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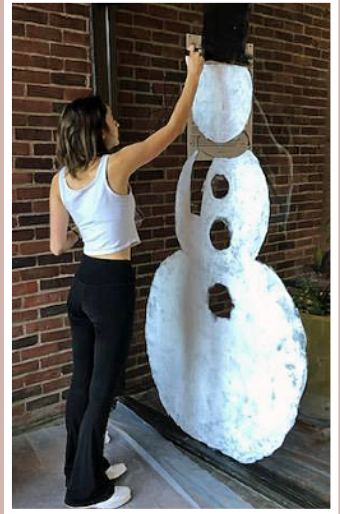
AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gregory Bates and JJ Balkman

Auburn High School art students Hailey Hutchinson, Rylee Sheehan and John Winne painted the windows at the Fingerlakes Mall over Thanksgiving break.
Kim Bunce, AHS Art Teacher



Casey Park Food Drive

The Casey Park Community embraced the character trait of appreciation this month and decided to run a food drive. We wanted to share our appreciation with our local community, in addition to teaching our students charity and generosity. Students brought non-perishable food items to their classrooms, and we had several sixth grade students in our leadership program collect them each week. We were able to collect 500 food items and then deliver them to the Booker T. Washington Community Center on Chapman Avenue.

by Erin Gutelius, 2nd Grade Teacher

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SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with updated Information at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/>
If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988.html>
The latest newsletter can be found here: <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988-newsletter-3-eng.pdf>

Career Shadow Day @ Auburn Junior High

November 18, 2022

After a 3 year hiatus due to Covid, we are excited to bring back Career Shadow Day. Over 100 AJHS 8th grade students who are enrolled in FACS (Family and Consumer Science) this semester participated in the event. The 8th grade students who are enrolled in FACS next semester will participate in a Career Shadow Day in the spring. Career and college readiness is a high priority goal in education at this time. One aspect of that is to gain knowledge of and exposure to a diverse range of postsecondary pathways. Not only did the students have the opportunity to shadow someone for the day, they were also required to set up their own experience and interview their host.

Career Shadow Day is designed to give students a meaningful introduction to the world of work and provide a context for understanding the connection between school and career. We want our students to be able to see that what they are doing in their classes every day is preparing them for future jobs and careers.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the businesses and employers in the Auburn and surrounding communities that allowed our students to visit and experience the “world of work” for the day. If you are an employer and would like to participate in the spring, please contact one of the School Counselors at Auburn Junior High School.



Career Shadow Day - Program Goals

- Demonstrate the connections between academics and careers which helps the students make their classwork more relevant
- Provide students with a “real-world” look at the occupation or career they may be considering/exploring and learn about the knowledge, skills, talents, abilities, level of education required, etc. in regard to the particular career they are exploring
- Introduce students to the requirements of professions and industries to help them prepare to join the present and/or future workforce
- Build community partnerships between schools and businesses that enhance the educational experience of all students
- Encourage an ongoing relationship between young people and caring adults and employers



Zoey Stebbins spent the day with School Counselor Lynn Stock at Seward Elementary. Here's what Mrs. Stock had to say; Zoey is an amazing presence in the classroom and will be successful in whatever path she chooses to pursue. She was a pleasure to spend the day with. She wanted to be involved and helped a student practice a breathing technique to use when stressed. According to Zoey, this experience reinforced her interest in pursuing a career in the mental health field.



Submitted by School Counselors Margaret Walsh and Gerald Salvage, and FACS 8 Teachers Netta Blakes and Julie Eardley

Amari Ross went to Booker T. Washington Center. He shadowed Andrew Cartwright who is the office manager and also works in the afterschool program. According to Andrew, Amari did a great job. He was very helpful and he wanted to do more than just shadow. He participated in what was happening that day and worked with the younger students. Amari is interested in getting a part time job at BTW this summer.



