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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Auburn High School Class of 2024: Valedictorian Noelle Pipher and Salutatorian Keegan Brady

The calendar may say autumn but before you know it summer will be here which means commencement and the Auburn Enlarged City School District now knows who the valedictorian and salutatorian are for the Class of 2024.

Noelle Pipher is Auburn High School's valedictorian and Keegan Brady is salutatorian. Their academic accomplishments are just the tip of the iceberg to AHS Principal Brian Morgan.

# Class Of 2024



**Salutatorian Keegan Brady**  
**Valedictorian Noelle Pipher**

"Honestly, the thing that's most impressive to me about both of these students is that they are very involved in outside activities as well, so they don't just focus all their time and energy on academics," Morgan said. "Noelle has been dancing outside, like three, four, five nights a week for her entire life. She plays a fall sport, Keegan runs on all three, cross country, indoor track and (outdoor) track teams. They're both very good at those activities. You have to make time to maintain an extremely high average. To me, that's what's most impressive, they're just so well-rounded."

The news that she is valedictorian was a little bit of a surprise for Pipher. "I got the final announcement last week and it's surreal because I've always been up there with my class but I haven't always been No. 1 since I got to high school," she said. "The first time I got (ranked) No. 1 I was shocked but I said this is something that I could possibly achieve."

Pipher plans on becoming an orthodontist and is looking at either attending Colgate or Binghamton University where she will major in biochemistry.

Pipher says she will take her time writing her valedictory address.

"I thought of some ideas but it's going to take me quite a while," she said. "It's something important. I want to make it special"

Brady knew he was in the running for one of the top honors.

"I've been towards the top for most of high school," he said. "But there were a few people pretty close to me. So I was really happy to hear it. It takes a lot of work to get there and I really put it in to get here. It really all paid off."

Brady is committed to attending Johns Hopkins University where he plans to study electrical engineering.

*Christopher Sciria, Public Information Specialist*

**THE FUTURE STARTS HERE!**  
**Do you have a 4-year old child heading to Kindergarten in September and not currently attending UPK?**

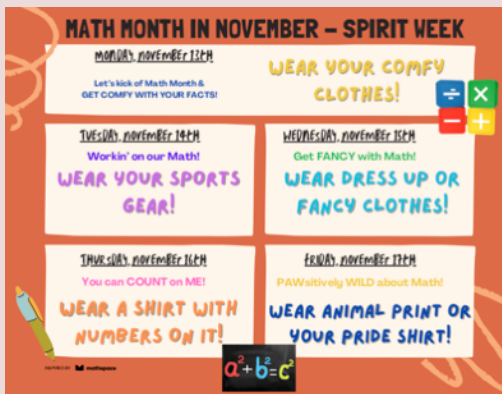
There are still a limited number of UPK slots available beginning in January 2024. This opportunity will help children get ready for Kindergarten.

For more information on how to register contact:  
**Michelle Kolceski, Director of Early Learning**  
315-255-8613 [michellekolceski@aecsd.education](mailto:michellekolceski@aecsd.education)  
or  
**Jenna Stevens, Central Registrar**  
315-255-8825 [jennastevens@aecsd.education](mailto:jennastevens@aecsd.education)

## News from Genesee Elementary School



This month Genesee students have been learning about sound. Culminating in a trip to the Cayuga Museum of History and Art. 2nd grade students read the book “Do You Really Want To Yell in a Cave?” during their library time. They learned that vibrations are what cause sound. They then all built homemade harmonicas out of rubber bands, popsicle sticks and straws! *Victoria Calarco, Librarian*



### Math Month at Genesee

November was Math Month at Genesee. We celebrated math by practicing our fluency as a school two days a week with DREAM (drop everything and math). Math Month was also a math themed spirit week.

We had Facts and Friends with buddy classes, and we also had three turkey themed math activities during our PBIS celebration.

Kindergarteners in Mrs. Musso and Mrs. Barry's class paired up with Mrs. Rose's fifth grade class to do math with friends! This wrapped up our math spirit week and we were able to practice counting up to 10! We are so thankful for kind, responsible role models here at Genesee!

*Nick Musso,  
Elementary Math Instruction Coach*



## Auburn Sports & Music Boosters Seek New Members

The Auburn Enlarged City School District is fortunate to have booster clubs that support its music and athletics programs.

