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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Renowned Trumpet Player to Conduct Clinics, Perform at AHS

The Auburn Music Boosters are thrilled to announce that after last year's successful Electrify Your Symphony program, we have secured the renowned trumpet player, Al Chez, to conduct exclusive music clinics for our students and perform a live concert with his band, The Brothers of Funk Big Band.

Al Chez, known for his incredible talent and extensive experience, has been the trumpeter for the CBS Orchestra on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and has collaborated with musical icons such as Bon Jovi, The Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton. As a Yamaha teaching artist he has conducted hundreds of clinics at schools around the country where his easy-going attitude and out-of-this-world trumpet playing is both inspiring and motivational to the students.

The Brothers of Funk Big Band is a high energy band, (which features sisters too) that averages 15 amazing talented cats from the NY area, as well as special players sitting in at any given gig.

The student clinic is scheduled for Jan. 26, featuring a day of student music clinics led by Al Chez, providing our young musicians from the high school and junior high jazz bands with a unique opportunity to learn from a master in the field.

The next day, at 7 p.m. Jan. 27, Al Chez and The Brothers of Funk Big Band will take the stage at Auburn High School for a concert that promises to be an unforgettable experience for the Auburn community. Our AHS Jazz Band and Select Ensemble Choir students will have the opportunity to be the opening acts for professional musicians. The concert is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit music education in Auburn Enlarged City Schools.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/79180> or at the door.

Christopher Sciria, Public Information Specialist



AL CHEZ *& The Brothers of Funk Big Band* **CONCERT**

WITH OPENING PERFORMANCES FROM
THE AHS JAZZ BAND & SELECT ENSEMBLE CHOIR

JANUARY 27th at 7 PM

Auburn High School
250 Lake Ave
Auburn, NY 13021

General Admission \$15
Senior
AECSD Students \$5

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/79180>

Scripps Spelling Bee Students



The Herman Ave Spelling Bee was Thursday, December 7th. We are so proud of all the students who made it to this round and wish our four champions the best of luck in the Regional round for the Scripps Spelling Bee!



The Owasco Spelling Bee was Friday, December 15th. Twenty contestants competed against each other to earn the title of top speller at Owasco.

Herman Avenue Ambassadors



Herman Avenue's Kindness Ambassadors helped to collect coin donations from each classroom for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization.



Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Avenue Elementary School

Herman Avenue Elementary News



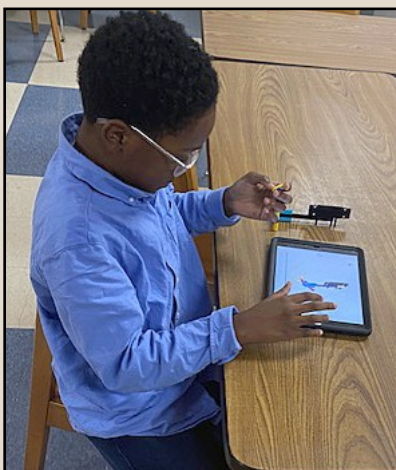
The sixth graders at Herman Avenue have been working very hard on exploring the importance of the ancient Egyptian pyramids. The students completed their very own unique pyramids by incorporating a variety of details that explain the importance to why the pyramids were built by the ancient Egyptians. The students were eager and anxious to present their pyramids with their peers and younger students. The students were proud of their work and as a grade level team, all of the teachers are very proud of their accomplishments! *Mrs. Dann, 6th Grade Teacher*



The **CASTLE** Project

After learning about the middle ages in their classrooms, fourth grade students in Mr. Falzarano's class, Mrs. Messina's class, and Mrs. Zambito and Mr. Fiermonte's class, built castles in the Innovation Lab with Mrs. Crosby using cardboard and other materials while following the steps of the Engineering Design Process. This was a Herman PBL Activity.

Michelle Crosby, Librarian, Herman Ave.



Students from Herman Ave's Lego League building and programming class.