Special Guest @ Casey Park

Ms. Martens' 5th grade class had a guest speaker visit on November 22nd. The guest was **Nasir Smith**, who is a former Casey Park student. He is a Division I football player for Central Connecticut. His dream is to get drafted to the NFL. He loves to motivate children and give back to his community. He presented to the class and then played football after. Thank you Nasir!

*Mackensy Martens
5th Grade Teacher*

Friendsgiving Meal in Mrs. Partlow's Second Grade Classroom



Pumpkin Project with Math and Science at Casey Park

Students in Mrs. Yale and Mrs. Partlow's second grade class at Casey Park teamed up to learn about the parts of the pumpkin and the life cycle of the pumpkin. They worked together to estimate the circumference of a large pumpkin. The winning team estimated within 1/2 inch of the actual size! Teams then practiced sorting and counting groups of ten to determine how many seeds were in the pumpkin. The students had lots of fun learning to apply their science and math skills!



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

DEI Updates for December 2022

- AECSD administrators attended the 55th annual Auburn/Cayuga County NAACP's "Freedom Fund Gala" convened at the Auburn Hilton Garden Inn on November 4th. The district was represented by Lisa Green, Dr. Shereasa Braxton, Epiphany Woodruff, Joseph Woodruff, Shannon Dunbar, Dr. Renee Burgess, Sarah Cupelli, Amy Mahunik, and Sarah Passarello.
- The DEI Task Force convened its November 7th meeting and proceeded to further define the overarching operational themes that will frame every building's DEI strategic initiative(s.) The task force recognizes that building culture, the particular neighborhood served, and background of the student body will create building-oriented objectives that address the specific programmatic objectives of that building while reflecting the district's overarching framework.
- Bill Berry, Jr., AECSD Consultant for DEI Strategic Planning and Initiatives, was appointed by NYS Governor Kathy Hochul to serve as one of fifteen state-wide public commissioners on the NYS Commission of African American History that held its inaugural public meeting on November 16th at The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem. The commission will highlight 400 years of African American presence in NYS; convene public meetings throughout the state, and author a preliminary report of its activities in October 2023, and a final report in 2024. Learn about the NYS Commission on African American History and provide your feedback and comments to the Commission by visiting the following links:
<https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-commission-african-american-history/about-new-york-state-commission-african-american#overview>
<https://www.ny.gov/form/400-years-of-african-american-hi>
- Under the district's ongoing DEI community outreach, Cayuga County District Attorney Brittany Grome Antonacci and Cayuga County Sheriff Brian Schenck were welcomed as guest speakers at the AHS Student United Way November 29th meeting. The district attorney and sheriff engaged students in a discussion pertaining to career opportunities in the field of criminal justice and law enforcement. Student United Way is a collaborative partnership between the United Way of Cayuga County and its Executive Director, Kathryn Dennis and Dr. Renee Burgess, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Instruction for the school district.
- The AJHS Demanding More book club convened its second meeting on November 8th and had a lively discussion centering on intersectionality.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry continued their outreach and support to district building leadership to address student issues, as well as furthering staff professional development and training.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infection

About Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in New York State, October 2022

Just like flu and COVID-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infection typically spreads during the fall and winter months. A common respiratory virus that can be especially harmful to very young children, older adults, or those born preterm or with underlying lung conditions, it's important for New Yorkers, parents, and guardians to learn about preventing RSV spread, managing symptoms and care, and how to protect loved ones at the greatest risk of getting very ill.

NYSDOH does work to ensure that the State is aware of any outbreaks happening in New York, which are investigated by local health departments.

What is RSV?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection is a common respiratory illness caused by a virus. Anyone can be infected, but RSV most often causes serious illness in infants and very young children. The virus can also cause serious illness in older adults or those with a weakened immune system. Much like other respiratory viruses, RSV infections typically occur during the fall and winter.

How does RSV spread?