The Auburn Music Boosters and the Auburn Sports Boosters are invaluable for the financial assistance they provide that goes toward items and services the district cannot fund through its own athletic and music budgets.

These funds come through hours of hard work which means volunteers are vital. Both booster clubs would like to see more people get involved.

"We can always use more. When I started with the music boosters, maybe we had two to three people at a meeting if we were lucky," said Allison Fennessy, the music boosters' president. "It's grown to at least between eight and 12 at every month's meeting. That's a lot, that's a big increase. I'm really fortunate that I have a core group of volunteers that always come to my rescue. But we would always take more, if there's a parent that wants to volunteer, we're not going to turn them away."

The sports boosters are actively seeking new volunteers to bolster their membership. They're especially needed to help operate the Holland Stadium concession stand for football games and other varsity and JV games, as well as all varsity and JV basketball games at the high school. The concession stands are important because that's where the sports boosters raise the majority of their funding.

"It's really about volunteers because we're only as good as the number of volunteers that we have," said Mary Beth Leeson, the sports boosters president. "We need volunteers to work the concession stand and depending on the event, depends on how many people you need. I've consistently said to my board, "if everybody did a couple of shifts in the concession stand, it wouldn't be overwhelming."

Leeson said the sports boosters have about 10 voting board members who serve three-year terms. According to the group's bylaws, there can be a minimum of eight members and a maximum of 20. They are required to attend 70% of all monthly board meetings and work the concession stand at different times during the year (football games are mandatory unless a substitute can be found).

The boosters adopted a new member handbook in August and changed its membership classes. Two AHS Varsity Club members, one male, one female, can be non-voting ex-officio members to give students some input on equipment funding requests.

"It would be interesting to have perspective from current students," Leeson said. "I think that's going to be a nice piece for our board to get the input from student-athletes."

Another important change is there are non-voting members who can assist in fund-raising.

"You become a member of the sports boosters and then you can volunteer with us in different ways. You don't necessarily have to do concessions but we created that," she said. "If we can get people, we take student volunteers, we take parents, grandparents, community members, anybody who's willing to do it. Everybody that I've talked to that's done it (working the concession stand), they say it's actually fun. You get to talk to people from the community and it's not hard work, it's a social thing. Most people enjoy the time."

Both groups look for community support for programming and events. Fennessy said the music boosters are hosting famed trumpet player Al Chez on Jan. 27.

"We will always take donations and sponsorships from the community," Fennessy said. "Chez played for 'The Late Show With David Letterman.' He's worked with Bon Jovi, he's a Yamaha teaching artist. He's going to do a clinic with our high school kids, with our junior high kids. We're hoping to do a community countywide clinic as well on Saturday (Jan. 27) and open it up to the other music programs in our county. I would love for the community to come to our concerts and see what these kids are doing, particularly this January concert."



Leeson said overall the sports boosters are doing well and got through COVID in good financial condition.

"We have been pretty successful in getting support (from local businesses)," she said. "Actually we are in really good shape. We had been extremely conservative during the COVID year as far as giving money out. We're trying to be as supportive to as many sports programs as we possibly can, the district's ability to fund equipment and supplies for teams has really been difficult in the last few years and we've tried to bridge that gap as much as possible."

The sports boosters also use its volunteers to put together printed programs for the athletes.

"We have a seasonal program that is a heavy lift because we're getting team pictures and parents can do ads, businesses do ads and getting all of that data together," Leeson said. "We need volunteers to do that. The kids have really enjoyed having that as a memento, so we like to continue to do it, but it is a heavy lift."

Some of the funds pay for trophies for team banquets as well as equipment such as lacrosse helmets, golf bags, cheerleading pom-poms and safety mats, as well as camps for football,

soccer, basketball, cheerleading, ice hockey and field hockey. The sports boosters also fund camps, clinics and strength training, as well as supporting nutritional needs for athletes.

"Right now we're struggling to keep up with the demand from team needs as far as equipment and that kind of thing," Leeson said.

The sports boosters are also administrators for the Chloe Calhoun Scholarship and the Auburn Athletic Hall of Fame.

"We collect the fees for the dinner etc.," Leeson said. "The hall of fame has really tried very hard to keep the dinner cost manageable so that if someone gets inducted, their family members can afford the dinner. They've recently started accepting sponsors so they can keep the cost manageable." Fennessy said the music boosters use their funds for replacing instruments, programming, workshops and advocacy. The band recently competed at a national event in Allentown, Pa.

