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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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At Herman Ave Elementary School, Mrs. Swartz's & Mrs. Engle's Kindergarten students invited Mrs. Garback, Mrs. Batis, and Officer Flickner to their classroom to watch them read *The Big Book of Blending*. All students did a great job reading the words aloud. Great job Kindergarteners! Keep up the hard work! *Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal*

AJHS REALITY CHECK CLUB EVENT

Join us on Friday, March 10, 2023, for a free movie viewing of *The Bad Guys*, a smoke-free film, at the Carriage House Theater in Auburn, NY. Prior to the movie presentation, Reality Check youth from Auburn Junior High School will be delivering education on the harmfulness of tobacco in youth-rated films. In addition, there will be educational resources, trivia and prizes, including a raffle courtesy of Tobacco-Free CNY and Reality Check. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

This event is a great opportunity for the community to learn about the dangers of tobacco in film. Doors will open at 4:00pm for activities. Showtime will be at 5:00pm. Contact Reality Check Coordinator, Antonio Palmer for any questions at 315-345-7175.

Smoke Free Movie

Friday, March 10th 2023





Miley Vitale, Gr. 5 Owasco



Hadley Pine, Gr. 5 Owasco

Portraits in Honor of Black History Month

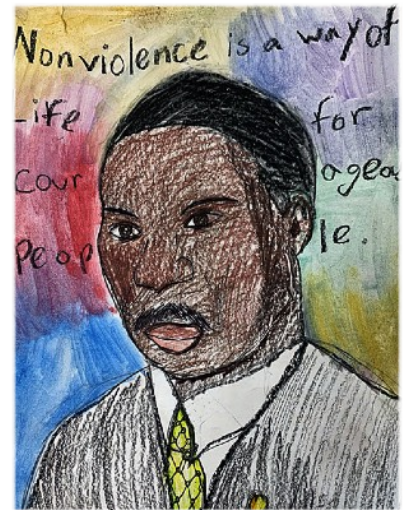
Mrs. Holly Festa's 45 fifth grade students at Owasco Elementary created portraits of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the 2023 Jr. Fine Arts and Essay Exhibition. The artwork was submitted digitally. She chose to do this project with her students because she felt it would connect well with several of the 5th grade visual arts standards such as:

- * Apply design thinking strategies to identify a problem within a community, and create and document with various solutions
- * Explore how works of art and design contribute to the quality of life within a culture
- * Generate a collection of ideas reflecting current interests and concerns that could be investigated in artistic artwork.

She also chose to do this project in honor of Black History Month. The actual art pieces themselves will be on display on the windows of the Heritage Center in downtown Auburn during the month of February.

To view the artwork online visit:

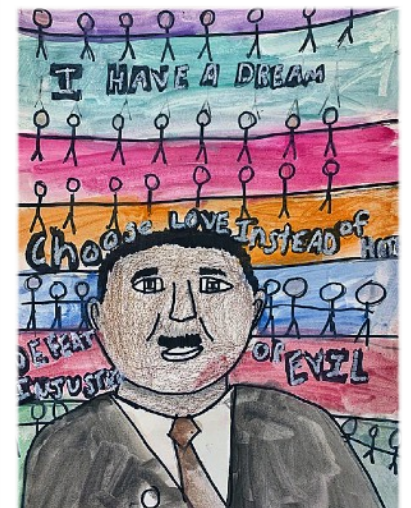
<https://ogs.ny.gov/news/new-york-states-2023-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-fine-arts-and-essay-exhibition-features-work>



