 5 - Kara Sova and Nolan Wright, 6 - Reese Mallory



**Casey Park Red Ribbon Winners:**

K - Trynleigh Naumilket, 1 - Gabriel Denman, 2 - Madisyn Romeo, 3 - Arianna Mosher, 4 - Dillon Brooks, 5 - Cavan Nagell, 6 - Elijah Church



**Herman Ave. Red Ribbon Winners:**

L-R: K - Leo Zatizabal, 1 - Nadine Major, 2 - Henry Kim, 3 - MacKenna Bauso, 4 - Mia Cammilleri, 5 - Carley Wellington, and 6 - Ashley Kingsley



**Genesee Red Ribbon Winners:**

Front row: 1- Adalia Emmanuel, K - Elise Turner, 1 - Ja'lani Brown, 2 - Dahleon Estes-Johnson, K- Kaya Taylor, 2 - Bridgette Greenfield, 3 - Kaiya Tallman, 3 - Adriana Basile  
Back row: 4 - Braverno Emmanuel, 5 - Gavin Hodson, 5 - Ava Garcia, 6 - Aubree DeMarse, 6 - Dannylynn Thurston (missing: 4 - Xavier Rathbun)

**#FixAndFundIt**

**The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.**

**For more information please visit: [fixandfundit.org](http://fixandfundit.org)**



## Promoting Your Child's Social and Emotional Development

Social and emotional skills help us manage emotions, build healthy relationships and show empathy and understanding to others. Teaching our youth critical skills such as how to communicate, resolve conflict, self-regulate, and display kindness and empathy and to cope with challenges is critical for their success in school, careers and life. More and more, teachers are using class time to promote social and emotional development. Teachers support skill development in their students through class meetings, role-playing social situations, large and small group activities, classroom jobs and modeling appropriate social behaviors. Socially competent youth are better adjusted and able to accept diversity, change and new forms of learning.

Families have an important role in developing their children and adolescents' physical, cognitive and emotional learning too. Parents can nurture these skills at home by learning about their children and adolescents' age appropriate social and emotional milestones.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Cayuga County has provided the Auburn Enlarged City School District with pamphlets that guide parents on how to support their children and adolescents' social emotional development through 1-18 years of age. These pamphlets provide information on age appropriate emotional and social behaviors, explain the stages of cognitive development and give positive parenting tips to families so they can help their children build a foundation for a lifetime of success.

In the Auburn school district, student services educators provide families with these pamphlets when they recognize that a youth is having social and emotional challenges. Student services educators work with faculty, students and families to provide an essential link between school resources and community-based health resources.

If you would like to learn more about your child or adolescent's social and emotional development, contact one of our school's psychologists to receive one of these pamphlets.

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**SPIRIT WEEK: CRAZY SOCK DAY @ HERMAN AVE**

# Ten things you can do to help your child become a better speller.

**Your role as a parent is a pivotal one in helping your child achieve success in spelling, reading, and writing at school. Here are some helpful tips that will help set your child on the path to word study success!**

1. When reading to your child, point out patterns that occur across words: "Look! The letters 'ss' at the end of 'mess' and 'dress' make one sound—/ s /." Encourage your child to look for other words with the same pattern.
2. When your child asks you how to spell a word, don't automatically spell it for her. Ask her to think about the sounds in the word, the letter patterns of other words that are similar, and the meaning of the word.
3. When your child brings home his weekly spelling list, ask him to look for patterns across words and group words together according to the same pattern; we don't want him to think that words can only be memorized.
4. Encourage your child's teacher to teach her students to think about the sounds, patterns, and meanings that dictate why words are spelled the way they are.
5. If your child is stuck on how to spell a word, start by asking him to think about each sound he hears in the word and putting at least one letter for each sound; make sure he writes the letters at the exact same time he says the corresponding sounds.
6. Point out that words that are related by meaning often use the same base or root: "Hey! Magician and magic have similar meanings. I see the word 'magic' in 'magician' even though I don't hear it in there."
7. When your child needs to spell a long word, encourage her to think of smaller chunks within the word that have meaning: "Comfortable. Well, I know how to spell comfort and I know that able is often spelled as a-b-l-e. Let's try that."
8. When you are helping your child learn to spell a word, associate with a word he already knows how to spell: "How do you spell broach? Well, it rhymes with or sounds a lot like coach. Use coach to help you spell broach."
9. When spelling a word, encourage your child to say the individual sounds – not the letter names – as she writes the corresponding letters; we say sounds and we write letters.
10. Don't dismiss spelling as something that can always be corrected by spellcheckers. That's simply not the case!