RSV is spread through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of infected people when they cough and sneeze. RSV can also spread through dried respiratory secretions on bedclothes and similar items. RSV can remain on hard surfaces for several hours and on skin for shorter amounts of time.

What are RSV symptoms?

Typical symptoms resemble the common cold. However, RSV infection can also result in pneumonia, especially in the very young, the very old or those with weakened immune systems. However, mild or unnoticeable illness may occur.

Symptoms generally begin four to six days after exposure. Symptoms generally develop slowly over a period of several days. The contagious period is usually less than 10 days after symptoms begin, but occasionally is longer. Symptoms, particularly a cough, may persist for a few days to a number of weeks.

How is RSV diagnosed?

RSV is diagnosed by a pediatrician/health care provider. It is usually identified from the appearance of typical symptoms. The use of specific laboratory tests is often limited to cases of severe illness and to special outbreak investigations.

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/respiratory_syncytial_virus/

How can I prevent RSV?

- To prevent RSV and other respiratory viruses that circulate during the fall and winter, including COVID-19 and flu, adults, parents, and guardians should make sure they and their children:
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 shots and receive an updated booster as soon as [eligible](#). Get an annual flu shot. Teach children to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into their elbows rather than their hands. Practice good hand hygiene, and keep frequently touched surfaces (tables, utensils, doorknobs) clean.
- Stay home from work or school when sick, until symptoms subside.
- If you have very young children or elderly adults at home, including a child who was born 29 weeks or earlier or a child or adult with congenial lung disease, try to keep them isolated from family members who develop respiratory viruses or symptoms. Keep social distancing in mind, which can aid in reducing spread.
- Ventilate indoors or keep windows open for air circulation when and as possible. Consider wearing a mask when indoors or in crowded settings. This may be important for parents, guardians, siblings, and other friends/family members who may live with newborns, very young children, or elderly who are at the highest risk, and are looking to take precautionary measures.

If my child or I have symptoms consistent with RSV, what should I do?

If you or your child have symptoms consistent with RSV, or any respiratory illness, **contact a health care provider right away** who can help you with diagnosis and care. While sick, stay home from school or work to prevent spreading the illness.

If your child was born preterm and is at high risk of developing severe infection due to underlying lung conditions, talk to their health care provider about Palivizumab (Synagis). This medication is a monoclonal antibody recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to be administered to high-risk infants and young children likely to benefit from immunoprophylaxis based on gestational age and certain underlying medical conditions. It is given in monthly intramuscular injections during the RSV season, which generally occurs during fall, winter, and spring in most locations in the United States.

If my child or I do catch RSV, what care is available?

If you or your child have symptoms consistent with RSV, reach out to a health care provider right away, especially if symptoms are severe. A health care provider will advise on diagnostics and care, but there are steps New Yorkers can take to relieve symptoms. According to [CDC](#):

Manage fever and pain with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. (Never give aspirin to children.)

Drink enough fluids. It is important for people with RSV infection to drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration (loss of body fluids).

Talk to your healthcare provider before giving your child nonprescription cold medicines. Some medicines contain ingredients that are not good for children.



The Herman Avenue Jump Rope Team did a great job at the jump rope competition at Seward Elementary School. These Herman Hawks worked hard on their speed jumping, partner jumping, and continuous jumping skills in order to prepare and SOAR through the competition. A huge thank you to Mrs. Colella, Mr. Turcsik, and Mrs. Franchina for all the work you did to help prepare our students and support them during the competition.
Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Avenue Elementary School

The Turkey Disguise Discussion

First graders at Herman Avenue in Mrs. Siddall's class zoomed with a first grade classroom in Cattaraugus, NY. Both classes learned about the community of the school, the geography, and history of the community.

The students also created "turkey disguises" and played a virtual game of "Guess Who". Students loved it, and even though we "lost the game", we had a great time learning about first graders in another New York State community!