Aubrey Bodner, Gr. 5 Owasco



Jason Fletcher, Gr. 5 Owasco



Jenna Sadusky, Gr. 5 Owasco

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force convened on January 9 and started to review the subsection drafts. The task force will continue this work at the next DEI Task Force meeting on February 6.
- Owasco Elementary 5th-grade students' artwork is part of the 2023 NYS Education Department (NYSED) and Office of General Services (OGS) annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fine Arts and Essay Exhibit now available on display in the Empire State Plaza in Albany. The exhibition opened on January 11 and will stay up throughout February's Black History Month. In addition, the full exhibition is available online via <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysogs/collections/72157721401061132/>. State-wide students' work revolves around King's advocacy for non-violence and served as the inspiration for 3,920 students from more than 100 public and private schools across the state to submit their creations. The pieces from 45 Owasco students will be displayed at the Equal Rights Heritage Center during the month of February.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry are delivering a presentation on the appropriate use of language at the Junior High School for all lunch groups on Tuesdays. This student discussion tackles an exploration of demeaning and hurtful words or language that students should refrain from using in school as well as reminding participants of the official student code of conduct. These talks will continue through the beginning of March.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry read to several classes at Seward Elementary in January and continued to use the book, "The Day You Begin." After the reading, students were engaged in discussion about the storyline and complementary themes that encompass their day-to-day activities.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry presented district DEI activities and concepts to Pre-K teachers at their monthly UPK meeting at the PlaySpace on February 8.
- February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. This day honors and encourages acts to spread kindness and positively impact one's life. How can you brighten someone's day with the unexpected?

Genesee Elementary plans to celebrate Black History Month in many different ways, below lists current plans for our students:

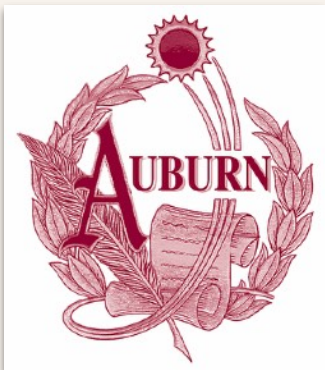
- Mr. Annal's 6th graders will continue to learn about African civilizations, major civil rights leaders, like Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect on accomplishments and lives of several successful African Americans.
- Mrs. Carnicelli's 6th grade students will research one African American by completing a biography research template, presentation, and reflective essay.
- Mrs. Petrosino's 3rd grade students will research an important African American figure and then all the writing pieces will connect to a form of paper "quilt" that will be displayed in the hallway.
- Mrs. Garrett, with the help of Mrs. Walker, as well as the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will put together a PRIDE display case to highlight Black History Month.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director

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SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with updated information at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/>
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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>



The Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces members of the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2023. The Hall of Distinction, an integral arm of the foundation, 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.

- **Carmen Cosentino, East High Class of 1950;** owner of the iconic Cosentino Florist whose expertise was sought after as a speaker, and recognized both nationally and internationally; winner of Teleflora's highest award, The Tom Butler Award; featured floral advice columnist and loyal activist, championing better vision care through the Lions Club.
- **Patricia Ryder, Auburn High Class of 1974;** retired special education teacher and strong advocate for the handicapped, both at school and throughout the community; counselor, and then Director of Camp Columbus for over 40 years; world traveler/enthusiast/chaperone for countless students and sponsor of student exchange programs.
- **Neil Salvage, Jr., Auburn High Class of 1991;** former President of Lending Tree (retired 2022); previous posts include, Executive VP of City Search and President of Digital Sales for CBS television; currently, founder/investor and advisor in Mackey Real Estate in the Charlotte area, Chalk (digital advertising) and Pillar 4 Media which connects consumers to the best practices/products relating to the four pillars of health and wellness.
- **Dr. Joseph Freeman, Auburn High Class of 1977;** first African-American to be elected to Physician Coroner position in the state of Louisiana (Iberville Parish); emergency medicine physician in several locations throughout Georgia; Medical Director, responsible for all clinical aspects of Louisiana's largest federally qualified health center network for the past 20 years.
- **Phillip Gregory Burke, Auburn High Class of 2002;** accomplished playwright and actor; his play, "Flutter" has been performed in New York Harlem Theatre, and his one-act monologue, "Me and Mrs. Jones" (based on his close relationship with his grandmother), was performed in England; graduate of Syracuse University/Fine Arts/Sociology; Masters in Classical/Contemporary Text from Royal Conservatoire in Scotland.

