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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Auburn Families,

Governor Cuomo announced that schools are to remain closed through the remainder of the academic year. I understand the multitude of emotions everyone may be feeling right now, but ultimately the health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority.

Even though our schools have to remain physically closed for now, our **teachers and staff will continue educating our students through distance learning for the remainder of the academic year.** At the elementary level, teachers will put together additional curriculum packets to be sent home and continue to try to connect with students digitally. At the secondary level, teachers will continue with online instruction through Google Classrooms. Principals will establish a new schedule coordinating the pick-up of additional instructional materials, as well as any personal belongings students may still have at school, and communicate that schedule to students and families in the coming weeks.

The New York State Education Department will be providing guidance regarding a **grading system for school work** soon, and we will communicate the results to students and families. In the meantime, our teachers will continue providing feedback to students on completed course work. We are also currently **looking at ways to have a graduation ceremony for our seniors.** We have discussed several options, including having a physical ceremony with social distancing measures in place or figuring out a way to have a virtual ceremony. We are waiting to hear from the State Education Department for recommendations, and once we finalize a plan, we will communicate that to everyone.

FREE grab-n-go breakfasts and lunches will continue to be available for ALL Auburn Enlarged City School District students from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Casey Park Elementary, Genesee Elementary, and Auburn Junior High School through the end of the school year. Due to the Memorial Day Holiday there will be no meal service on Monday, May 25th. Meals for the holiday and Tuesday, May 26th will be available on Friday, May 22nd.

Our school psychologists, social workers and counselors will continue to be available to provide **social and emotional support and assistance** during regular school hours through the end of the school year. Please visit the [Student Services Department page](#) of our website for more information on contacts and resources available.

School Board Election and Budget Vote Information

On May 1, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 202.26 revising timelines of school board elections and budget votes. School board elections and budget votes originally scheduled for May 19, 2020, will now take place on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020.** All qualified voters will vote only by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be mailed out with a postage paid return envelope. A public hearing on the school budget is **Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:45 p.m.** via [Zoom](#).

Anyone interested in running in the Auburn Enlarged City School District's **school board election** must self-nominate by **Monday, May 11, 2020,** by emailing board clerk, Shelly Major, at MichelleMajor@aecsd.education. There will be no minimum threshold number of signatures required for individuals placed on the ballot, except that they must meet all other requirements including applicable residency and age. For more information, please contact Pamela Skomsky, at (315) 255-8822.

All school grounds, including playgrounds, athletic courts, and sporting fields will continue to remain closed. If social distancing guidelines in our area are lifted, we will decide whether or not reopen any school grounds to the public at that time.

I cannot stress enough how much we miss all of our students!

We are already making plans for opening our schools back up in September. We have ordered many supplies including disinfectants, masks, and other pertinent items, and we are figuring out ways to implement social distancing. We want to ensure our schools are safe for everyone to return in the fall.

I continue to be amazed at how our community has come together to work through this unprecedented situation. The E. John Gavras Center and the Booker T. Washington Community Center are currently offering child care for essential workers. The Booker T. Washington Community Center has FREE grab-n-go dinners available for ALL Auburn Enlarged City School District students on weekdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 23 Chapman Ave. Thank you to everyone in our community for working together to help get through this pandemic.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students and staff back in September! Please do not hesitate to contact teachers or administrators with any questions or concerns.

Stay healthy,

Jeff Pirozzolo

Jeffery A. Pirozzolo, Superintendent of Schools





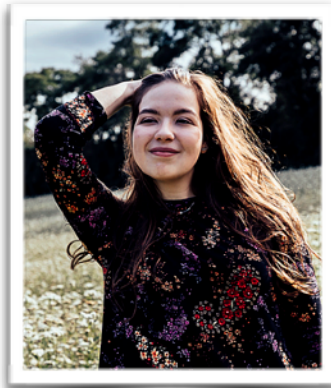
Auburn High School 2020 Senior Class Picture