Kelly Garback, Principal, Herman Avenue Elementary School



SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**2nd installment due:
December 2, 2022**

**Last day the collector will accept
taxes is December 2, 2022**

**Questions about your bill?
Call 315-255-8836
or e-mail:**

LisaCamardo@aecsd.education

**You can also look up your
bill online at:
www.taxlookup.net**

**Location to pay in person:
FIVE-STAR BANK
345 Genesee St, Auburn, NY**

**Address to mail payments:
AECSD Tax Collector
P.O. Box 241
Warsaw, NY 14569**

Auburn High School P-TECH Student News



AHS P-tech students traveled to Owasco Elementary and guided the 5th grade students through an Engineering STEAM challenge. Six teams were tasked with building a chair out of empty cereal boxes, 12 inches of tape and 8 plastic screws. The chairs needed to be at least 18 inches tall and built to support three dictionaries (or roughly nine pounds). Two teams were able to build a structure that held double the weight.



A big shout out to P-Tech students Aiden DeCann, Gracey Garrigan, Jacob Mott, Robert White, Brett Wilson, Elijah YearGin and Caleb Zmarthie for showcasing their talents and getting the 5th graders excited to learn more about the engineering mindset. The group plans to do a boxed cereal food drive in the future.

By Christine Lupo, Owasco Librarian

Anonymous Alerts® report it

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

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <i>December Artwork</i> Aiden Jensen, Gr. 3	November 2022 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	January 2023 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	1 World AIDS Day	 2 Elementary Report Cards School Tax 2nd Installment Due	3
4 <i>Love peace Joy</i>	5 School Picture Retake Day: Genesee District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	6 School Picture Retake Day: Casey Park Herman Ave Casey Park Winter Concert 6:00PM @ AJHS Human Rights Day	 Cold Moon 7 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM AHS Orchestra Concert 7:00PM @ AHS Pearl Harbor Day	8 School Picture Retake Day: Owasco and Seward Herman Ave Winter Concert 6:00pm @ Auburn Junior High School AHS Scholarship Night 6:30pm @ AHS Library	9 HS End Marking Period 2	10 ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS
11 	12 Seward Winter Concert Instrument/Choral 6:00PM @ AHS	13 AJHS Orchestra Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM Bill of Rights Day	 14 AHS Band Concert 7:00PM @ AHS	15 AHS Scholarship Night 6:00PM - 8:00PM AJHS Band Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS	 16  AHS Report Cards	17
18  Hanukkah (Begins at Sunset)	19 Owasco Winter Concert 6:00PM @ AHS	20 AJHS Chorus Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS	 21 First Day of Winter Genesee Winter Concert 6:00PM @ Genesee	22	 23 Holiday Parties GO HOME EARLY DRILL (Students Released 15 Minutes Early)	24 Christmas Eve
25  Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess Hanukkah Ends Kwanzaa Begins	27 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	28 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	 29 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	30 NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess	31 New Year's Eve

Updates at Seymour Library

Seymour Library will be **closed Saturday, December 24, through Monday, December 26**, for the holidays and will **reopen on Tuesday, December 27, at 9 am.**

We hope families will join us from **December 27, through December 30**, for activities during school break that will keep everyone entertained – from crafts to LEGOS® Challenges, movies, games, and more!

Seymour Library will also be **closed Saturday, December 31, through Monday, January 2**, to celebrate the New Year and will **reopen on Tuesday, January 3, at 9 am.**

Most importantly, our historic building will turn 120 years old on January 1! Plans are in the works to celebrate with special tours and a birthday cake! More details are to come, and everyone is welcome to attend!

For more information on upcoming events and programs, visit www.seymourlibrary.org.



To start up the New Year, the library has a brand new **Pokémon Club!** This fun club will enjoy discovering all things Pokémon! The club plans to begin with a focus on Pokémon Cards, so bring your own or use the library's cards!

