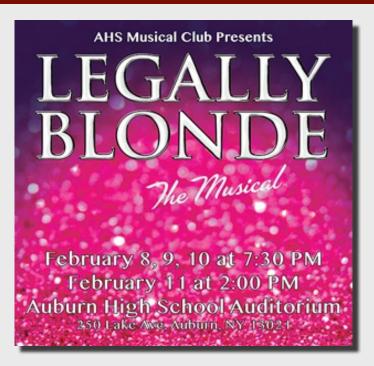


AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law School. Determined to get him back, Elle geniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Legally Blonde will run for four performances in the Auburn High School Auditorium: Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 PM; Friday, February 9 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 PM; and a matinee on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM.

CAST MEMBERS:

Elle - Baylee Kennedy (Thursday & Saturday)
Maire Tehan (Friday & Sunday)

Warner - Stephen Murray Emmett - Jake Weiman Paulette - Maya Foos Serena - Paige Lincoln Margot - Erin Kennedy Pilar - Madelyn Markewich Callahan - Aaron Baim Vivienne - Kayleandra White Brooke - Kate Carnes

Directed by Steve Gamba

Fire and Emergency Drills



For many years, Education Law (section 807) has required school districts to conduct a total of 12 fire drills in all school buildings each school year to ensure the safety of students in emergency situations.

Though the total requirement of drills remains the same, recent changes to the law have expanded the drills to include fire and emergency situations in order to focus on appropriate emergency response rather than just building evacuation. Previously, eight of the drills needed to be held by Dec. 1, but additional changes to the law require the first eight must be completed by Dec. 31. Furthermore, eight of the 12 drills must be fire drills, and the other four of the 12 drills must be lockdown drills.

Of those four lockdown drills, three of them are planned and coordinated by the school, and one is unannounced and coordinated by the Auburn Police Department. The school district has been working with the police department to hold one unannounced drill every school year in each of our buildings since 2008. The purpose of these unannounced drills is to help prepare our students and staff in case of a real emergency situation. The school district has no knowledge of when the police department will be holding the unannounced drill.

We understand that hearing about a lockdown drill from your child as it is happening may cause some concern, so moving forward, your child's school will send out a prerecorded voice call alert as soon as possible once a lockdown drill has begun. Hopefully, this will help alleviate any concerns surrounding lockdown drills.

If you have any questions regarding fire and emergency drills, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or the Superintendent's office.

Jeff Pírozzolo

Now Accepting Applications for Auburn Enlarged City School Open! 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 <u>Auburn Residents</u> 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? 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

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.

Scholastic Art Awards

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program: young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets and sculptors, video game artists and science fiction writers, along with countless educators who support and encourage the creative process. Once again the students of Auburn High School Art Department did extremely well at the Scholastic Art Awards at Onondaga Community College. Out of 6000 pieces submitted, AHS students captured many awards in the competition against the finest school districts in the region.

AHS Scholastic Art Award Winners:

Bonilla, Claire Sculpture "Ballerina" Gold Key - 1st Place/ Mr. Villano Wagner, Gabrielle Ceramics & Glass "Treses" Gold Key - 1st Place/ Mr. Villano Donnelly, Bridget Digital Art "Cold Feathers" Gold Key - 1st Place/ Mrs. Parkman

Student	Media	Title	Award	Teacher
Kennedy, Hannah	Digital Art	Jim	Silver Key	Parkman, Cari
Kennedy, Hannah	Digital Art	Steamhead	Silver Key	Parkman, Cari
Smithler, Nadia	Digital Art	Dark Night	Silver Key	Parkman, Cari
Bowline, Ukiah	Drawing and Illustration	Adventure Ready	Honorable Mention	Parkman, Cari
Bowline, Ukiah	Drawing and Illustration	Coy-Trangle	Honorable Mention	Parkman, Cari
Jessey, Maeve	Sculpture	Free Falling	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Pysnack, Marissa	Sculpture	Armogohma	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Swartwood, Abigail	Sculpture	Wire Thinker	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Wagner, Gabrielle	Ceramics and Glass	Greek Vase	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Wilson, Cooper	Sculpture	Classic	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Campos, Minaal	Sculpture	Sister	Silver Key	Villano, Michael
Cuddy, Marguerite	Sculpture	Soul of a Poet	Honorable Mention	Villano, Michael
Pysnack, Marissa	Sculpture	Fredrick	Honorable Mention	Villano, Michael
Pysnack, Marissa	Sculpture	Zimneye Derevo	Honorable Mention	Villano, Michael
Stotler, Cheyeanne	Drawing and Illustration	Tea and Rumpies	Honorable Mention	Bunce, Kim



Bridget Donnelly



Nadia Smithler



Claire Bonilla



Gabrielle Wagner

An Interview with Mrs. Leslie Walker



"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope"



