



# the MAROON monthly

AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Book Vending Machine Comes to Seward



In spring 2020, William H. Seward Elementary School was awarded an Auburn Education Foundation (AEF) grant. This grant has provided the school the opportunity to add a book vending machine to the school to

complement their PBIS program and to continue to encourage and engage their students in developing their literacy skills. The book vending machine is up and running with many fiction and non-fiction titles that provide a wide range of books that are appropriate for students in kindergarten up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade with a multitude of different topics. The students are enjoying earning "Bee Bucks" that they then turn in for a token to select a book. William H. Seward Elementary School would like to thank the Auburn Education Foundation for their continued support of school projects and assisting with making this vision a reality for our Seward Stingers!

## Athletic Department Sport Season Schedule

### GO MAROONS!

#### Winter Sport Season

**January 20 - February 28, 2021:** Low & Moderate Risk Winter Sports: Varsity Boys and Girls Bowling, Varsity Boys Swimming, and Modified Boys & Girls Swimming

**February 1 - March 13, 2021:** High Risk Sports in this season will be Girls Basketball (Mod, JV & Varsity), Boys Basketball (Mod, JV & Varsity), Varsity Ice Hockey, Winter Cheer (JV & Varsity)

#### Fall 2 Sport Season

**March 8 – April 24, 2021:** High Risk Sports in this season will be football (Mod, JV & Varsity), Winter Cheer (JV & Varsity), Varsity Girls Swimming and Fall Cheer (JV & Varsity).

#### Spring Season

**April 19 - June 12, 2021:** Sports in this season will be typical spring season sports - boys and girls lacrosse, baseball, softball, boys tennis, girls golf, and boys and girls track and field. Wrestling (Mod, JV & Varsity) is now a spring sport.

**For more information on Physicals, FamilyID Registration, Spectators, overlapping seasons, and the latest Athletic updates go to:**

**[www.aecsd.education/athletics](http://www.aecsd.education/athletics)**



## For February Fun, Join our “GooseChase!”

A “GooseChase” is a digital scavenger hunt where you compete against other people to complete “missions” by submitting either text, photo, or video answers. Each mission is assigned a point value, and you may be given bonus points for creativity!

We’d like to invite all Auburn School District students and families to participate in a GooseChase running from February 1st through February 21st. Prizes will be given out to the top point scorers in each school, as well as for most creative submissions for specific missions!

The Auburn Education Foundation purchased the GooseChase software and the Auburn Teachers' Association provided a grant to purchase gift certificates from local businesses to use as prizes.

To participate in our game that starts February 1st at 8:00am, go to the GooseChase website:

<https://sites.google.com/aecsd.education/auburngoosechase>

There are fifteen missions to begin the game, and several more will be added each day through the end of the game, which is Sunday, February 21st at 3:00pm.

We hope you'll join our GooseChase and have fun, spend time with family, get outdoors, and learn something new!

*Submitted by Victoria Calarco and Anne Mlod, Librarians*



## Auburn Staff GooseChase



- 1st Place: Shannon DelloStritto & Family - Casey Park**
- 2nd Place: Tammy & Gabrielle Nolan - Owasco/Herman**
- 3rd Place: Meg Gremler - Herman Ave**
- 4th Place: Heidi & Melania Hayward - AHS & AJHS**
- 5th Place: Caci Family - Genesee & Casey Park**

**Caption:** Auburn staff members had the chance to participate in a GooseChase in January, completing missions that included showing off their masks, sharing a favorite yoga pose, bundling up, and creating something in the snow!





### Scripps National Spelling Bee

Students in Elementary and Auburn Junior High School participated virtually in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in December. The top four scorers in each participating school advanced to the Syracuse Regional Spelling Bee which took place virtually on January 23rd. We are proud of all of the students that participated.

At **Auburn Junior High School** the top four are: Emma Sroka, Gavin Turner, Audrey Donnelly, and Natalie LaClair. The top four at **Herman Ave.** are Sean Ringwood, Sasha Zalben, Kevin Crary, and John Cuddy.

The students placing in the top four at **Seward** are: Makayla Hutchinson, Carter Wilson, Jack Sroka and Leighton Axton. Four students from **Casey Park** made it to the virtual written round. Congratulations to fourth graders, Lucy Humberstone, Brooklyn Lee, Trevor Moscicki, and Shyleigh Beck!



Congratulations to all these students. We are proud of the great effort and sportsmanship displayed by all of our participants.

**Emma Sroka** (grade 7) has qualified to advance to the Regional Spelling Bee. This will be an oral spelling bee that will be held on March 20, 2021. Emma has had to compete in a school and regional spelling bee to reach this achievement. We wish her the best of luck in the next round!