*Mrs. Neagle,
Coach*



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- On November 28, Dr. Reneé Burgess and Kathryn Dennis, Executive Director of the United Way of Cayuga County, and high school students from the Student United Way shopped for products for the hygiene product distribution at the high school.
- In December, high school students in the Women's Studies class and the National Honor Society, 1st Amendment 1st Vote, and Student United Way worked together to wrap presents for the Christmas Elf. The Social Studies department also held a food and hygiene drive as part of this contribution. The presents and food items were donated to Cayuga Counseling.
- On December 6, Reneé and Nick Esposito from Education Elements visited the Personalized Learning Fellows classrooms. Personalized learning practices for all students were evident, aligning with Priority #4 in the DEI Strategic Plan.
- On December 19, Samuel Joseph Giannettino, Jr. visited the high school students in the Student United Way to speak about his experience as an illustrator.
- 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. You can still RSVP past the deadline.

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 Carey-Dixon, School Social Worker

Special Education

Babette Valentine, Executive Director of Special Education

Media Misinformation

Beth Cuddy, Librarian at Auburn High School



Raffles!

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

RSVPs are encouraged!

Dr. Reneé Burgess

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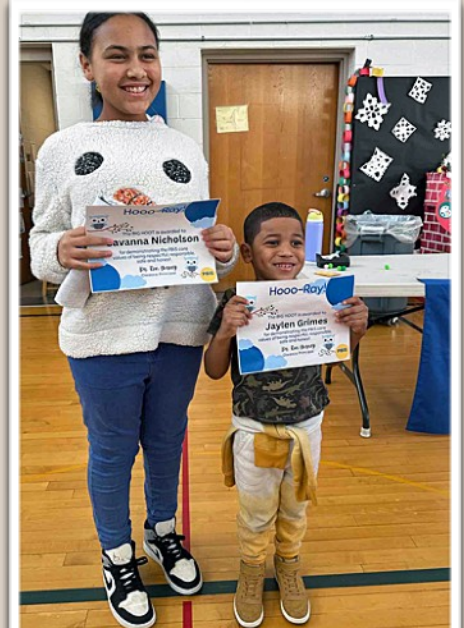
reeneburgess@aecsd.education



Owasco Owls

We celebrated our Big Hoot winners for exemplifying the character trait of gratitude! Teachers nominated one student in every class to win the Big Hoot award. Students received individual shout outs for the different ways they show gratitude in our building.

*Elizabeth Molloy,
Assistant Principal, Owasco*



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 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 1st.**

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.



Genesee Elementary News

The Science of Sound

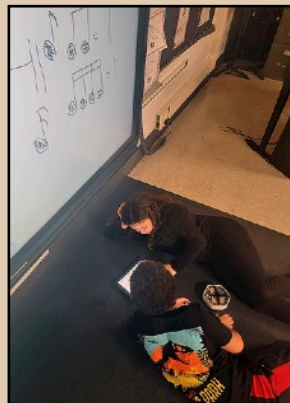
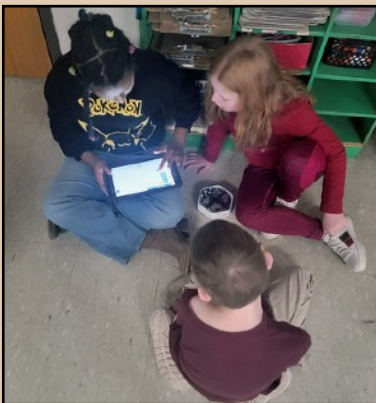


Fourth grade students at Genesee have been learning all about the science of sound. In library, they worked on an engineering design challenge where they imagined that an architect accidentally put the band room right next to the library. They discussed what problems would come from that and what could be done to help. Their job was to soundproof the band room! After some research and experimentation with materials, students worked to plan a way to soundproof a shoe box that worked as a model of the band room. They shopped for materials and then constructed their designs. Once they were finished building we used a decibel meter to determine the success of their soundproofing. One group successfully decreased the sound by 25 decibels!



