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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Three AECS D schools – Casey Park Elementary, Genesee Elementary, and Auburn Junior High School – are currently participating in a School Climate Transformation Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. This program is designed to promote positive learning environments in these schools. The local evaluation of this program is being conducted by the Youth Policy Institute, Inc. As part of this evaluation, AECS D students in Grades 4-8 in the participating schools are asked to complete an anonymous and voluntary online survey each year of the project.

This year, school staff will be administering the surveys **May 14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**. There are three important features of these evaluation surveys:

1. **The surveys are anonymous.** Students will not have to provide their names or any personal information when taking the survey. School staff will not see any student responses and all student answers will be reported in aggregate form (such as averages or percentages).
2. **The surveys are voluntary.** You may decline to have your child take the survey. Your child may decline to take the survey at any time or may skip any questions in the survey they do not wish to answer. If you or your child declines to participate, your child will be allowed to read or participate in some other activity during the survey. There will be no negative consequences if your child does not participate.
3. **The surveys are age-appropriate.** The survey questions are written to be easily understood for students in Grade 4 and up. School staff will be available to read questions out loud for participants who have any trouble reading.

The success of this evaluation depends on responses from as many students as possible. I hope you will agree to allow your child to participate in this survey. If you agree to allow your child to participate, no action is necessary. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, at (315) 255-8801.

If you have any questions about the survey or anything about the evaluation, please contact Philip B. Uninsky, Executive Director of the Youth Policy Institute at (315) 824-0530 or [youthpi@gmail.com](mailto:youthpi@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Pirozzolo  
Superintendent of Schools

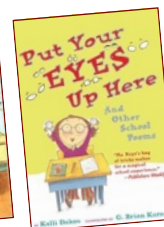


**Kalli Dakos,**  
**Visiting Author Series**

During the week of April 2nd - 6th, poet and author Kalli Dakos will be visiting each of the Auburn elementary schools to talk with classes about her books. She will also host a Poetry Slam at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, April 5th from 6 - 7 p.m. Winners of the poetry contests being held in each school will be featured at the Poetry Slam. Immediately after there will be the opportunity to purchase Kalli's books and have them signed by her from 7 - 7:30 p.m. Special thanks to Hilton Garden Inn, our main sponsor for the event. Learn more about Kalli Dakos at [www.kalldakos.com](http://www.kalldakos.com).

### Schedule

**Monday:** Seward  
**Tuesday:** Casey  
**Wednesday:** Owasco  
**Thursday:** Genesee  
**Friday:** Herman





*Auburn Alumni  
Hall of Distinction  
Seventh Annual  
Induction Ceremony*

**Honoring:**

Pauline Copes Johnson	1945
Thommie Walsh	1968
Dr. Larry Ellison	1971
Kevin Corcoran	1972
Dr. Peter Usowski	1973
Kevin Murphy	1997

**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
The Hilton Garden Inn**

**\$35 per person (under 12 free)**

**ADVANCED SALE ONLY**

**Your payment will serve as your  
“ticket” and place you on a  
reservation list.**

**All reservations need to be made no  
later than May 11, 2018.**

**Reserve online at  
[www.auburnedfoundation.org](http://www.auburnedfoundation.org)**

**Mail payment to AEF, PO Box 592,  
Auburn, NY 13021**

**Call AEF office (315) 255-8827 and  
leave a message**

**Contact Janie Hutchinson  
(315) 224-4110**

**Genesee Alumni Scholarship  
Fundraiser a  
Delicious Success!**

On Saturday, March 24th, many Genesee families and community members came out to support Genesee's third annual Cardboard for College fundraiser which included cardboard games and board games. This year, members of Auburn's CIAO (Cultural Italian American Organization) cooked a delicious meatball sub dinner. Current and former students volunteered at the event, which raised over \$1,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. All Auburn High School seniors who attended Genesee Elementary School for at least three years are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. This year's deadline is Friday, April 20th. Applications are available in the high school guidance office as well as on the online scholarship platform. Special thanks to this year's sponsors Currier Plastics, Friends of Seymour Library, Nucor Steel and Savannah Bank, as well as raffle prize donors AT Walley, Auburn Doubledays, the knitters from RSVP, SkyZone Trampoline Park, and the Auburn YMCA. For more information on our scholarship, visit <http://www.cardboardforcollege.com>. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, it can be sent to: Genesee Alumni Scholarship Fund, 224 W. Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021.