**You can always  
get more involved!**

**Write to your school board  
about increasing emphasis  
on spelling instruction for  
all students!**

**Get remedial help for students  
who need it. Seek out  
specialists who understand the  
importance of spelling and the  
proper ways to teach spelling.**

**Remember that spelling  
is very important!**

**Poor spelling impedes  
future education and  
career opportunities!**

**For more information on helping your child achieve reading,  
spelling, and writing success visit [www.learningbydesign.com](http://www.learningbydesign.com).**



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# 12 Ways to Have a Healthy Holiday Season!

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

1. Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Bundle up to stay dry and warm. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
3. Manage stress. Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
4. Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive. Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
5. Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
6. Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
7. Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
8. Get your vaccinations. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
9. Monitor children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
10. Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
11. Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
12. Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.



**Be inspired to stay in the spirit of good health!**

Listen to [The 12 Ways to Health Holiday Song](#) or a [Holiday Health Podcast](#).

## NEWYORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm) whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

# December 2019

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## WARM & COZY!

Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) spent the day at Genesee giving away hats, scarves and mittens they knitted to each Genesee student. Pictured are Mrs. Terry's kindergarten students with RSVP volunteers.

(L-R): Maria Giacona, Sally Musso, Mary Chirco, Pat Messina, Barb Mulvey, Alicia Procino, and Joyce Whitman.

## New Central Registration Center for New Students

Effective immediately, the Auburn Enlarged City School District will begin registering new students at its Central Registration office, located in the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Ave.

Any new families that have moved into the school district and need to register their children for any grade level, Pre-K through 12th grade, may do so at the new Central Registration office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"Having a Central Registration office should make the registration process much easier for families moving into the district, and we are excited to provide this customer service," said Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.



For more information, please  
contact Tina Brechue  
AECSD Central Registration  
Pre-K through 12th grade

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## SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

2nd installment due: December 3, 2019  
Last day the collector will accept taxes is:  
December 3, 2019

Questions about your bill?

Call 315-255-8806 or e-mail:

[SandraVanGiesen@aecsd.education](mailto:SandraVanGiesen@aecsd.education)

You can also look up your bill online at:

[www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net)

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence.

Find out more at:

[www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD  
on social media.



## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.



## The Great American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society has held this event for over 40 years on the third Thursday of November as an opportunity for people to quit smoking not for just a day, but year round.

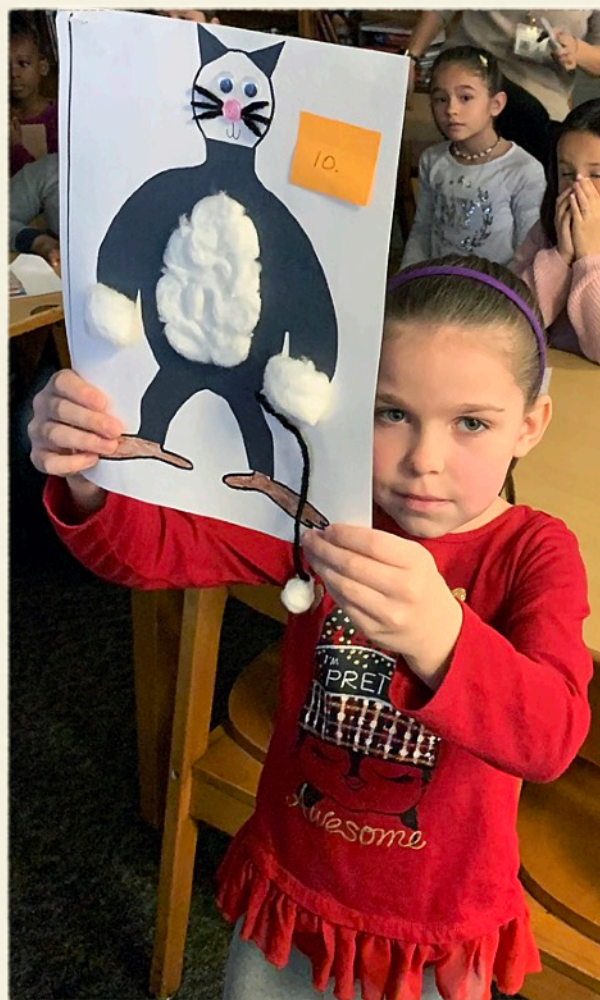
Students in the **SADD Club** at Auburn High School and in the **Reality Check Club** at Auburn Junior High School created signs and placed them in front of the schools to raise awareness and encourage smokers to quit smoking and vaping.

For more information visit The American Cancer Society webpage: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)



## The Mystery Turkey Project @ Genesee

In November, Mrs. Picciano's second grade students at Genesee Elementary School participated in an interactive videoconferencing project with Ms. Westing's second grade class in Dunkirk, NY. Students created disguises for their turkey; one was selected by a school-wide vote at each school to be the mystery turkey featured in the video-conference. The classes took turns asking yes or no questions to guess the other's turkey. At the end of the video-conference, students from each class shared information about their school and community.



*Layla Sherwood sharing the picture of her disguised turkey with Ms. Westing's class.*



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