"Anything that we raise is going right back into our programming and right back into our kids," Fennessy said.

"The point of a non-profit is you're not holding on to a balance, you're using those funds. This is a community that is rich in music. It's really impactful for our students to have these performance experiences. Our mission is to bring these experiences to these kids but also to show them that there is a world outside. We need to expose them to the larger world as well."

In the end, both booster groups have a common goal: supporting the students of the Auburn Enlarged City School District in their pursuit of athletic and musical excellence.

"Our mission is the same, so we're supporting and there's a lot of overlap between our kids," Fennessy said. "A lot of our music kids are athletes and a lot of the athletes are taking some kind of music, so we're really supporting the same group of people, just in different ways."

*Christopher Sciria, Public Information Specialist*

**For more information**

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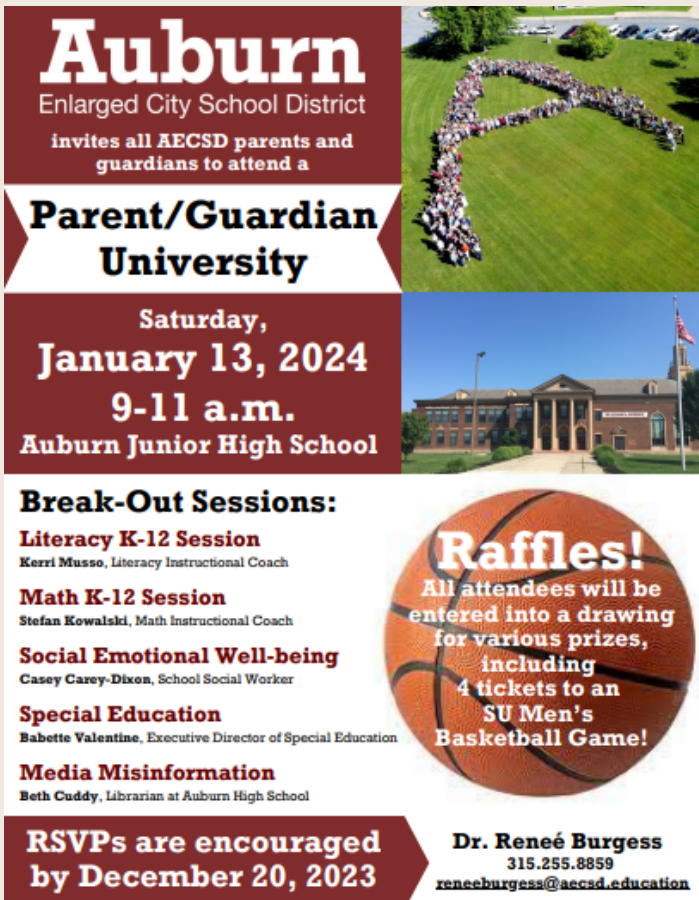
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# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- On November 6, the DEI Task Force met to review and discuss the Priority #3 Rubric measuring the building's success, focusing on celebrating student and staff successes and achievements. Members of the district's educational community will work to establish welcoming and affirming environments at each school building, foster nurturing relationships with students and families, and highlight, represent, and affirm each student's identity and cultural influences.
- On November 6, Blane Harding, a DEI Consultant with Cayuga Community College, spoke to the 5th and 6th-grade students at Casey Park Elementary School on "The Power of Words."
- On November 13, AECSD students, staff, and various community leaders and organizations met for the My Brother's Keeper Summit hosted at the Harriet Tubman Administration building.
- On November 14, Blane Harding, a DEI Consultant with Cayuga Community College, spoke to the Auburn Junior High School students on "The Power of Words."
- On November 15 and 16, Dr. Overstreet-Wilson, newly elected City Councilor, and Ginny Kent, City Councilor, spoke to Mrs. Oliver-Carr's Women's Studies class at Auburn High School. *(Photos below)*
- On November 21, high school students from the Student United Way and Z Club volunteered at The Salvation Army on Genesee Street to prepare the Thanksgiving feast.
- December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- On January 13, 2024, the district will host its first Parent/Guardian University from 9-11 a.m. at Auburn Junior High School. Parents/Guardians can attend sessions focused on mathematics, literacy, social-emotional learning, and media misinformation. *(Photo of Flyer is below)*