**Fun FROG Facts!**



Mrs. Mitchell's and Mrs. Walawender's third grade class at Owasco Elementary School developed slide shows on frog adaptations. First, the students read books from the NYS Grade 3 ELA Module, including Bullfrog at Magnolia Circle and Everything You Need to Know About Frogs. Then students presented their slideshows to their peers.

*Pictured L-R: Landon Gilmore teaches Hayden Chase how to make a slide show on Google Slides using Chromebooks. Kathryn Carr presenting her slide show.*

**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.**

## AUBURN ATHLETICS...Winter 2017-18 Team Summary



**Girls Basketball:** The team finished the season with an overall record of 11-7 and a league record of 6-2. The team qualified for Sectionals but fell to Liverpool in the first round.



**Boys Basketball:** The team finished the season with an overall record of 15-7 and a league record of 11-3. The team won the Salt City Athletic Conference league title and qualified for the Section III Tournament. They won their first home game against Proctor, but lost the next at Central Square. Both Scotty Minnoe and Kaleb Cook reached their 1,000 career points on the same night; it marks the first time in Section III history that a team has had two players reach 1,000 points in the same game. Kaleb Cook is All-CNY player of the year. Cook also led Section III in scoring, and Majesty Wilder was the Section III assist leader.



**Ice Hockey:** Auburn finished the season with an overall record of 16-7-2 and a league record of 9-3-1. The team finished in 2nd place in regular season league play and went through the Section III tournament undefeated to become the Section III Champions. Auburn advanced through the regional tournament defeating Ogdensburg, and earning their way to the "Frozen Four" in Buffalo where they were defeated in the NYS semi-finals. All league first team honors went to Jake Morin and Johnny Malandrucolo; second team honors went to Jack Kalabanka and Ross Burgmaster; and honorable mention team honors went to Brendan Williams, Aidan Hastings and Austin Black. Morin and Malandrucolo were also named to the All-CNY team and the NYS first team all-star team. Congratulations to Jake Morin for being the first player in Auburn Ice Hockey history to reach 100 goals. Jake Morin was named League Player of the Year and Mike Lowe was named All-CNY Coach of the year. Auburn was ranked #1 in NYS during the season and ended with a final ranking of #3. The team also qualified to earn the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award.



**Boys Swimming:** The Auburn Boys Varsity Swim team finished their regular season with an overall record of 1-12. The team finished 10th overall in Sectionals. Sam Carbonaro placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the 200 free with a time of 1:50.74 and placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 500 free with a time of 5:02.14.



**Indoor Track:** The boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at leagues and the girls were 6<sup>th</sup>. Christian Dotts set a new school record in the 55 M HH and the high jump. Christian was also the league champion in the HJ. Josh Cuddy defended his 600 meter league title. They both advanced to the state qualifier where Josh placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 600 meters and Christian placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the HJ. The girls were a scholar athlete team.



**Girls/Boys Bowling:** The Auburn Varsity Bowling teams both had a successful season this year. The girls won the SCAC league title, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Section III Tournament, and lost the Class Tournament by 1 pin to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kaylee Hodson, Lily Snyder, Amber Pidlypchak and Terrence O'Donnell earned the right to participate in the State Qualifier Tournament. Kaylee Hodson advanced to participate in the NYS Championship Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and had a 6 game total of 1083. Congratulations Kaylee!



**Wrestling:** The team finished with an overall 10-3 record and a 4-2 league record. Individually all 11 Varsity wrestlers qualified for class tournament and 11 went to sectionals with 6 placing top 6, and 2 making the finals for the first time since 1978. The Sectional top 6 place finishers were: 113 Luca Pirozzolo (2<sup>nd</sup> place), 138 Liam McLoughlin (5<sup>th</sup> place), 152 Hunter Duger (2<sup>nd</sup> place), 170 Keyshin Cooper (4<sup>th</sup> place), 182 Lucas Hogan (5<sup>th</sup> place), and 220 Mike Hamilton (6<sup>th</sup> place). The team also qualified to earn the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award.