Scan this QR Code to view the video interview and hear Mrs. Walker singing "We Shall Overcome."

by
Kayannah Baker,
Kara Springstead,
and
Thomas Stratton
6th grade students at
Genesee Elementary
School



Mrs. Leslie Walker has been working as a teacher aide at Genesee Elementary School for twenty years. We learned that in 1963, when she was twelve years old, she attended the March on Washington where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a dream" speech. With Martin Luther King Jr. day coming up, we decided to ask her some questions. The first thing we asked was how she got to Washington. She said that a bus came to the churches in Auburn and picked up the people who were going and Mrs. Walker, who was twelve years old, and her sister, who was eleven, were the only ones who went from her family. She told us there were about 250,000 people at the March.

One of the memories that stood out was the rainy bus ride down and how the sun came out when they arrived in Washington, and when she got off the bus she almost stepped in a mud puddle. She remembered hearing Peter, Paul and Mary singing "If I Had A Hammer" when she got off the bus. She was lucky to be up front for Dr. King's speech - about eight rows back. She said, "I remember Dr. King's voice being so loud and strong...to me at that age it was almost like thunder." For Mrs.Walker the speech made a difference for her family - when they went to visit Alabama to see her grandfather they could now go outside and feel safe. She thinks we should celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day better and learn more about him in schools because schools used to be segregated, and we have Dr. King to thank for changing that. Mrs. Walker ended our interview by saying "Everybody should be accepted, regardless of the color of their skin."

Boys' Winter Basketball Camp

Coaches Marsh and Wilson will run a basketball camp over February break for boys who will be in 2nd to 8th grade next year. It will be held at Seward from 2/20-2/23 and run from 8:30-11:30am. Cost is \$50 and there will be a pizza party and t-shirts awarded. Please contact Coach Marsh at jmarsh@marcellusschools.org for more details.

Checks and forms may be dropped off at the Auburn athletic office at 78 Thornton Ave. Checks should be made payable to "Auburn Boys Basketball."



Auburn Education Foundation Hall of Distinction

Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces members of the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2018. The Hall of Distinction was established to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, personal, and/or civic achievements and to inspire students to pursue a path towards personal success.

Pauline Copes Johnson, Class of 1945 – great-great grandniece of Harriet Tubman and a tireless advocate for the preservation of the rich history of Harriet Tubman at local, state and national levels

Thommie Walsh (posthumously), Class of 1968 – Tony award-winning dancer, choreographer, director and advocate for the arts

Dr. Larry Ellison, Class of 1971 – highly respected educator/administrator (Rochester City Schools) who has been recognized for his work with youth

Kevin Corcoran, Class of 1972 – internationally recognized speaker and marketing expert/consultant who has also been recognized by LeMoyne College (college alumnus) with the naming of the Corcoran Student Lounge in his honor

Dr. Peter Usowski, Class of 1973 – Director of the Center for the Study of Intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Kevin Murphy, Class of 1997 – educator and founder of Ocean Cure, a not-for-profit whose unique mission is "to better the quality of life for those with disabilities through surfing"

The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction ceremony will be an hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception on Friday, May 18th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Watch the website <u>auburnedfoundation.org</u> for ticket information.



Have an innovative idea for your class that needs funding? Auburn Education Foundation announces that Thursday, February 15, 2018, is the deadline for the spring grant cycle. Applications and directions can be found on our website: auburnedfoundation.org/grants

AJHS Parent "Reach Out" Program

In an effort to openly correspond with Auburn Junior High School families district-wide, members of the AJHS staff will be reaching out to the elementary communities in order to communicate curriculum, assessment information and resources available at the junior high school. Families will learn and participate in English Language Arts and Math lessons introduced by AJHS ELA and math teachers in order to help support students at home. In addition, there will be a school counselor and building administrator available to communicate school-wide programs or to answer questions.

Dates, times and locations are:

Seward Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, February 15, 2018
Owasco Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, April 19, 2018



AJHS is looking forward to "Reaching Out" to our families! Food & refreshments will be available.



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.

MATH TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Auburn was represented well at the 2018 Central New York Perennial Math Tournament with a total of 91 students from Herman, Owasco, and Seward schools participating. Students and teams from each school earned awards, and all winners will advance to the national competition in May!

<u>Congratulations</u> to our Individual Award Winners!

Grade 3:

Zoey Cammilleri, Herman - 3rd place

Grade 4:

Owen Gasper, Seward - 1st place Owen Bennett, Owasco - 2nd place Madeline Wolfgang, Herman - 3rd place Samantha Carr, Seward - 3rd place Leah Wilmot, Seward - 3rd place Addy Riley, Seward - 3rd place

Grade 5:

Jack Dalziel, Herman - 3rd place Bodhi Landers, Seward - 3rd place

Grade 6:

Sam Crosby, Herman - 2nd place Kelsie Jasniewski, Herman - 3rd place

<u>Congratulations</u> to our Team Award Winners!