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



**Auburn**  
Enlarged City School District  
invites all AECSD parents and guardians to attend a

**Parent/Guardian University**

Saturday,  
**January 13, 2024**  
9-11 a.m.  
Auburn Junior High School

**Break-Out Sessions:**

- Literacy K-12 Session**  
Kerri Musso, Literacy Instructional Coach
- Math K-12 Session**  
Stefan Kowalski, Math Instructional Coach
- Social Emotional Well-being**  
Casey Casey-Dixon, School Social Worker
- Special Education**  
Babette Valentine, Executive Director of Special Education
- Media Misinformation**  
Beth Cuddy, Librarian at Auburn High School

**RSVPs are encouraged by December 20, 2023**

**Raffles!**  
All attendees will be entered into a drawing for various prizes, including 4 tickets to an SU Men's Basketball Game!

**Dr. Renee Burgess**  
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## News from Herman Ave Elementary School



### Friendsgiving!

On the last day before Thanksgiving break, the Kindergarten classes at Herman Ave celebrated Friendsgiving! Students enjoyed a 'feast' together that included turkey, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy and a roll. They also made a special dessert called "Squanto Snack." 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!*



### Nature in the City

In October, first graders at Herman Avenue School enjoyed their first of three "Nature in the City" presentations! Katie Roubideau, School Programs Manager from Baltimore Woods, taught the children about Pumpkin Life Cycles by first drawing a life cycle and then running a relay race to build a pumpkin life cycle! For a follow-up activity Michelle Crosby, Herman School Librarian, led the children in a project-based learning activity using Bee Bots, a digital technology resource that introduces children to coding and computational thinking. The children needed to code a movement sequence that moved the Bee Bots through the pumpkin life cycle. In March, the children will have their second "Nature in the City" visit to discuss amazing maple trees and how syrup is made!



*Brianne Batis*



### The Thankful Project

Students in Mrs. Carberry, Mrs. Portipilo and Mrs. Gremli's classes teamed up to do a thankful project. Second graders and kindergarteners worked together to create thank you cards for people in our school community that we are thankful for! The list included: school nurse, school secretaries, SRO's, BTW staff, lunch monitors/servers, bus drivers, and the school crossing guard!



# 988

## National Suicide Prevention

### Call or text 988



Free and confidential support for people in distress, 24/7.

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](https://www.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>

## Auburn Enlarged City School District

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be aware that if your child is sent home from school due to illness then it may be appropriate to keep them home for at least the next day or maybe longer depending upon the illness. The following guidelines should be followed:

**You should not have your child return to school if he/she has:**

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting and Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Bad cold, with runny nose or bad cough
- Any illness that has kept your child awake during the night
- Any rash, unless your child has been seen by your doctor and your doctor has written a note stating that your child may attend school.

**Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

*Caren Radell, School Nurse Supervisor*



### Inspirational Speaker at Genesee

As part of our PBIS program, Genesee students and staff have the privilege of hosting a guest speaker each month. Cayuga County Legislator and business owner Brian Muldrow spoke to Genesee Elementary School students during their November PBIS assembly. Mr. Muldrow spoke to students about staying focused on their learning and goal setting in life. Using his own life as an example, Mr. Muldrow encouraged students to invest in themselves and to persevere through challenges.

*MaryClaire Pineau, Assistant Principal Genesee*

## Help is 3 Numbers Away



**211** maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

Call for Information and Community Resources

**211**

**211** also can connect people with information and referrals for:

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

**988** provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support

**988**

Whole Person Care

Call for Emergencies

**911**

**911** provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

## SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**2nd installment due:  
December 1, 2023**

Last day the collector will accept taxes is  
**December 1, 2023**

**Questions about your bill?  
Call 315-255-8836, or e-mail:  
[LisaCamardo@aecsd.education](mailto:LisaCamardo@aecsd.education)**














