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Holiday **School Spirit**

Herman Avenue celebrated the upcoming winter break with a fun Spirit Week themed around the holidays.



The Spirit of Giving at AHS



AHS CCC English students in Mrs. Bartolotta's class collected blankets for the Rescue Mission in Auburn. Cam Scanlan, Lucas West and Ben Weiman delivered them to the mission. Awesome job, boys!

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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
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>



If a teen/adult is unconscious & not breathing normally

Hands-Only CPR



STEP 1



STEP 2



...until help arrives

Hands-Only CPR has been shown to be effective for cardiac arrest. It can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival.

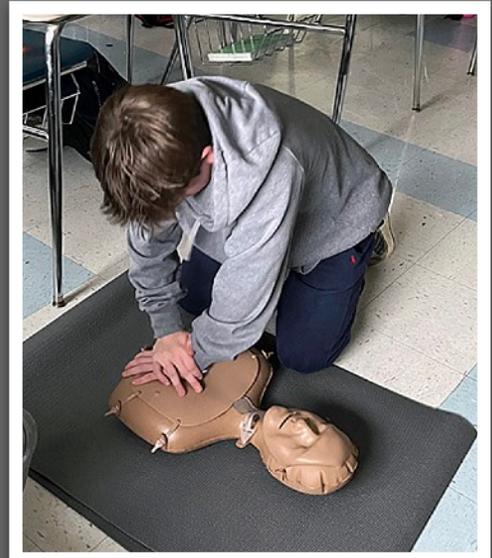
CPR Lessons in 8th Grade Health Class

Mrs. Newton's 8th grade Health classes learned the importance of "Hands Only CPR" in class in December. Students were taught the importance of activating the EMS (CALL 911) anytime they witness the sudden collapse of an adult, and then providing high-quality chest compressions by pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest for 100 beats per minute.

CPR can double or triple a person's chances of survival.

Remember that ANY CPR is better than NO CPR!

Kristi Newton, 8th Grade Health Teacher, Auburn Junior High School



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Holly Festa, Art Teacher at Owasco Elementary engaged 48 of her 5th-grade students to submit artwork depicting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to The New York State Education Department (NYSED). NYSED is sponsoring its annual Student Art and Essay Exhibition where New York State schools were invited to submit student artwork and essays based on Dr. King's Six Principles of Nonviolence. Student work will be on view at the Empire State Plaza South Concourse. The February district newsletter will include more information, highlights from these submissions, and how to view the exhibition digitally.
- The DEI Task Force convened its fourth 2022 meeting on December 5 to specifically review work group sub-section drafts for each of five preliminary plans. The DEI Task Force will convene on January 5 to review the second draft of these plans.
- The *Demanding More* book club at Auburn Junior High concluded on December 6th.
- On December 5, Bill Berry and Dr. Renee Burgess presented a DEI update, answered a wide range of questions, and encouraged DEI ideas from participants at the District Parent Council meeting.
- Dr. Melissa Moore, Associate Dean for Title IX & Compliance at Le Moyne College spoke to Jeannette Oliver-Carr's Women's Studies class on December 7. Students were engaged by Dr. Moore's presentation and asked a variety of questions.
- Bill Berry has initiated a preliminary and small mentorship process at Owasco Elementary where he will assist students in navigating a diverse range of school and community topics of importance to students.
- On December 9, 2022, 31 AHS students from Ms. Julie Liccion's Cayuga 101 and Intermediate Child Psychology & Development classes participated in the 2022 Travel Unity Youth Summit Northeast convened in Auburn at the Cayuga Museum's Carriage House Theater. Hosted by Tour Cayuga, this local student event was organized by Dr. Burgess as part of the district's ongoing DEI initiatives to expose students to a diverse variety of career paths. This particular event focused on learning about travel as an activity and possible career path. College students from NYC and Atlanta, GA guided AHS students through a variety of travel related learning experiences and task-oriented activities with the assistance of Elijah Washington (Travel Unity,) Dawn Lubaszewski (Cayuga County Office of Tourism), as well as Auburn High School teachers who served as group leaders, Julie Liccion, Michael Losani, Melanie Maher, and DEI Consultant, Bill Berry. Students enjoyed a pizza lunch accompanied by salads, dressings, cookies, beverages, and assorted snacks. Superintendent Jeff Pirozzolo and Assistant Superintendent Amy Mahunik interacted with students and staff during the lunch break, as well as watched students present to the Travel Unity conference attendees at the Hilton Garden Inn. At the close of the Youth Summit, students were transported to the Hilton Garden Inn to present their group travel projects to the stand-alone Travel Unity Summit and had the opportunity to network with travel industry leaders. The Travel Unity Summit was convened at the Hilton Garden Inn from December 7 – 9.
- At the December 15th Instructional Coaches Academy, Bill Berry presented a few of his personal experiences dealing with race, class, bias, gender, and privilege in a participatory workshop.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