Watch the “Future Plans for the AHS Class of 2020” and the “National Decision Day”

Videos at: [The AHS Class of 2020 webpage](#)



*Div Patel, Validictorian
University of Rochester*



*Jadan Hand, Salutatorian
Colgate University*



*Clair Netti, Alexa Driscoll, Caroline Netti
Canisius College, University of Albany, Canisius College*

Watch AHS Drama Club Show Live on Friday, May 8, 7:00PM: [10 Ways to Survive a Quarantine](#)

Read AHS Journalism Student’s Stories from the Quarantine Zone: [Lake Ave Times, Issue No.4](#)

TOP TEN (in 12th Grade)		
Auburn High School 2019-2020		
4th Marking Period		
	Standard	Weighted
1)	Megan Fuller	99.00 102.53
2)	Alisa Sheridan	98.17 102.26
3)	Alexis Calkins	98.13 101.79
4)	Claire Alexander	99.38 101.43
5)	Div Patel	97.38 100.99
6)	Andrew Bishuk	97.13 100.74
7)	Thomas Pilbeam	99.00 100.63
8)	Anna Miles	97.14 100.59
9)	Gabriella Scharett	96.88 100.47
10)	Alexa Driscoll	97.57 100.31



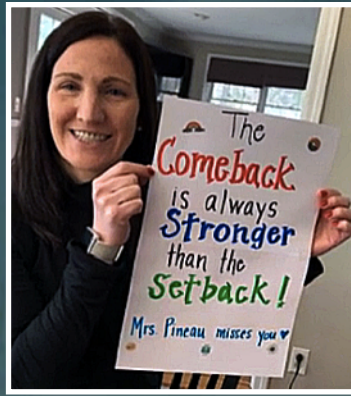
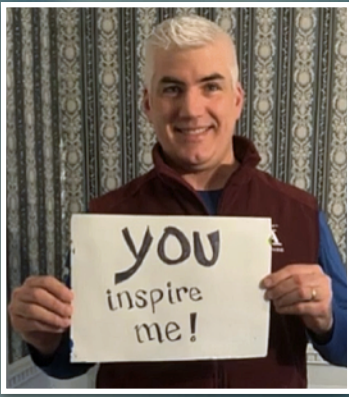
Please consider purchasing an Auburn “Maroon Strong” T-shirt! The cost is \$15, with \$5 from each shirt going to support the AHS Senior Class of 2020.

Order online: [FarmBoyGraphics](#)



EVERYONE COUNTS! The U.S. Census 2020 is happening now, and the 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that our community will receive for programs and services that are critical for our students. For more information, please visit our U.S. Census 2020 page on our website: www.aecsd.education

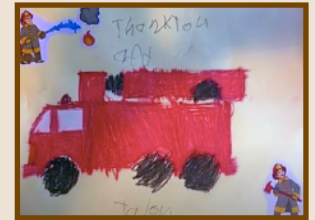
OWASCO OWLS! WE MISS YOU!



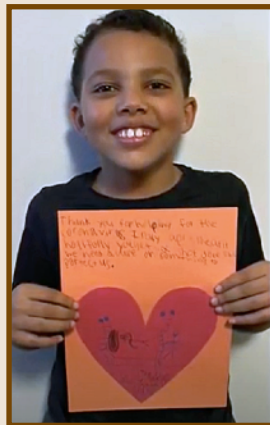
WATCH our video on the Owasco homepage: [Owaco Owls, We Miss you!](#)

Casey Park's Emergency Responder Secret Mission!

Casey Park presented all of their students with a secret mission to work on last week. They had to select a first responder group, make a sign, take a picture, and send it to their teacher. Then teachers created videos and sent them to Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County Sheriff Department, Auburn Fire Department, and Auburn Community Hospital.