**You can also look up your bill online at: [www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net)**

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

*(Please include a telephone number on your check)*

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

# December 2023

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 3	4 School Picture Retake Day: Genesee District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman AHS Scholarship Night 6:30pm @ AHS Library	 5 School Picture Retake Day: Casey Park Herman Ave Herman Ave Winter Concert 6:00pm @AJHS Human Rights Day	6 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM AHS Orchestra Concert 7:00PM @ AHS	7 School Picture Retake Day: Owasco and Seward Casey Park Winter Concert 6:00PM @ AJHS <b>Hanukkah</b> (Begins at Sunset)	8 HS End Marking Period 2	9 ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS
 10	11 Seward Holiday Concert 6:00PM @ AHS HS Marking Period 3 Begins	 12 Genesee PTP Mtg. 5:00PM AJHS Orchestra Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM Bill of Rights Day	 13 AHS Band Concert 7:00PM @ AHS	 14 AJHS Band Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS	 15 AHS Report Cards	16
17 Owasco Winter Concert 6:00PM @ AHS	18 Owasco Winter Concert 6:00PM @ AHS	 19 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Girls 1-3PM Genesee Winter Concert 6:00PM @ Genesee	20 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Boys 1-3PM AJHS Chorus Concert 7:00PM @ AJHS	* 21 <b>Holiday Parties</b> <b>GO HOME EARLY DRILL</b> (Students Released 15 Minutes Early) <b>First Day of Winter</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b>	23
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	 26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b> Cold Moon Kwanzaa Begins	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Holiday Recess</b>	30 
31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>						

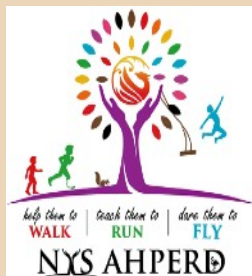


## Genesee's Thanksgiving Balloon Parade

The second graders at Genesee Elementary read a book called "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet. This book is about the true story of how Tony Sarg created the balloons in the Macy's Day Parade. As part of our project-based learning curriculum, our students designed and created their very own balloon float. Once students assembled their designs, we had our annual Macy's Day Parade for the Genesee students and faculty.

*Brittany Westover*

## The 85th Annual NYS AHPERD Conference



The 85th Annual NYS AHPERD (Association for health, physical education, recreation, and dance) Conference was held at Turning Stone on November 15-18th and had approximately 1600 attendees from all over the country. This conference is a chance for educators to get together to collaborate, educate, and celebrate. It was a pleasure seeing so many current and former Auburn people there.



**Current Auburn PE teachers with former Auburn students who are now teachers.** L-R: Jason Birchard, Shelly Connors, Shawn Solomon, Katie (Carbonaro) Rozack, Allison Teachout, Justin Valentino, Vicky Mazza, John Oliver (NYS AHPERD APE Section President), Becky Colella, Tyler Weslowski, and John Turcsik. *(Marlee Solomon had to go and present again)*



Marlee Solomon, an AHS graduate who is a Senior at St. Bonaventure majoring in PE, is teaching her father, AHS PE teacher Shawn Solomon, simple motor skills.

## Trunk or Treat Community Event at Genesee



*Perform 4 Purpose*

On October 26th, Genesee Elementary hosted our first Trunk or Treat event. Over 35 local businesses, agencies and organizations attended and set up trunks to host our students and families. We are grateful for the support our community showed that helped make this event possible. The night brought over 200 students and their families to the school and all were treated to live music from Perform 4 Purpose. Trunk or Treat attendees were treated to cider, donuts, and of course, candy! As always, our amazing Genesee staff helped pull together this event and our students and families had a wickedly great night!



**Auburn Education Foundation supports an enriched learning environment for students of the Auburn Enlarged City School District through collaborations, gifts and grants.**

The Board of Directors of Auburn Education Foundation is grateful to all those who supported our 2023 Gobble 'n Go restaurant run. To all who attended, donated, sponsored, volunteered, or in any way contributed to the success of this year's event, our heart-felt thank you!

Our grants committee completed its fall grants cycle, and is accepting proposals for its spring round.

We'd like to remind teachers that the deadline for submission of proposals for the spring cycle is February 15, 2024. This is an opportunity for teachers to present their ideas for creative, innovative ideas to support the curricula. Projects selected for funding cannot be supported through district funds and are aligned with instructional objectives.

We look forward to the Hall of Distinction Class of 2024. The HoD committee is hard at work. Inductees will be announced in the near future, and will be honored on May 17, 2024. Please save the date.

You can learn more about our events, grants awarded, past HoD honorees and the Auburn Education Foundation below:

Website: [auburneducationfoundation.org](http://auburneducationfoundation.org)

Facebook page: [auburneducationfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/auburneducationfoundation)

Email: [AEF@aecsd.education](mailto:AEF@aecsd.education).

We wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!