The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2023 Induction Ceremony and celebration will be held Friday, May 19, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Additional details regarding tickets will be forthcoming.



Indi Robots, BeeBots & Ozobots!

Students at **Herman Ave** have been enjoying the Innovation Space with Mrs. Crosby as they learn about robotics and coding using BeeBots and Ozobots.

Casey Park students use Indi robots in the Innovation Lab to learn the fundamentals of computational thinking, STEAM, and computer science in a fun and colorful way.

Indi is an entry-level robot with wheels, LED lights, and a color sensor. Students work together to program Indi using twenty brightly colored tiles. Along the way, there are lots of mistakes, adjustments, and laughs!



Local Art Exhibits

Harriet Tubman Administration Building:

Mrs. Holly Festa's 3rd grade art students at Owasco Elementary created Ancient Egyptian portraits and Ancient Japanese "Gyotaku" Fish prints that will be on display at the Tubman Administration Building from January 20th - February 24th. The students learned about the ancient Egyptian art of drawing portraits and the ancient Japanese art of Gyotaku (fish printing) and drew their own Egyptian portrait including geometric shapes, color (with oil pastels), and lines on their headdresses and neck collars. They also glued on materials to represent the gems and jewels the Pharaohs wore. Upon completing their Egyptian profile the students created a fish print (Gyotaku) for the background of their artwork because one of the ancient Egyptians' main source of food was fish caught from the Nile River. Two ancient cultural artistic techniques (Egyptian and Japanese) were discussed and demonstrated in this lesson.



The Schweinfurth Art Center

Mrs. Holly Festa's 4th grade art students at Owasco Elementary created cityscape watercolor paintings that will be displayed at the "Both Ends of the Rainbow" student exhibition at the Schweinfurth Art Center in downtown Auburn. The students learned the basics of drawing a building that creates the illusion of it being drawn in perspective. They also used both warm and cool colors creating contrast with their abstract sky and city buildings. The artwork will be on display from February 5th - March 5th. Come check it out!



PYRAMIDS

After studying ancient Egypt, sixth graders at Herman Ave extended their learning by completing their unique Egyptian pyramids. The students were eager and anxious to complete the hands-on learning activity.

Students learned that pharaohs were buried within the pyramids for the afterlife. Students added their own unique detail to their pyramids by using their resources to enhance their project.

As a sixth grade team, we are all very proud of our students for completing this challenging project. We were amazed with their final products and are confident that they learned insightful knowledge from this educational experience.

Mrs. Dann, 6th Gr. Teacher, Herman Ave



Music, Music Music!



Kaela Sova, Kara Sova, Kaida Davis-Shannon, Allegra Barbuti, Kacy Quill, and Talora Barbuti performed holiday music at the Seward House.



The 8th grade Orchestra performed at the Everson Museum in Syracuse for the Festival of Trees in December.
Amanda Franco, AJHS Orchestra Teacher



The Auburn Junior High orchestra students have had a very busy winter! Six students between Auburn Junior High and Auburn High School performed at the Seward House for their Holiday Open House event on December 11, which was very well attended by the community. Some of these students even went directly to the Merry Go Round Playhouse to perform in the “Sounds of the Season” concert with The Auburn Chamber Orchestra!

After a fabulous concert on December 13, the entire 8th grade orchestra traveled to the Everson Museum in Syracuse that same week to perform at their Festival of Trees event. They had an opportunity to tour the museum afterward, so it was a full day of music and art.

In January we began working on new music for two upcoming concerts on March 22 (celebrating Music in Our Schools Month) and May 31. Please note that the May concert date is different from the printed district calendar.

We're excited about All County, Electrify Your Strings, and the NYSSMA solo festival coming up this spring!

For the latest Music Department concerts and events schedule updates please visit the Music Calendar page:

<https://www.aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=2003>



SAVE THE DATE!