**Now  
Open!****Accepting Applications for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2018-2019 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program!**

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our District, which we are so excited to announce, includes not just the UPK program for our 4-year-old learners, but also the newly implemented 3PK program for 3-year-olds! Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn Residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1, 2018, 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	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-1792, ext. 2303
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-253-0361, ext. 7675
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038, ext. 260
Early Childhood Center	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Fingerlakes	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
Westminster Nursery School	UPK	Half-day	315-253-3961
YMCA	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304, ext. 113

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

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 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: <http://district.auburn.cnyric.org/upk/>

**Do you have a child who will be 5-years of age on or before December 1, 2018?**

**We are accepting Applications for the 2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!**

Stop by and pick up a registration packet at any of the Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website:

[http://district.auburn.cnyric.org/upk/Kindergarten\\_Information](http://district.auburn.cnyric.org/upk/Kindergarten_Information)

**Need more information about the 2018-2019 Universal Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs? Please contact Mary Cregg at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



## Auburn Students Compete in Odyssey of the Mind Tournament

Auburn had six teams compete in the Region 11 Odyssey of the Mind Competition in March at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES. Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think outside of the box by providing open-ended problems that require students to identify challenges and develop creative solutions.

One of the Owasco Elementary teams, coached by Auburn Junior High Nurse Beth Brown Saville, won first place in their division and will advance to the New York State tournament on April 7 at Binghamton University.

### Problem #1:

#### Triathlon Travels

**Casey Park -  
4th place (Division I)**

Coaches -

*Shannon DelloStritto  
& Kiley Kustyn*

Students:

Madison Aldrich  
Matthew Bagarozzo  
Michaela Keim  
Kaden Liddle  
Avery Miller  
Eythan Raso

### Problem #3:

#### Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously?

**Owasco - 1st place (Division II)**

Coach - *Beth Brown Saville*

Students:

Cianna Bailey  
Berkley Brown  
Emerson Brown  
Audrey Carr  
Megan Daly  
Jeremiah Horn  
Mikey Keogan

**Seward - 3rd place (Division II)**

Coach - *Erin Gasper*

Students:

Carter DeRosa  
Mary Gasper  
Jack Hoadley  
Mac Maher  
Mallory Ruback  
Caroline Smith

### Problem #5:

#### A Stellar Hangout

**Owasco - 4th place (Division I)**

Coach - *Katya Estes*

Students:

Aisha Bailey  
Sophia Coleman  
Brayden Durant  
Casey Estes  
Emma Mahunik  
Anthony Mancuso  
Reese Paleczny

**Seward - 3rd Place (Division II)**

Coaches -

*Chris Martin & Nate Vitale*

Students:

Lia Bartolotta  
Sadie Clemens  
Ella Galloway  
Rylee Sheehan  
Danielle Swietoniowski  
Alexandra Vitale  
McKenna Wilmont

***Congratulations to all  
Odyssey of the Mind  
participants for a job  
well done!***



### Owasco Team - 1st Place (Division II)

*Megan Daly, Emerson Brown, Berkley Brown, Audrey Carr,  
Jeremiah Horn, Mikey Keogan and Cianna Bailey*

**Genesee - 4th Place  
(Division II)**

Coaches -

*Anne Mlod & Julia Maum*

Students:

Caitlyn Cook  
Jolene Harris  
Albert Hughes  
Jacob Morrell  
Joseph Sanders  
Mackenze Ware  
Meg Winks



## 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.

## National Foreign Language Week 2018

by  
Cymphoni Deal  
AHS Senior



**“To have another language is to possess a second soul.”**  
~Charlemagne

At the beginning of March the Foreign Language Clubs at Auburn High School had something to look forward to. Governor Andrew Cuomo declared March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup> as National Foreign Language Week for the year of 2018. The language teachers at Auburn High took this opportunity and seized the chance to do something great with it. The incredible teachers organized an event on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> where all the clubs would get together in the library and celebrate our languages. Included were French Club, Spanish Club, Italian Club, and International Club. Teachers of each club brought a variety of food and snacks for members of the clubs. If you were to take a look around the library you could see the smiles on everyone's faces and hear the joyful laughs of the crowded room.

Along with the meeting on Monday, the teachers also organized a plan for a member of each club to read the chorus of a popular song on the morning announcements each day of the week. Everyday after the song was read in the language of the day, students at Auburn High had the chance to guess the song for a chance to win an Amazon gift card.