# Seymour Library

176 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY | 315-252-2571 | [seymourlibrary.org](http://seymourlibrary.org)

December fun at Seymour Library! Celebrate the start of winter and the upcoming holiday break at the library with books, programs, and more! Visit [seymourlibrary.org](http://seymourlibrary.org) for a complete list of events and programs!

## Pokemon Club

Wednesday, December 13 at 4 pm



**NEW TIME!**

Wednesday, December 13  
4 pm in the Family Space



No need for advance registration!  
This program is for ages seven and up,  
but all ages are welcome.

Meet fellow Pokémon trainers while discovering all things Pokémon! Each month, we will complete different Pokémon activities. Bring your own Pokémon Trading Cards, or borrow some from the library. This program is designed for ages 7 and up, but all ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

## Family Fun Night: Winter Games!

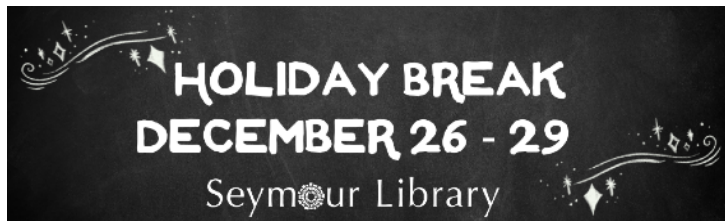
Thursday, December 14, from 4 to 6 pm



Compete in the jingle bell obstacle course, reindeer ring toss, penguin bowling, and more during the library's Winter Games! After all the winter game fun - enjoy some cookies & cocoa from the Friends of Seymour Library and check out the library's craft station featuring DIY Candy Cane Mice. No registration is required.

## Holiday Break in the Family Space

Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29



Looking for some activities to do together as a family over the holiday break? Seymour Library has you covered with fun activities and crafts!

### Tuesday, December 26: Winter Animal Crafts

Get crafty and create a paper chain reindeer or a polar bear puppet!

### Wednesday, December 27: Let's Get Building!

Complete a series of building challenges using different materials. The only thing required is your imagination!

### Thursday, December 28: Snowy Crafts

Crafting is SNOW much fun! Create a paper snowman out of your own name, or decorate your own winter bird.

### Friday, December 29: Collaborative Creations

Stop by the library and work together on one of our sticker posters or a collaborative coloring poster!

## Gnome on the Roam!

All month in December



Stop by the Family Space every day in December (during operating hours) to find where our library gnome is hiding. Each day, the gnome will be in a different location, and when children find it, they will be entered into a drawing to win a basket of goodies!

One entry per child, per day. The winner will be announced in January.

Seymour Library will be CLOSED:

Saturday, December 23

Monday, December 25

Monday, January 1

**GO MAROONS!**

All events and activities are subject to change.

Please check the website for the latest updates:

[www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)



## Talk to your teen about VAPING

Click below to read the US Surgeon General's Tip Sheet for Parents:



[https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR\\_ECig\\_ParentTipSheet\\_508.pdf](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)



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- AJHS: @auburn\_jrhhigh
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- Genesee: @auburn\_genesee
- Herman: @auburn\_herman
- Owasco: @auburn\_owasco
- Seward: @auburn\_seward

## #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](http://fixandfundit.org)

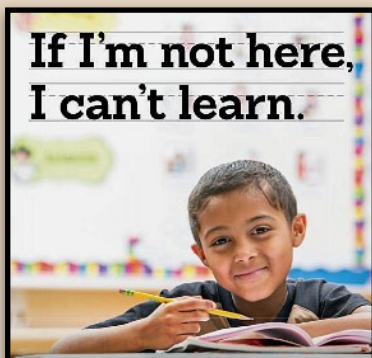


### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

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](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm) whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.



### Keep Your Child on Track With Schoolwork

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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



As a Casey Park community, we wanted to celebrate the joy and importance of reading during National Children's Book Week. The theme of the week was "Read books, Spark Change." The theme spoke to the power that books and stories have to inspire positive change. During the week, we celebrated with a spirit week centered around popular children's book titles, we welcomed students from Auburn Junior High as guest readers, the district's very own Stefan Kowalski spoke to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about publishing his own book, *Playoffs*, family engagement activities were sent home, and we culminated the week with "Dress As Your Favorite Book Character." All in all, it was a fun week showing how books can spark change within an individual reader, family, classroom, or a whole community!

*Meghan Parry, Instructional Literacy Coach, Casey Park*



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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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