

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 14:  
District Cup Stacking Contest,  
3:30pm @ Seward

Thursday, February 15:  
AJHS Parent Night, 6pm @ Seward

February 19-23:  
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 5:  
District Parent Council Mtg., 6:30pm  
@ Harriet Tubman Admin. Bldg.

Wednesday, March 14:  
Seward Community Café  
Light Dinner @ 5:30pm  
Conversation @ 6pm

Friday, March 16:  
Staff Development Day -  
NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 19:  
Seward PTA Meeting @ 6pm

Friday, March 30:  
Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

April 2-6:  
Book Fair Week

Wednesday, April 4:  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, April 5:  
PBIS Family Night @ 6pm

# William H Seward Elementary School

February 2018  
Newsletter

Home of the  
**Stingers**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE:

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The second half of the school year is a good time to review some of our school rules and procedures to ensure a safe environment where communication between home and school provides our students with a supportive atmosphere to learn and thrive.

### Here are some key reminders:

1. Please refrain from using the bus loop entry to the school between the hours of 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Also, please use the designated cross walk and sidewalk while avoiding walking through the school's lawn.
2. Be sure that the school has a current phone number and address on file in the event that someone from the school needs to contact you.
3. Arrival for those students attending breakfast begins at 8:10 a.m. Arrival time for all other students begins at 8:30 a.m.
4. Please notify the school for early dismissal and/or changes in dismissal prior to 2:45 p.m.
5. Regular dismissal begins at 3:00 p.m.
6. Food for planned class parties must be bought in a store and delivered in its original packaging.
7. A written, verbal (face-to-face), phone call, email, or text message notice for excused absences is required within 5 days of the absence.
8. No pets are allowed on school grounds during arrival and dismissal.
9. If students are ill, they should not return to school until they have been fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours.
10. If your child is sick, please call the health office to inform the school at (315) 255-8606.

## Contact us:

Main office: (315) 255-8600 | Fax: (315) 255-8611 | School Nurse: 255-8600 (prompt 2)  
Address: 52 Metcalf Drive

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Email: [sewardst@mail.remind101.com](mailto:sewardst@mail.remind101.com)

## Key Reminders from the Second Grade Team

Here are some things to keep in mind as we progress into the second half of second grade.

1. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day, as well as a utensil if needed. Chips, candy, and cookies will not be allowed.
2. Please check and empty your child's take-home folder daily.
3. Practice math facts daily, including addition and subtraction facts. Students are required to master facts by the end of second grade, which means they should know them automatically when presented.
4. With an upcoming spring field trip and class parties, please remember to complete and return a volunteer form. Only approved volunteer forms will be permitted.



## Key Reminders from the Special Areas Crew:

Here are some things we'd like you to know about the specials your kids attend everyday:

1. Specials are just as important as other subjects. Art, Music, and Physical Education are common core subjects with specific benchmarks for each grade level.
2. Specials lessons don't just focus on our subject areas. We often include other learning areas such as science, social studies, ELA, and math.
3. Art, Music, and Physical Education make kids better readers, listeners, creative thinkers, multitaskers, and problem solvers.
4. We don't expect perfection. The process is more important than the end result. Your child does not need to be Michael Jordan, Picasso, or Beyoncé by the time they leave 6th grade.
5. Please make sure your child is ready to learn; they remember their instrument, sneakers, and clothing that will not be ruined with a little paint or marker. Being able to manager their clothing and tie their shoes is invaluable.

## Key Reminders from the Library:

The library is an important hub in an elementary school. Below are a few key steps to help your child enjoy and participate in our library program.

1. Please help your child in remembering to return library books on time so others can enjoy them too.
2. Please reinforce the use of a safe place for library books, as well as good book care, so books do not get lost or damaged. If a library book does get lost or damaged, please encourage your child to tell the librarian about it.
3. Please read with your child daily. It improves a child's ability and is a great way to bond.
4. Please encourage responsible internet use. Make sure you are aware of what your child is doing online.
5. Please use the library's web page to access our database and websites.

[seward.auburn.cnyric.org](http://seward.auburn.cnyric.org) - click on Library

**PBIS  
NEWS!**

## School-wide PBIS Community Café

In December, our school community paused from our daily routines to engage in discussion topics for re-teaching PBIS lessons using a community café model. Students were organized in buddy classes with two grade levels and teachers utilized in a variety of engagement strategies in order to facilitate discussion among the students.

The school's PBIS team came up with the discussion topics. Some responses from the students in regards to **being safe at arrival and dismissal** included standing still at the bus stop, wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, being careful when it's icy, and more. When the students discussed how they could **show respect, responsibility, safety, and engagement at home and in the community**, students responded with helping around the house, asking a neighbor if they need their driveway and sidewalks shoveled, saying thank you for gifts, and more. Students concluded by discussing **responsibility, respect, safety and engagement when they return to school after the break**. Students identified being on time for school, asking friends how their break was, being prepared for class, helping fellow students, and more. The students showed a high level of engagement throughout the experience and contributed to rich discussions in every buddy group!

## Stingers of the Month

December



January



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## Congratulations, Perennial Math participants!



**Front Row (L to R):** Thomas Anderson, Riley Davis, Sydney Yurco, Evan Payne, Tucker Hogan, Eric Varnado, Madison Fredericksen, Samantha Carr, Ella Losani, Leah Wilmot, Addy Riley, Reese DeRosa

**Middle Row (L to R):** Angelia Bartolotta, Sydney Hesse, Gabriella Warter, Connor Swanson, Charlie Losani, Owen Gasper, Ryan Maher, Matthew Smith, Logan Hall, Kathryn DeForest, David Currier, Tristan Clark

**Back Row (L to R):** Don Bean, Danica Jordan, Grace Mack, Skylar Bishuk, Alyssa Hogle, Jack Sliwka, Bodhi Landers, Michael Sokernyk, Anthony Cioci, Caleb McMillan, Austin Ferrin, Mrs. Mahunik

**Absent from photo:** Kamryn Rossi

A number of our students participated in the CNY Perennial Math Tournament in January, and several of them earned awards! All winners will advance to the national competition in May!

### Grade 4 Individual Awards:

1st Place: Owen Gasper  
3rd Place (tie): Samantha Carr, Addy Riley, Leah Wilmot

### Grade 5 Individual Awards:

3rd Place (tie): Bodhi Landers

### Grade 4 Team Awards:

1st Place: Seward Team #46  
3rd Place: Seward Team #50

### Grade 5 Team Awards:

1st Place (tie): Seward Team #52

When I miss school,  
my opportunities  
disappear...



Bright futures begin with good school attendance

## 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. #EveryStudentPresentAECSD  
Visit [www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents) for more info.

KEEP IT UP!

# VOTE for Auburn Junior High School

# VOTING EXTENDED!



AJHS could win a \$25,000 grant for new indoor and outdoor fitness equipment through a Project Fit America voting contest!

# VOTE DAILY! THROUGH FEB. 15

To vote, visit:  
[danimalsshopriteschoolcontest.young-america.com](http://danimalsshopriteschoolcontest.young-america.com)