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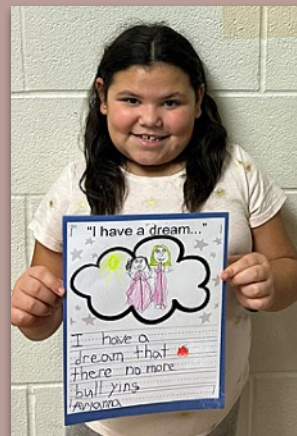
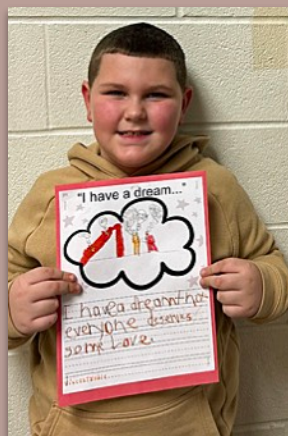
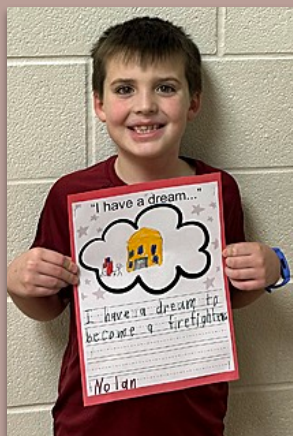
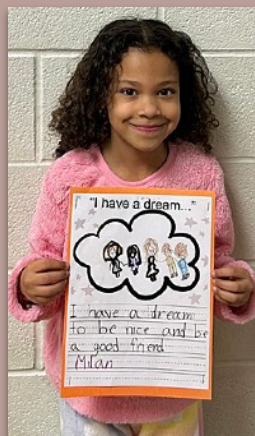
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Maroons

**Congratulations to Auburn senior Peyton Maneri (5) who scored 35 points and joined the 1,000-career-point club during a victory over Jamesville-DeWitt on Friday, January 19. Pictured is Peyton celebrating her 1,000th point with her teammates.**

**GO MAROONS!**

## We have a Dream.....



Students in Mrs. Carberry's and Mrs. Portipilo's second grade class learned about **Martin Luther King Junior** and how he had a dream. Students as a whole group, brainstormed ideas and they individually came up with their own dreams for our world. They ranged in going to college to learn a certain profession, wishing for peace and love for everyone, to end bullying, food and shelter for everyone, and to have a nice clean earth.

These kiddos are ready to change the world! :)

Molly Carberry & Sarah Portipilo, Herman Ave



## Herman Avenue Elementary News



### Technology: TECH MENTORS

At Herman Ave. our Tech Mentor, Becca Kott, worked with our student tech mentors. They completed their official tech mentor training and worked to troubleshoot various computer and Promethean board challenges. The goal is that these students will be available to support substitute teachers or teachers who submit iHelp tickets.

### Building Bridges

In library class, students in Mr. Allen's class listened to the story *Twenty One Elephants and Still Standing* by April Jones Prince, about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge. Students then built bridges out of recycled materials and tested their designs by seeing how many wooden Keva planks their bridge could hold.

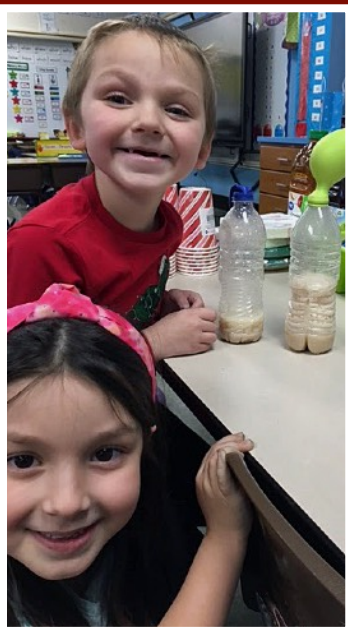
*Michelle Crosby, Librarian  
Herman Ave. Elementary School*



### FUNGI EXPERIMENTS!

After reading, *Horrible Harry and the Mud Gremlins*, first grade students at Herman Ave planned their own fungi growing experiments! The children learned that mold and yeast needed three important things to grow: fungi need food and a lot of water and fungi does not grow in cold places.

*Colleen Miles,  
First Grade Teacher*





COST:  
FREE!