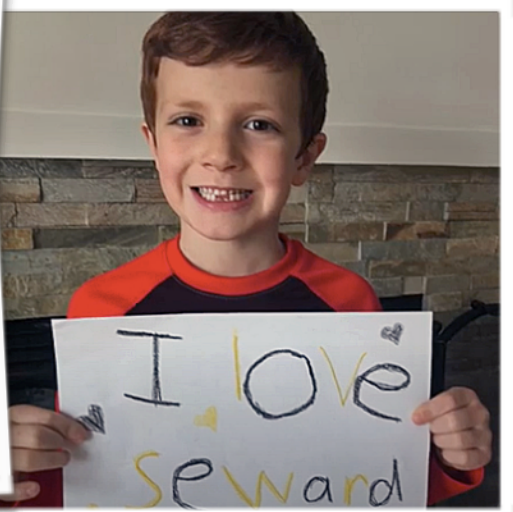
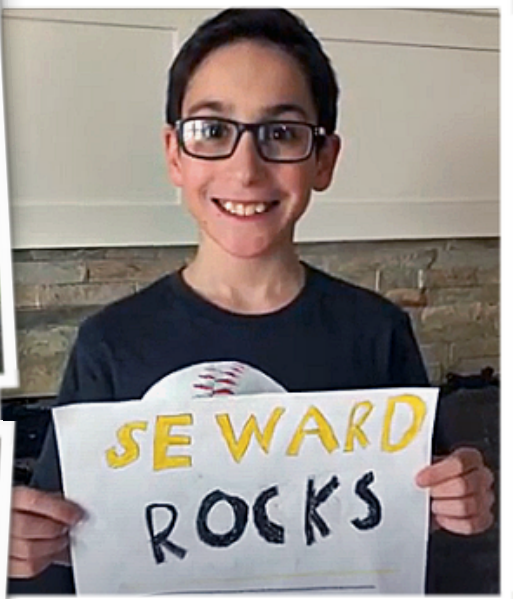
Watch Casey Park's Video's with the links below:



[Auburn Healthcare Workers](#)

[Auburn Fire Department](#)

[Auburn Police & Sheriff Departments](#)



Seward Elementary students and teachers showcase how much they miss everyone and can't wait to return to school!

Links to watch the Videos:

[Seward Student Showcase](#)

[Seward Stingers, We Miss You](#)





How to Make Your own FACE COVERING

Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams, shares ways you can make your own face covering in a few easy steps with items you can find around your house. like an old scarf, a bandana or a hand towel, or you can make a face covering out of an old T-shirt and two rubber bands.

It's that easy! Check it out:

<https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf>

Submitted by Caren Radell, School Nurse Supervisor



2020 Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Ceremony

Friday, September 18th
7:00 PM, Hilton Garden Inn
Auburn, NY

The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2020 includes the following:

Dr. Marc Brown - AHS, Class of 1971 - Dr. Brown is a recognized dermatologist from Rochester. He lectures and teaches peers and students at local and national meetings focusing on Mohs surgery, melanoma, facial reconstruction and challenging and unusual skin cancers. He has performed more than 25,000 Mohs procedures.

Susan Taylor-Brown, PhD, MPH, ACSW - AHS, Class of 1972 – Susan is the wife of Dr. Marc Brown and has degrees in social work and public health. She is an expert on mental health issues of chronic illnesses and has worked with end-of-life issues. She has also developed services/programs for the HIV-affected community.

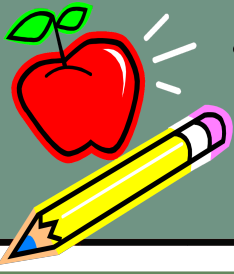
Martha Gallo - AHS, Class of 1975 - Martha presently works for AIG as Executive Vice President and Head of Internal Audit. She has a longstanding commitment to the advancement of women and girls and serves as Board Co-Chair of the Women's Refugee Commission, believing that women's contributions play a critical role in business, government and the community.

Brian Kreydatus - AHS, Class of 1987 - Brian is a Fulbright Scholar who specializes in printmaking and life drawings. He has participated in solo and group exhibitions in the USA and abroad. He is presently an art and art history professor at William and Mary University. He has received numerous awards.