Spelling Bee Season

Herman Avenue held our school round of the Scripps Spelling Bee on Friday, December 16th. We are so proud of all of our participants and would like to wish our four champions good luck in the regional qualifying round!

A special thanks to Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Gremler, Mrs. Herrling, Mrs. Bersani, Mrs. Westlake, Mrs. Batis, and Mrs. Garback for helping to make our Spelling Bee a success!



FAMILY FUN TIME!

Herman Avenue's Kindergarten classes invited families in to help students build Gingerbread houses with all different foods and toppings. Students had fun building and creating their unique houses and each one looked delicious!

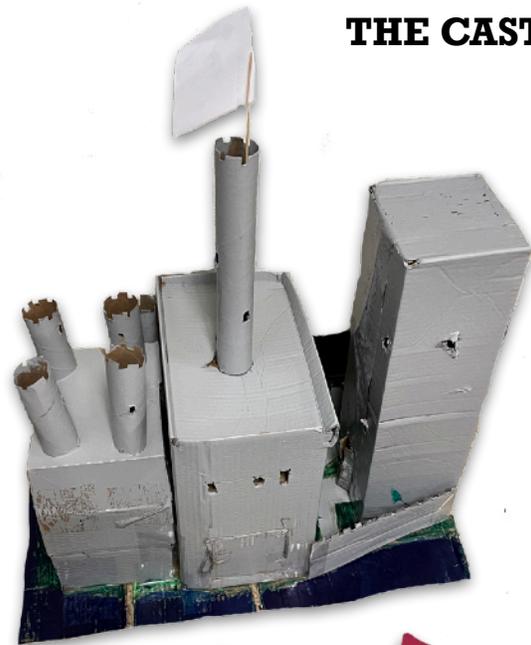
**Classroom photos from the top:
Mrs. Marginsky's
Mrs. Gremler's
Mrs. Swartz's & Mrs. Engles's**

*Brianne Batis
Assistant Principal
Herman Avenue School*



THE CASTLE PROJECT AT HERMAN AVENUE

Fourth grade students worked on a Medieval Castle project at home to wrap up the ELA Unit on the Middle Ages. They were to design and build a castle using what they learned from that time period to share with their classmates.

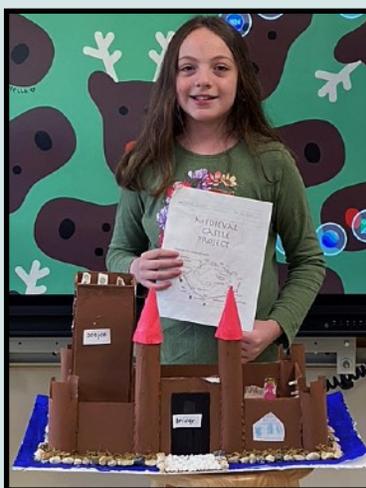


Submitted by teachers Michael Falzarano and Danielle Zambito

THE CASTLE PROJECT AT GENESEE

After learning about the Middle Ages in ELA, fourth graders at Genesee Elementary designed and built their own models of medieval castles. They were encouraged to show their creativity by using materials found in their homes. They also prepared presentations to share with their classmates and were given the opportunity to ask and answer questions about their experience. Great job, fourth graders!