# LEARN TO PLAY

## BROOMBALL

AGES  
15-Adult

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
LEARN ABOUT THE SPORT OF BROOMBALL AND PLAY BROOMBALL GAMES	CASEY PARK ICE RINK: 150 NORTH DIVISION STREET AUBURN	SUNDAYS: JANUARY-28 FEBRUARY-4, 11, 25 MARCH- 3 TIME: 1-2:30 PM

Must bring your own helmet (helmets must have a back and chin strap, no bike helmets) Play in your boots, no skating

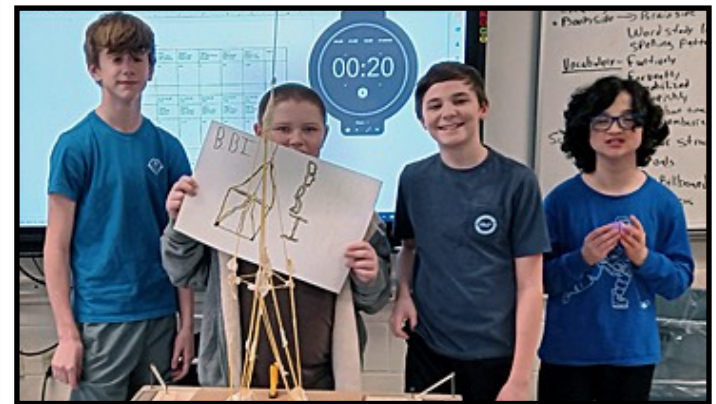
For more information, contact Shelly Connors @ [shellyconnors@aecsd.education](mailto:shellyconnors@aecsd.education) or 315-255-8480 ext. 2538



### Sixth grade students studied the causes and effects of earthquakes around the world.

We learned about where earthquakes are most likely to occur and how buildings are engineered in order to minimize the effects of earthquakes. The STEM project had students collaborating on the best way they could use their materials to build an earthquake resistant structure. I was impressed with the level of success.

*Mr. Drogo, 6th Grade Science Teacher, Herman Ave*



## Melted Snowmen



We couldn't go outside and make one in the snow so we wrote about it, created an idea chart, crafted our snowman, and then ate it! So many great ideas for why a snowman could melt!

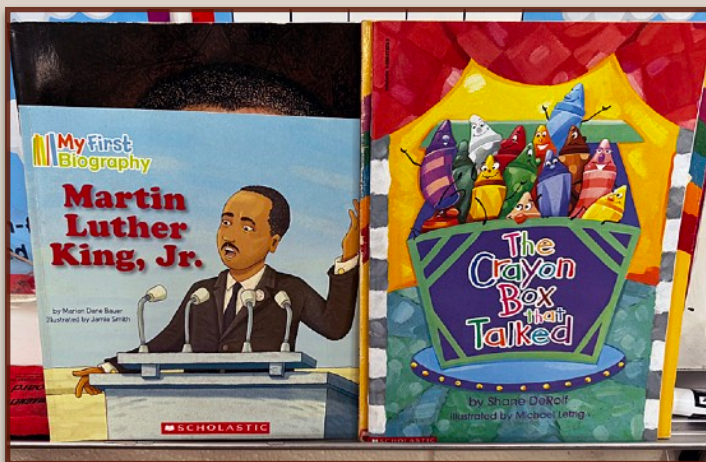
*Geri Marginsky, Gr. K Teacher*



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- February is Black History Month, and we will be celebrating in various ways throughout our seven buildings.
- On January 8, the DEI Task Force met to review graduation rates over the last five years and developed a list of the next steps to increase our graduation rates.
- On January 11, Superintendent Jeff Pirrozolo, Deputy Superintendent Sarah Cupelli, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Amy Mahunik, and Executive Director of DEI and Instruction Dr. Renee Burgess, attended a City Hall meeting to listen to the Micron presentation and participate in conversations.
- On January 16, Dr. Renee Burgess launched a three-part DEI Workshop Series on NYSED's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Framework with 24 staff members. Participants listened to a student panel discussion on a welcoming and affirming environment during this session.
- On January 13, the district hosted its first Parent/Guardian University at Auburn Junior High School from 9-11 a.m. Parents and guardians attended sessions on mathematics, literacy, social-emotional learning, and media misinformation.
- On January 18, Dr. Renee Burgess and Christopher Patch from the Pride House facilitated an LGBTQIA+ and Allies after-school club at the high school.
- On January 19, Dr. Renee Burgess visited Mrs. Oliver-Carr's Women's Studies class at the high school to talk with students and gather their reflections on the class as it is coming to a close for the semester.
- The Seymour Library has Conscious Child Kits to celebrate diverse voices and help facilitate family discussions about racial equity, identity, and justice. Topics include identity & belonging, immigration & refugees, joy & self-love, justice and systemic racism, and solidarity & activism. Kits are geared towards ages four to seven or eight to eleven. Each kit features a variety of books, discussion questions for engagement with the books and topic, and lists of further recommended readings. Conscious Child Kits are available with your Seymour Library Card. Explore more fun, hands-on resources at [seymourlibrary.org/library-of-things/](https://seymourlibrary.org/library-of-things/).

*Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director*



My class listened to stories about **kindness, acceptance and harmony**. We picked a favorite color and then had to draw that color and then they got to choose different colors and draw. They were much happier pictures with more than one color choice. We are also doing a kind-no kind picture sort. We discussed the importance of carrying on the message of kindness from kindergarten to being adults.

*Geri Marginsky, Gr. K, Herman Ave*

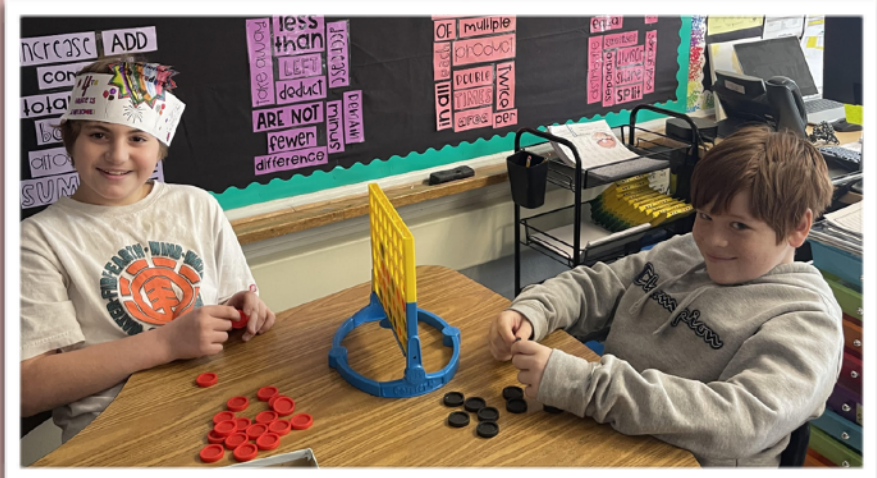


## Genesee Elementary News

### National Fourth Graders Day at Genesee

On January 8th, the fourth grade classes at Genesee Elementary celebrated National Fourth Graders Day! Both classes made paper 4th grader crowns, which they proudly wore all day. They also competed in a grade-level Connect Four tournament. Congratulations to Belmiro Vieira for being the winner! They also worked in a packet with activities related to being a fabulous fourth grader. Overall, we had a super fun day at Genesee Elementary celebrating National Fourth Graders Day!

*Claire Minnoe, 4th Grade Teacher*



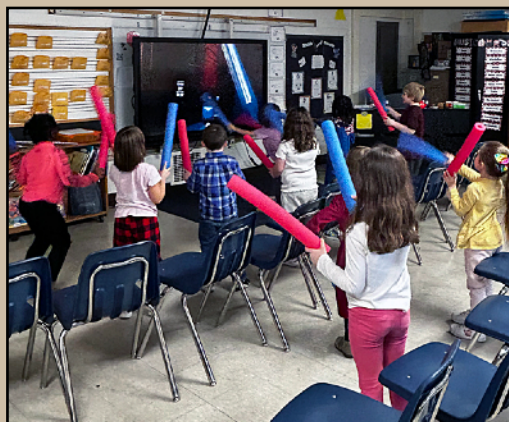
## SCHWEINFURTH ART CENTER

Third graders at Genesee Elementary School were invited to attend the “Quilts=Arts=Quilts” exhibition at the Schweinfurth Art Museum before Holiday Break in December. Julia Banfi, the Program Coordinator at Schweinfurth Art Museum did a great job laying out the rules and guidelines on how students should follow in a gallery setting and also giving a nice introduction on the show. The Art museum put together a scavenger hunt type activity for students where they would be searching the different quilts to answer their questions. The students enjoyed this and were able to be much more engaged with the artwork. After the scavenger hunt, the students went upstairs where a quilt inspired art activity was waiting for them. Students crafted their very own quilts and were able to get a glimpse into the intricacy and design that goes into making the beautiful quilts. The whole experience was awesome for the students and teachers in attendance as well! It was nice for the students to see how the art was much more than just quilts and how some depicted whole scenes and were anything but the ordinary quilt they may have pictured before seeing the show. The artists were from all over the USA and they even had some international artists showcased.

Thank you to the Schweinfurth for always thinking of Genesee Elementary and involving the students, we appreciate you!

*Stephanie Coye*

### Genesee Elementary Clubs



During grade level recess time, special area teachers invite students down to their classrooms for clubs. During this time, they get to explore the different subjects above and beyond the normal classroom curriculum. Pictured you'll find students enjoying karaoke and activities with noodles in music. Students also visit art, PE, and STEM for other fun activities. *Elizabeth Duffy, Genesee TA*

## Beginning February 1, 2024

### Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2024-2025 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to **Auburn School District residents** who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2024 and are available at ***no cost*** for eligible children.