William Snee - AHS, Class of 1971 (Posthumously) - William was known as Bill Carey while working as a journalist and reporter for over 4 decades in central New York. He served as a mentor to many young journalists and was highly respected by peers and government officials. He won 3 Emmys as well as other awards and honors in his field.

Jared Tuxill - AHS, Class of 1989 - Jared has a distinguished career in the Navy Seals, an elite military organization. He has served at least ten tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and has been awarded the Silver Star, six Bronze Stars with V, two Purple Hearts, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals and numerous individual and unit decorations. In 2015, he and a partner opened the Bold Mariner Brewing Company (micro-brewery).

TICKETS are available to purchase online at: auburneducationfoundation.org



UPDATE on Registering



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2020?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD?

★ 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>

Genesee Elementary

244 Genesee Street (315) 255-8678

Casey Park Elementary

101 Pulaski Street (315) 255-8798

Herman Avenue Elementary

2 North Herman Avenue (315) 255-8718

Seward Elementary

52 Metcalf Drive (315) 255-8638

Owasco Elementary

66 Letchworth Street (315) 255-8721

★ We will not have a formal Kindergarten registration like we typically do in each building this spring due to COVID-19.

Questions?

For more information please contact Tina Brechue, AECSD Central Registration Pre-K through 12th grade, at (315) 255-8825 or email: tinabrechue@aecsd.education

Check the website for future updates: www.aecsd.education



May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May"</p> <p>(My Girl, The Temptations)</p>	<p>April 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>June 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>	<p>stay positive</p>	<p>For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education</p>	<p>1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week Be Kind to Animals Week</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Teacher Appreciation Day Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bike to School Day School Nurse Appreciation Day</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Flower Moon</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>8</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>  <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM Live on BOE webpage</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LAST</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Asian American Heritage Month National Physical Fitness and Sports Month</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM Live on BOE webpage</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>FIRST</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Grab-N-Go Food 11:30AM - 1:00PM</p>	<p>30</p> 
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Herman First Graders Weekly Conferences!



Every week, the first graders in Mrs. Siddall's first grade class at Herman Avenue Elementary School ZOOM for a "lunch bunch." It was a weekly tradition in the classroom, so we have continued it virtually. Each week, we have "surprise guests." Our librarian, Mrs. Crosby, reads a book to the children, which they really enjoy. Mr. Turscik and Mrs. Colella, our PE teachers, join us. We hear their news, and they give the children PE challenges to keep their bodies moving! Madame Lansford, our French teacher, joins us also, and the class sings their French songs. Mrs. Rice, our art teacher, comes too! She tells the children about the daily art challenge.

It is so important for the students to see all of their teachers who miss them. It is a wonderful way to connect with each other, and we are grateful to be able to share so many things with each other and our teachers!

PreSchool Open Enrollment Now Open!

Accepting Registration Packets for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2020-2021 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 1, 2020, and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) is below, and 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 welcomed and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your registration packet. 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.	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	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*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2020-2021 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above, at all Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: www.aecsd.education.

Registration packets are available for pick up or download.

Need more information about the 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten?
Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.



#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

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

(315) 255-8825

TinaBrechue@aecsd.education



ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates:
www.aecsd.education

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Herman: @auburn_herman
Owasco: @auburn_owasco
Seward: @auburn_seward

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 whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



If I'm not here,
I can't learn.

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

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.

Handwashing: Keeping Your Family Healthy

Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

Help your child develop handwashing skills

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids the [five easy steps for handwashing](#)—wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry—and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.



Lead by example

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.



LIFE IS BETTER WITH

CLEAN HANDS

www.cdc.gov/handwashing



Handwashing can prevent

1 in 3
cases of diarrhea



1 in 5
respiratory infections,
such as a cold or the flu



Remember to make handwashing a healthy habit at home, school, and at play!

Give frequent reminders

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

What if soap and water aren't available?

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol.

Did you know?

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.



GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNERS

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