Learning a second language can be difficult at times, but it is stuff like this that pushes people to keep going and continue to the next level with their languages. It is greatly encouraged that younger students take the leap and continue their foreign language studies throughout high school as it greatly increases your cultural experiences.

**The Auburn Enlarged City School District** has been facing significant budget shortfalls year after year due to major flaws with the New York State Foundation Aid formula and its lack of funding.

**Join the fight to eliminate the Income Wealth Index “floor” of .65 so ALL public schools can achieve equitable educational funding!**

If the “floor” of .65 were eliminated, Auburn and 150 other school districts across the state would see a net benefit in the amount of Foundation Aid they receive.

# #FixAndFundIt

**Please help spread the message:**

### **SEND!**

Post cards addressed to Governor Cuomo are available at the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Avenue and the main offices of each school. A directory of NYS officials is available at:  
[district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget](http://district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget)

### **SIGN!**

A petition requesting the Governor take immediate action to fix and fully fund the Foundation Aid formula for public schools is available to download at [district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget](http://district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget). Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and any other district resident you know to sign the petition.

### **SHARE!**













Use our hashtag - #FixAndFundIt - on social media.



**Our students deserve fair and equitable funding. They need everyone on board to spread this message. The more the governor and other lawmakers hear the message, the more likely they are to listen and act!**



# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>1</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> April Fool's Day	<b>2</b> Seward Book Fair Week (4/2-4/6) District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	<b>3</b> Herman MGR Gr. 1 Golden Goose Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	<b>4</b> Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30PM AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	<b>5</b> Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater	<b>6</b> AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater	<b>7</b> Passover Ends World Health Day AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater
 <b>8</b> National Library Week School Library Month	<b>9</b> Owasco OPT Mtg 3:30PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments Herman PTO Mtg. 4:00PM Library	<b>12</b> Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments	<b>13</b> Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Assessments K-8 End Marking Period 3	<b>14</b>  ACT Test 7:30AM @ AHS
 <b>15</b>  National Volunteer Week	<b>16</b> PTA Meeting Seward 6:00PM	<b>17</b> NYSSMA Majors @ AHS Tax Day	<b>18</b> NYSSMA Majors @ AHS Seward Community Cafe 5:00-7:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	<b>19</b> NYSSMA Majors @ AHS Owasco AJHS Parent Night 6:00-7:00PM	<b>20</b>  Elementary & JHS Report Cards	<b>21</b>
 <b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Spring Break Week <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>24</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b> Administrative Professional's Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26</b> Take Your Child to Work Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>27</b> National Arbor Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>28</b>
 <b>29</b> International Dance Day	<b>30</b>				March 2018 S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

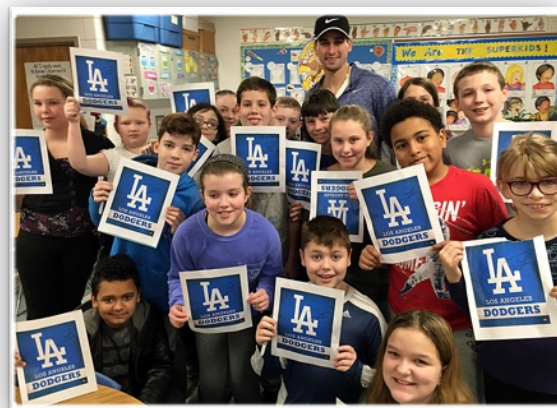


Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence. Find out more at:

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

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

## Career Readiness, Focusing on Equity and Achievement



AHS graduate and MLB player Tim Locastro visited Owasco School before heading out to Spring Training. Tim fielded questions from the fifth grade owls and described life in Los Angeles and Major League Baseball. In addition, students asked him about Clayton Kershaw Yasiel Puig. We are proud of Tim's career readiness and achievements. Play ball!

Jacquelyn Aversa, Gr. 5, Owasco Elementary School

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER/BOX HOLDER

# SHREK THE MUSICAL



*Ella Boedicker*



*Ida Kavanagh, James Hunter,  
Fiona Chisholm*

*A successful production at Auburn  
Junior High School in March!*



*James Hunter, Sammy Morris*



*The Cast of Shrek*

*Photos by Kevin Rivoli*



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