This club will meet in person on **Tuesday, January 10, at 5 pm** in the Family Space at Seymour Library! There is no need for advance registration, so stop in! This program is for ages seven and up, but all ages are welcome!

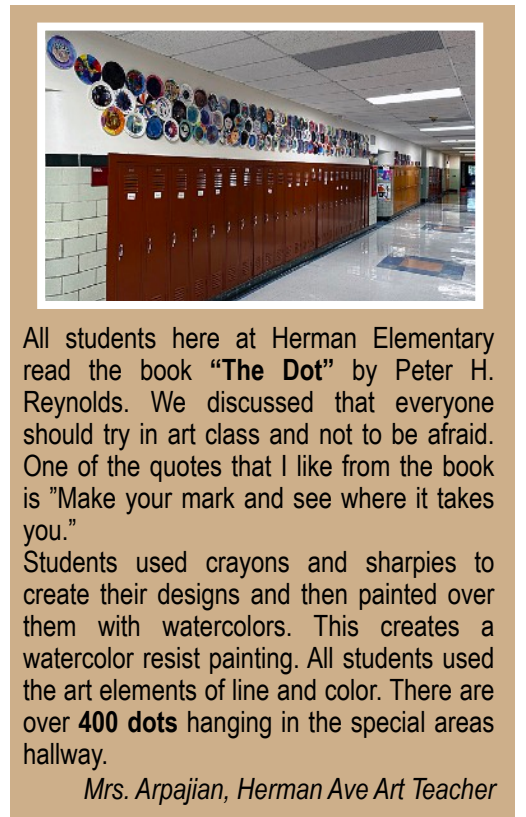
Herman Avenue Elementary School News



On the last day before Thanksgiving break, the Kindergarten classes at Herman Ave celebrated Friends-giving! Students enjoyed a 'feast' together that included turkey, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy and a roll. The students were able to share time together with their friends and share what they were thankful for! A special thanks to Wegmans for donating most of the feast supplies to our classes!
Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Avenue Elementary School



Herman Avenue's Kindness Tree was a school-wide project for Unity Day on Wednesday, October 19th to show our pledge to use kindness to counter bullying behavior.



All students here at Herman Elementary read the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. We discussed that everyone should try in art class and not to be afraid. One of the quotes that I like from the book is "Make your mark and see where it takes you."
Students used crayons and sharpies to create their designs and then painted over them with watercolors. This creates a watercolor resist painting. All students used the art elements of line and color. There are over 400 dots hanging in the special areas hallway.
Mrs. Arpajian, Herman Ave Art Teacher



To honor Veterans Day, students at Herman Avenue wrote thank-you letters and shared their veteran heroes. Students and staff also wore red, white, and blue and gathered to take a school-wide photo to thank veterans for their service.



Talk to your teen about VAPING

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https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf



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#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



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.

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.



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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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

Auburn High School Chem Club News



Students volunteered with the CNY American Chemical Society at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park ZOO BOO doing Chemistry activities in October.



Mrs. Prin Furst
ACS Auburn Chemistry
Club Advisor



The **Auburn Athletics Calendar** for all sports can be accessed on our website at:

<https://aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1941>

Also on **Schedule Galaxy** which is now called Aktiviate.

Genesee Elementary hosted our first Awesome Attendance Party this month and it was a huge success!

Nearly 200 students met the challenge of having two or less absences from the first day of school until November 10th. Students and families were treated to an amazing night of fun, which included pizza, jewelry making, movie, popcorn, cookies, exclusive access to the Book Fair and over 20 raffles. Even parents were given a chance to win Walmart gift cards! Genesee continues to be supported by the generous donations from Grace Chapel and Westminster Church which helps make these amazing events possible.



Our 2nd Attendance Challenge is underway and runs through February 10th. The next Awesome Attendance night will be a Glo Party, made possible through AEF donations!

MaryClaire Pineau,
Assistant Principal,
Genesee Elementary School



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