Coding Robots to Sing

Fifth graders in music at Genesee composed songs with Ms. Taylor. After they finished composing students learned how music and technology often blend with each other. The librarian, Ms. Calarco brought Root robots to the music room. Students were able to code the robots to sing their compositions as well as dance!



Virtual Reality Technology



Fifth grade students at Genesee worked with Ms. Calarco to learn about **virtual reality technology** and computer science. They used a program called Cospaces to build virtual reality worlds. Mrs. Duffy and Ms. Iversen's class used the program to show off their knowledge of ecosystems. They built realistic ecosystems including a model food chain that they programmed to show what animals were producers and consumers. After building their environmental models students were able to use virtual reality goggles that were borrowed from the Teacher Center at Boces to experience their creations.

3D Printing



Six grade students at Genesee worked with Ms. Calarco in the library to learn about 3D printing technology. They learned about all the ways 3d printing is being used for real world applications. They then learned about the design process and how to use software called Tinkercad to create 3D models. As a practice project 6th graders designed ornaments which were then printed and painted.

Victoria Calarco, Librarian, Genesee Elementary

WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS, TERMS TO KNOW

Winter Storm Warning

Issued for a combination of heavy snow and/or ice, of which, at least one exceeds or meets warning criteria. Winter weather is expected to cause life-threatening public impact for a combination of winter hazards including heavy snow, ice, near blizzard conditions, blowing and drifting snow and/or dangerous wind chills.

Heavy Snow Warning

Issued when 7 inches or more of snow is expected in 12 hours or less, or 9 inches or more is expected in 24 hours or less. Heavy Snow Warnings are issued when there is a high degree of confidence that the entire event will be snow.

Snow Squall Warning

Issued when a band of very heavy snow is expected to produce snowfall above 2 inches per hour, visibilities less than 1/4 mile for between 15 and 30 minutes. The snow squall could be accompanied by gusty winds, blowing snow and a flash freeze on roads.

Ice Storm Warning

Issued for a 1/2 inch or more of ice accumulation which causes damage to power lines and trees. Ice Storm Warnings are issued when there is a high degree of confidence that the entire event is expected to be ice.

Lake Effect Snow Warning

Issued for 7 inches or more of lake effect snow.

Wind Chill Warning

Issued when the wind chill is expected to be -25 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Frostbite can occur in less than 10 minutes.



3 Tips to Avoid Slips this Winter

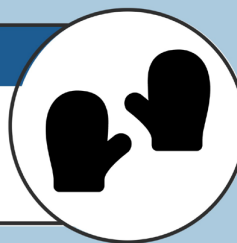


ONE

Wear shoes with gripping soles to provide traction. If you come across an area that you believe may be icy, tap the edge of the area with your foot to be sure.

TWO

Carrying heavy items may change your center of balance, making it more likely for you to slip. Keep your hands free and out of your pockets when walking.



THREE

When getting out of your vehicle, check to make sure there are no icy spots near your vehicle. When entering and exiting your car, use the vehicle for balance and support.

WALK SAFE THIS WINTER

Be Careful Walking on Snow and Ice

- ▼ Look before you step
- ▼ Wear proper, non-slip footwear
- ▼ Take shorter steps or shuffle for stability
- ▼ Use handrails
- ▼ Avoid slippery surfaces when possible
- ▼ Remove snow and ice from pathways

Submitted by Caren Radell, Nursing Supervisor

Seasonal Flu Information for Schools

DO YOU HAVE A COLD OR THE FLU?		
SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
SYMPTOM ONSET	GRADUAL	ABRUPT
FEVER	RARE	USUAL, LASTS 3-4 DAYS
ACHES	SLIGHT	USUAL, OFTEN SEVERE
CHILLS	UNCOMMON	FAIRLY COMMON
FATIGUE, WEAKNESS	SOMETIMES	USUAL

Flu viruses usually cause the most illness during the colder months of the year, from October to March.

The single best way to protect against seasonal flu and its potential severe complications is to get a seasonal flu vaccine each year.