Grade 4:

Seward Elementary, Team #46 - 1st place Seward Elementary, Team #50 - 3rd place

Grade 5:

Seward Elementary, Team #52 - 1st place

Grade 6:

Owasco Elementary, Team #40 - 1st place



Herman Ave Elementary School



Owasco Elementary School



Seward Elementary School

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.

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.



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

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. Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and any other district resident you know to sign the petition.

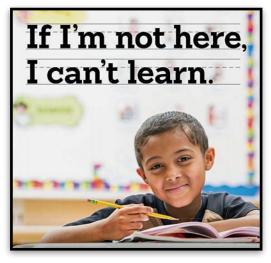
SHARE!

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!

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

Check out
#EveryStudentPresentAECSD
on social media.



Owasco:

Follow us on Twitter!

District: @AuburnECSD

AHS: @auburn_ahs

AJHS: @auburn_jrhigh Casey: @auburn_casey

Genesee: @auburn_genesee

Herman: @auburn_herman

@auburn owasco

Seward: @auburn seward

AUDUIN Junior High School

VOTING EXTENDED!



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

VOTE DAILY! THROUGH FEB. 15

TO VOTE, VISIT:

http://danimalsshopriteschoolcontest.young-america.com

Voting opens at 9 a.m. EST on January 5 and closes at 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2018. **You can vote every single day**, but you must be 13 years of age or older and a resident of CT, DE, MD, NJ, NY, or PA to vote. Limit one (1) vote per participant/email address per day.

For more information, visit: ajhs.auburn.cnyric.org



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Packets for 2018-1 at the Tubn 78 Thornton Ave, 3PK, UPK and	nan Building, 8:00AM-4:00PM.	RENEWABLE	Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM Scholarship Information Night @ AHS 6:30PM National Freedom Day	HALF DAY Early Release 11:00AM (Grades 7-12) Noon (Grades K-6) Staff Development HS & JHS Report Cards Groundhog Day	3
National African American History Month	MGR @Herman Gr. 2 Aesop Fables National School Counseling Week District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	6	AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	AHS Musical 7:30PM	AHS Musical 7:30PM Elementary Report Cards	AHS Musical 7:30PM
AHS Musical 2:00PM	12 Owasco OPT Mtg 6:30PM Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM Mardi Gras	District Cup Stacking Contest @ Seward 3:30PM Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	Seward - AJHS Parent Night 6:00-7:00PM	Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ser Dear	NO SCHOOL Winter Break Week Presidents' Day	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL George Washington's Birthday	NO SCHOOL	Cool!
National Children's Dental Health Month	26 MGR @ Herman Gr. K-2 That Chicken PTA Meeting Seward 6:00PM	27 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	AHS Spring Sports Physicals Girls 2:20PM	ENERGY	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 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

AUBURN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:



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Seward Elementary School-Wide Community Café



On Thursday, December 21, the school community at Seward Elementary paused from their daily routines to engage in discussion topics for re-teaching PBIS lessons using a Community Café model. Students were organized in buddy classes with two grade levels and teachers utilized a variety of engagement strategies in order to facilitate discussion among the students. The PBIS Team determined the three discussion prompts utilizing the PBIS data collected up to December.

The three prompts that the students discussed were:

- 1. Now that winter is here, how can you be safe when entering and exiting the building at arrival and dismissal?
- 2. What are some ways you can be respectful, responsible, safe and engaged at home and in the community over the holiday break?
- 3. How will you show respect for yourself, your classmates, and your teacher when you return to school in January?

Some responses from the students in regards to being safe at arrival and dismissal included: standing still at the bus stop, wear appropriate clothing for the weather, walk slowly, be careful when it's icy, carry your coat, and not throwing snowballs.

When the students discussed how they could show respect, responsibility, safety and engagement at home and in the community, students responded with donating toys to the less fortunate, help around the house, ask a neighbor if they need their driveway and sidewalks shoveled, help bring in the groceries, and say thank you for gifts.

Students ended the discussion speaking about responsibility, respect, safety and engagement when they return to school after the break. Students identified being on time for school, asking friends how their break was, completing classwork and homework, being prepared for class, helping fellow students and following school rules.

The Community Café lasted for approximately 25 minutes and many teachers shared the responses of their students that were, in turn, shared with the school community in between prompts over the PA system. The students showed a high level of engagement throughout the experience and contributed to rich discussions in every buddy group!

The public is invited to attend our next Community Café on Wednesday, March 14th, with a light dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. and a discussion following from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Free childcare will be available. Please call (315)255-8600 by Tuesday, March 13th if you plan to attend.



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