### WORD WINNER!

## The Adventures of The Word Nerd

Tyler Maxwell used to be a typical boy. But one day, a 10-pound dictionary fell on his head.

Luckily, he survived. But now Tyler can use only the biggest, hardest words there are. His friends don't understand him. **Can you help?**

**Directions:** Use a dictionary to help you figure out what Tyler is trying to say. Write your answer on a separate piece of paper.



SEE OUR WORD NERD VIDEO ONLINE!



**Sasha Zalben**  
Herman Avenue Elementary  
Auburn, New York

Sasha wrote this issue's Word Nerd!

#### Word Nerd Contest!

Write your own Word Nerd sentence. If we choose yours, you will be featured as a Real-Life Word Nerd.

Send your entry to "Word Nerd Contest." See page 2 for details.

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Sasha Zalben, a 5th grader at Herman Avenue, was chosen as a featured author in Scholastic Storyworks Magazine for February 2021! While in Mrs. Messina's 4th grade class, Sasha entered the Word Nerd Contest last spring and won. She is responsible for this month's magazine's Word Nerd Adventures.



### 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.





**Halle Barrette**

**Halle Barrette, a second grade student in Mrs. Carberry's class at Herman Avenue School reppin' her high flyer T-shirt!**

# #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)**



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- AHS: @auburn\_ahs**
- AJHS: @auburn\_jrhigh**
- Casey: @auburn\_casey**
- Genesee: @auburn\_genesee**
- Herman: @auburn\_herman**
- Owasco: @auburn\_owasco**
- Seward: @auburn\_seward**



## **ATTENTION:**

**All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)**

## **NEW YORK 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.

## Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

### Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4 year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3 year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1st, 2021 and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child's registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program *	Full/Half Day*	Contact
Cayuga Community College – 81 Wall St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES – 1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency - 89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center – 1110 Corporate Dr.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – 6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA – 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

*\*Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

### Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation.

Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website [www.AECSD.education](http://www.AECSD.education) under Student Registration or <https://www.familyid.com/auburn-csd-student-registration-programs/auburn-csd-2021-2022-upk-registration>

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may also pick up a 2021-2022 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. **Completed applications should be submitted to your child's current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave.**

**Need more information about the 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program?**

**Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



# February 2021

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	<b>1</b> NOW OPEN! Open Enrollment for AECSD 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program	<b>2</b> National School Counseling Week  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> AJHS Report Cards  Elementary Report Cards	<b>6</b>																																																																																											
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## Educator Grants - Imagine the Possibilities!

**SPRING APPLICATIONS Due by  
Monday, February 15, 2021**

Through a competitive grants process, Auburn Education Foundation awards funding to educators who have creative ideas that will capture the attention and imagination of Auburn Enlarged City School District students. Funding is awarded to projects that cannot be supported through the regular district budget and fall within at least one of the following six areas: Academics, Arts, Life Skills, Character Education, Physical Education & Wellness, and Technology.



*Do you have a creative idea or a specific need that would benefit your class? Auburn Education Foundation's spring grant cycle is now open. Applications for grants can be found on [auburneducation.org](http://auburneducation.org) and are due by February 15th. AEF is here to support your efforts.*



## Central Registration Center for New Students

### Remote Registration Process for New Students During COVID-19

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Like many school districts, Auburn Enlarged City School District is adapting to the ever-changing environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Registration Process that will be followed during this time is online.

Please register your students using the enrollment form located at the following link:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-csd-2020-2021-student-registration>



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

(315) 255-8825 or

TinaBrechue@aecsd.education

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## Anonymous Alerts!

The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. This safety communications tool is a way for our students to quickly communicate anonymously with school officials and engage in anonymous 2-way communications to share more information about incidents. Types of concerns that may be reported include, but are not limited to, bullying, harassment, drug-related issues, fighting, weapons, threats, and more. The goal of this reporting system is to help maintain a safe school climate while giving students ample opportunity to securely communicate with school administrators without fear of retribution by their peers. The system will be monitored during school days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To send a report online:

[www.anonymousalerts.com/](http://www.anonymousalerts.com/)

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Start the app, enter Activation Code: **auburncsd**
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

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### Keep Your Child on Track With Schoolwork



**Supporting Children's Learning:** Children who are struggling with schoolwork can become frustrated and look for ways to avoid going to school and participating in school. Our goal is to provide them with the support they need so they feel good about learning and good about themselves. Parents and teachers need to work together to help children succeed in school and feel connected. Find out more at:

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

**Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD  
on social media.**



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