Encourage your students, parents, and school staff to take the following preventative actions:

Get a yearly flu vaccine.

Stay home when you are sick. Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

How long is a person with the flu contagious? The flu can be passed to others from 1 day before you have symptoms up to 5–7 days after you get sick. Some people might be able to infect others even longer.

New York State Weekly Flu Tracker

The data represents cases of influenza which meet a standardized case definition and are reported to the New York State Department of Health during influenza season. Data is uploaded weekly.

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/2023-2024/flu_report_current_week.pdf

Submitted by Caren Radell, Nursing Supervisor

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day <i>January Artwork</i> Alexa Fedigan Gr. 8	2 NO SCHOOL New Year's Holiday	3 School Resumes Title One Parent Mtg. 5:30PM AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	4 LAST	5	6
7	8 Sports Tryouts: Modified Boys & Girls Swim Modified Girls Basketball Modified Boys Wrestling District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	9 GPTP 5:00pm Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	10	11 NEW	12	13
14 World Religion Day	15  Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	16	17	18 FIRST	19	20
21	22	23 Regents Exams Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 6:00PM	24 Regents Exams 8th Grade Parent Night 6:30PM @ AHS	25 FULL Regents Exams Music Teachers Recital @ AHS 7:00PM Wolf Moon	26 Regents Exams End of First Semester AHS End Marking Period 3 K-8 Marking Period 2 Ends	27 Al Chez Concert @ AHS 7:00PM
28 	29 K-8 Marking Period 3 Begins HS Marking Period 4 Begins	30	31 * For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education		December 2023 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	February 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

Special Visitor at Herman Ave



Magdalena Cole, mother of Nina Cole in first grade, visited Ms. Miles's first grade classroom to talk about Bulgarian holiday traditions. Mrs. Cole moved to the United States when she was nine years old and still keeps in contact with her family - she even taught us a lot of words in Bulgarian!

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

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

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

Call for Emergencies

911

Seymour Library

176 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY | 315-252-2571 | seymourlibrary.org

Join us for programs in January at Seymour Library that promise to make learning fun – from Pokémon Club to storytimes and much more! The library will be offering new STEAM-based programs, plus we are bringing back our LEGO Club! Visit www.seymourlibrary.org to view the complete list of library events.



Winter STEAM: Exploring the Northern Lights!

Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 pm OR

Monday, January 29 at 4 pm

Explore the northern lights! Create your own aurora borealis chalk drawing and jar lantern while learning about this natural light phenomenon!

The same program, with the same activities, will be held on both dates.

Designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome.

Registration is required. Please call 315-252-2571 to register for one of the dates.



STEAM: Bones and No Bones

Wednesday, January 10 at 4 pm

Join fossil experts Gilda and Aaron on an evolutionary journey! Find out about animals that have bones (vertebrates) and those that don't (invertebrates). Create your own evolutionary timeline booklet to take home.

Designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome. **Registration is required. Please call the library at 315-252-2571 or stop by the Family Space to register.**



LEGO Club

Monday, January 22 at 4 pm Explore your creativity with LEGO challenges and games during the library's new LEGO Club! Accept a building 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.**

Searching for LEGO Bricks

Donate your LEGO bricks to the Library! If your family has a LEGO collection they are no longer using, please consider donating them to Seymour Library for our new LEGO Club. Contact Family Engagement Librarian Madi Leidel for details.



SAVE THE DATE!

Storytime with The Friends of Seymour Library

Saturday, February 3 at 11 am

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with the Friends of Seymour Library. Storytime, yummy treats, and a book giveaway! Designed for ages 2 to 5, but all ages are welcome. **No registration is required. Book giveaway while supplies last.**

***Closed Date for January:** Seymour Library will be closed on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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



**Follow
us
on
X!**

District: @AuburnECSD
AHS: @auburn_ahs
AJHS: @auburn_jrhig
Casey: @auburn_casey
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



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.

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

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

- 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



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To report Child Abuse call the Statewide Toll Free Telephone Number:

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