Beth Robinson, 4th Grade Teacher, Genesee Elementary School



THE KINDNESS PROJECT AT HERMAN AVENUE



We're spreading kindness at Herman Ave! Carson, a 5th grade student, wanted to find a way to spread kindness with staff and students at Herman Ave Elementary School. With the help of our school counselor, Mrs. Kmiecak, and a donation from The Auburn Education Foundation, Carson was able to make this dream a reality. With a few helping hands, Carson helped to make each ornament and he delivered them this week. Carson sent each student and staff member home with an ornament filled with kindness, a little sparkle, and the message "You Matter!"

*Brianne Batis
Assistant Principal
Herman Ave Elementary School*



The Spirit of Giving at Auburn High School



The AHS faculty and student body adopted three families through Cayuga Counseling this year and in true Auburn fashion, they went above and beyond to give these families a wonderful holiday. The staff and students were able to purchase gifts for these families and each family will receive six boxes of food. Additional boxes of non-perishable food items will be given to Cayuga Counseling to distribute as needed. Just under 2400 individual non-perishable items were collected to be donated. It really warmed the faculty's hearts seeing how involved and caring our students can be. We all know this time of year can be difficult for so many, but hopefully we will be able to provide happiness for these families. It truly has been a beautiful experience watching the students work together...a joy all its own!

Kathleen Becker, Auburn High School

January 2023

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Casey Park Students Adopted a Calf named Livie



Through the Discover Dairy Program, our class adopted a calf this year! We are receiving regular updates about Livie and learning how dairymen and women work hard every day to ensure the health and safety of the cows that provide us with milk!

Last week we went on a live, virtual tour of the farm where our calf lives. We met the owner, the herdsman and other workers who take care of our calf, and so many more cows just like her!

We are looking forward to our next opportunity to “visit” the farm and learn more about the career choice of farming!

Cindy Yale, 2nd Grade Teacher, Casey Park

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

Fun Programs and Clubs at Seymour Library in January

Start the New Year with learning, innovation, and fun at Seymour Library!

STEAM: Paper Circuits

Discover electronics and paper circuits during this hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) program on **Wednesday, January 18, at 3:30 pm**. Participants will use LEDs, copper tape, and batteries to light up their own creative project.

This program is for ages 8-12, but all ages are welcome.

Please note that registration is required. To register, please call the library's Family Space at 315-252-2571 x416.

Pokémon Club

Calling all Pokémasters!

Seymour Library is starting up a Pokémon Club! This new club will be a place to meet fellow Pokémon trainers – to learn and have fun discovering all things Pokémon! Join us on **Tuesday, January 10, at 5 pm** in the Family Space at Seymour Library. 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 for this new club!



Visit seymourlibrary.org/programs/ for a complete list of storytimes, programs, and more!

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The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. This safety communications tool is a way for our students to quickly communicate anonymously with school officials and engage in anonymous 2-way communications to share more information about incidents. Types of concerns that may be reported include, but are not limited to, bullying, harassment, drug-related issues, fighting, weapons, threats, and more. The goal of this reporting system is to help maintain a safe school climate while giving students ample opportunity to securely communicate with school administrators without fear of retribution by their peers. The system will be monitored during school days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
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- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident



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



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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

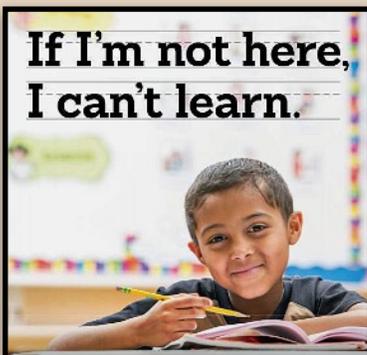


Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

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.



The Herman Avenue Holiday Concerts (Band, Chorus and Orchestra) were right in tune with the season and were enjoyed by all.



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**.

Second Grade Science Class Field Trip



Second grade students from Genesee Elementary were able to visit the Ithaca Sciencenter. Students were able to enjoy more than 250 hands-on exhibits that involved sustainability, weather, live animals, and more. They were also able to engage in problem-solving and the iterative design process to build a wind powered machine. This machine used wind as its energy source to pull a cup up on a string. Once students achieved this, they were given a penny to add to their cup. Students came up with diverse ideas and demonstrated perseverance when adjusting their design to be successful.

Brittany Westover, 2nd Grade Teacher @ Genesee



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