

## Upcoming Events

Friday, December 20:  
Go Home Drill  
Students released 15 minutes early

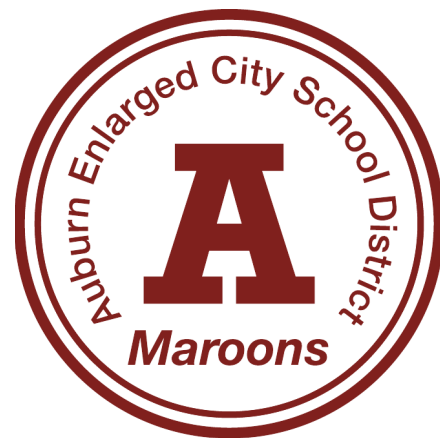
December 23-January 3:  
Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 6:  
School Resumes

# Casey Park

Elementary School

**December 2019**



## Introducing Our New Assistant Principal, Mrs. Batis!

Dear Casey Park Families,

It is with excitement that I write this introduction to you as the newly appointed Assistant Principal of Casey Park Elementary School. I am eager to get to know all of our students and I look forward to assisting Mrs. Garback with making this a great year!

Prior to coming to Casey Park, I was a Special Education Teacher at Genesee Elementary School for the past 6 years. Currently, I am working towards my Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration. My decision to become an administrator came from a desire to have a positive impact on more than the students in my own classrooms.

As the Assistant Principal I will work together with Mrs. Garback and the rest of Casey Park's staff to make this school a place where our students feel safe and work hard towards becoming successful life-long learners.

I look forward to meeting each of you. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at [briannebatis@aecsd.education](mailto:briannebatis@aecsd.education) or by phone at 315-255-8760.

Wishing you all a great remainder of a school year,

Mrs. Batis

## Contact us:

Main office: (315) 255-8760

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School Nurse: (315) 255-8766



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## Water Systems

Mrs. Montone's class created water systems during science!



## Thanksgiving Celebration

Mrs. Kustyn's second grade class celebrated Thanksgiving with a Charlie Brown feast!



## Red Ribbon Poster Contest

Congratulations to the Casey Park winners of the Red Ribbon Poster Contest:

Trynleigh Naumilket (K)  
Madaisyn Romeo (2)  
Dillon Brooks (4)  
Elijah Church (6)

Gabriel Denman (1)  
Arianna Mosher (3)  
Cavan Nagell (5)



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS!**  
every student  
**present!**  
Bright futures begin with good school attendance

Did you know that **absenteeism** in the first month of school can predict poor attendance through the school year? Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Please make sure your student is in school whenever possible. Every day is a gift of education and extremely important.

If your child is not present, please call the main office at (315) 255-8760 to report his or her absence.

Please help us reduce chronic absence. For more information, please visit:  
[www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

**#EveryStudentPresentAECSD**

## Odyssey of the Mind

Our students participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES!



## PAWS Expectations

Fourth graders presented to the entire student population on PAWS expectations for the bathroom with a super creative video!





# Monthly Math Memo

December, 2019

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## Beliefs and Commitments of Expert Teachers

Research shows that teachers beliefs and commitments are the greatest influences on student achievement over which we have some control. The difference between a high-effect teacher and a low-effect teacher is substantial. A student in a high-impacts teacher's classroom learns about a year more than his or her peers in a lower-effect classroom. The differences between higher and lower effect teachers primarily relate to the attitudes and expectations teachers have when they decide on the core issues of teaching – what to teach, what level of difficulty to teach at, and how rapidly to progress. It is the attitude or belief system of expert teachers that really sets them apart.

Five attitudes and Beliefs of Expert Teachers

### 1. Expert teachers identify the most important ways to represent the subjects they teach

They know how to introduce new content knowledge in a way that integrates it with students' prior knowledge and they can adapt the lessons according to students' needs.

### 2. Expert teachers create an optimal classroom climate for learning

The best climate for learning is one where there is trust. Expert teachers create classrooms in which errors are welcome and learning is cool.

### 3. Expert teachers provide feedback

Expert teachers are excellent seekers and users of feedback about their teaching – they see student progress as feedback about the effect they have on learning.

### 4. Expert teachers believe all students can reach the success criteria

Expert teachers believe that intelligence is changeable rather than fixed. They show a passion that all students can succeed.

### 5. Expert teachers influence a wide range of student outcomes not solely limited to test scores

Expert teachers influence student's in a wide range of ways: helping them develop deep and conceptual understandings, develop multiple learning styles, encouraging risk taking in learning, developing respect for themselves and others, and helping them develop into active citizens who participate in our world.

- Visible Learning For Teachers – John Hattie

The top five qualities of a great teacher, according to students, are:

### 1. The ability to develop relationships with their students

The most frequent response is that a great teacher develops relationships with students

### 2. Patient, caring and kind personality

Personality characteristics related to being a compassionate person and having a sensitivity to student differences, particularly with learners, was the second most frequently reported quality.

### 3. Knowledge of learners

It includes an understanding of how students learn at a given developmental level; how learning in a specific subject area typically progresses like learning progressions or trajectories; awareness that learners have individual needs and abilities; and an understanding that instruction should be tailored to meet each learner's needs.

### 4. Dedication to teaching

Dedication refers to a love of teaching or passion for the work, which includes commitment to students' success.

### 5. Engaging students in learning

Students also said that teachers should be able to engage and motivate students to learn.

## Math Holiday Activities Online

[https://www.abcya.com/games/christmas\\_lights\\_holiday\\_game\\_for\\_kids](https://www.abcya.com/games/christmas_lights_holiday_game_for_kids)

<https://www.mathnook.com/fungames/christmas-games.html>

<https://mrnussbaum.com/holidays/christmas-games>