The Auburn Junior High School Musical
“Beauty and The Beast”

March 17 & 18 at 7:00PM
and March 19 at 2:00PM

The Auburn High School Musical
“Spamalot”

April 21 & 22 at 7:00PM
and April 23 at 2:00PM



February 2023

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Owasco Elementary School and AHS Z-Club



Miss Buckley's 4th grade class teams up with the High School Z-Club run by Julie Liccion. The kids participated in a variety of activities including cursive, sign language, soccer, and lacrosse.

Beginning February 1, 2023: Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2023-2024 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 Enlarged City School District (AECSD) residents who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2023, and a limited number of slots are available at no cost for eligible children.

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation. The 3PK and UPK 2023-2024 online student registration will be open **beginning at 6:00AM on February 1, 2023, and continue until March 1, 2023.** *COMPLETE* applications will then be eligible for the PreK placement which will take place in late Spring, after the New York State allocations are determined for AECSD. In the event AECSD receives more applications than available state-sponsored PreK slots, the district is obligated to enact a random drawing to ensure equitable access for all students in determining who will participate.

During the application process, families will indicate their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of PreK sites. Students will be placed in their first choice unless that provider is full, in which case we will move to the other choices in their ranked order.

In the event a drawing becomes necessary, students not selected will be placed on a waitlist and added to a program as soon as slots become available. *Waitlist families, and those definite about which site they want for their child, are encouraged to check with providers regarding the availability of private pay/social services options at their selected sites.*

Applications received after March 1st will be added to the end of the waitlist, with placement made as slots become available.

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

Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website www.AECSO.education under Student Registration, after February 1st.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may pick up a 2023-2024 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.

REMINDERS: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st and applications must be completed by March 1st in order to be considered for initial Fall placement. Transportation is the responsibility of families.

Need more information about the 2023-2024 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Heather McNabb at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.

Seymour Library

February is National Library Lovers Month!

Celebrate “Take Your Child to the Library Day!” on **Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 am** with a special **Storytime with the Friends of Seymour Library!** Listen to library-themed stories and then participate in a fun scavenger hunt! Receive a special Take & Make kit from the Friends! The Take & Make kits include a copy of *The Bad Seed Goes to the Library* by Jory John and other fun activities. This program is for ages 4 to 7, but all ages are welcome. No registration is necessary. However, supplies are limited!

Storytime with the Friends
Saturday, February 4 at 11 am

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Take & Make kits will be available while supplies last.
No registration is required.

Seymour Library

Anonymous Alerts®

report bullying or cyberbullying

help your friends

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SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING
Submit your reports anonymously

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report drug or alcohol use

report strange behavior

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/aurneccsd

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

Pokémon Club

Wednesday, February 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm



This new club will be a place to meet fellow Pokémon trainers – to learn and have fun discovering all things Pokémon! Each month we will complete different Pokémon activities. Bring your own Pokémon Trading Cards, or borrow some from the library. For ages seven and up, but all ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

Mid-Winter Break Drop-in Activities

Looking for some activities to do together as a family over winter break?

Seymour Library has you covered with new crafts each day and building challenges using different materials.

Visit seymourlibrary.org or follow us on social media for more details.



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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.



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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

Owasco Elementary School & AHS Z-Club



More pictures from Miss Buckley's 4th grade class teaming up with the High School Z-Club. The kids participated in a variety of activities including cursive, sign language, soccer, and lacrosse.



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

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

Schedule Galaxy is now called **Aktivate**.



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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Community and Global Service Learning Projects at Owasco Elementary School

This year The Owasco Owls have excelled in community and global service projects.

We started the year with "Hats for Heroes" and collected over \$700 for our local Veterans Scholarship Fund. Second, the owls hosted a successful health care and baby supply drive for Ghana. Third, we conducted a profitable campaign for The Backpack Program. Recently, we raised over \$1,000 for the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" organization! The Owasco Owls look forward to continuing our collaboration, student engagement and making a positive impact not only in our community, but our world.

Jacquelyn Aversa, Owasco Teacher



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

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services

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