A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child's registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.

Site	Program	Full/Half Day	Contact
Cayuga Community College-81 Wall Street	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES-1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency-89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center-1110 Corporate Dr.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center-182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes-6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA- 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

**Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation.**

The 3PK and UPK 2024-2025 online student registration will be open beginning February 1, 2024. Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website [www.AESCD.education](http://www.AESCD.education) under Student Registration.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may pick up a 2024-2025 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. **Registration packets will be available for pick up in mid-January. Completed applications should be submitted to your child's current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave. REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Need more information about the 2024-2025 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Jenna Stevens at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**





# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 February Artwork Logan Miles, Gr 3	<b>UPK NOW OPEN!</b> Open Enrollment for AECSD 2024-2025 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program	 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	1 Family Engagement Night @ Herman Ave 5:30-7PM	 2 <b>AJHS Report Cards</b> <b>AHS Report Cards</b> Elementary Released <b>12PM</b> Sr. High Area All State Groundhog Day	3 Sr. High Area All State
4	5 District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman National School Counseling Week	6 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	7 District Cup Stacking Contest @ Seward 3:30PM AJHS Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	8	9 NEW Elementary Report Cards	10 ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)
11 National African American History Month	12	13 GPTP 5:00pm Mardi Gras	14  <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	15 AEF Spring Grant Applications Due National PTA Founders Day	16 FIRST	17
18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Winter Break Week</b> * <b>Presidents' Day</b>	20 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> *	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> *	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> *	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> *	24 FULL Snow Moon
25 National Children's Dental Health Month	26	27 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 6:00PM	28	29 AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater	January 2024 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	March 2024 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



At its Jan. 25 meeting, Mayor Giannettino and City Council recognized seven members of the **Section III champion AHS Boys Cross Country Team and their coaches**: Ryan Maher, Owen Gasper, Austin Ferrin, Chris Howard, Keegan Brady, Jerry Czyz, Sean Ringwood, Coach Greg Stowell, and Coach Chris Mason.

## Help is 3 Numbers Away

**2-1-1**

Get Connected - Get Help™

**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**

Call for  
Emergency

**911**

**911** provides first responder dispatch for:

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

# Seymour Library

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

February is Library Lovers' Month and Seymour Library invites you to join us for programs all month long, including a series of Winter Break activities! We're celebrating National Pokémon Day all month with a fun **Pokémon Scavenger Hunt**, but that is not all – check out our **Pokémon Club**, **Lego Club**, **STEAM programs**, **storytimes**, and **much more!**

## STEAM: Winter Magic!

**Saturday, February 17 at 2:30 pm**



Come experiment with some winter magic. Create secret snowflake and winter hat designs, then make them magically appear! This program is designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome. **Registration is required.** To register, please call 315-252-2571 and ask to be connected to the Family Space.

## Pokémon Club

**Wednesday, February 21 at 4 pm**

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. Designed for ages 7 and up, but all ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

## STEAM Storytime: Yeti Challenge

**Saturday, February 24 at 11 am**



Come listen to some stories about Yetis, also known as Abominable Snowmen. Use your creative thinking to design a yeti cave out of marshmallows and toothpicks, try walking in some yeti-sized feet, and make some foot-size comparisons. All ages are welcome! No registration is required.

## LEGO Club: Robot Challenge

**Monday, February 19 at 4 pm**



Explore your creativity with LEGO challenges and games during the library's new LEGO Club! Accept the robot challenge or design your own creation from your imagination. The library will provide all the LEGO bricks. Designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

## Pokémon Scavenger Hunt

**All month long**



National Pokémon Day is this month on February 27th, and we'll be celebrating all month with a Pokémon scavenger hunt in the Family Space.

## WINTER BREAK IN THE FAMILY SPACE!



Looking for some activities to do together as a family over winter break? Seymour Library has you covered with hands-on craft activities, STEAM programs, LEGO challenges, Pokémon Club, and a Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt!

From **February 19 - 23**, drop in each day for a different craft activity or building challenge. **No registration is required for our Winter Break activities!**

Don't forget our weekly storytimes, & be sure to check out the LEGO Robot display designed by children's book author and toy designer David Kirk.

**Visit [seymourlibrary.org](http://seymourlibrary.org) for a full list of our events!**





**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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## #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.

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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

# 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://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>

# Anonymous Alerts®



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/auburnecsd](http://www.anonymousalerts.com/auburnecsd)**

- 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

## 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)**



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**1-800-342-3720 or visit: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>**

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**We Make a Difference!**