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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Students in Mrs. Carberry and Mrs. Portipilo's 2nd Grade class participated in Gotcha store! They used their gotchas that they earned from the district's PBIS system to buy fun incentives! Keep on soaring Herman Ave! Pictured are Joey Gagliano and Valerie Smith. For more information visit [www.PBIS.org](http://www.PBIS.org)

## Annual "Reindeer Sale" at Genesee

Genesee Elementary School didn't let the novel coronavirus stop its annual "Reindeer Sale," which gives all students the opportunity to select gifts for family members. This year's "sale," adapted for social distancing, involved bringing carts of new and gently used items to each classroom. After students selected gifts for up to four family members, volunteers wrapped, labeled and bagged them in the Library and Innovation Lab. Fully remote students were able to participate by doing their "shopping" during grade level zoom sessions and had the option of

either picking up the wrapped gifts or having them delivered by Genesee staff members. Many thanks to Grace Chapel for both volunteers as well as money toward gifts, and former students, retired teachers, and Genesee aides who volunteered, making this "Reindeer Sale" possible!

To watch a video of Genesee students and staff expressing their gratitude, go to <https://ensemble.caybores.org/Watch/GC2020>

*Left: Grace Chapel volunteers Tim and Cindy Stogsdill bring carts of gifts to classrooms.*



**On behalf of the Auburn Enlarged City School District School Social Work Department, we would like to thank all volunteers and donating sources for supporting our annual Fill-A-Belly Over School Break Food Program, and our holiday assistance to families in need.**



**The Fill-A-Belly (FAB) Program** originated eleven years ago at the Genesee Elementary School. This year, we were very thankful for the ability to expand this program and offer food to families within the AECSD. The expansion was in response to years of increased reports of hunger, homelessness, and those living well below the poverty level, due to many extenuating variables which were magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic. While we all struggled with the pandemic in different ways, we were grateful for the generous donations provided by private donors, local community businesses and organizations.

The FAB Program was able to offer supplemental food boxes, to food-insecure families, for the extended break from school. Each family received three boxes of food including: dairy, produce and non-perishable items. According to our records, **210 families registered for the 2020 event with nearly 1000 individuals benefiting from the food giveaway.** Additional unregistered families were also able to receive food at the end of the event.

The AECSD would like to formally thank the following FAB volunteers and/or donors: NUCOR Steel, Auburn Rotary Club, Johnathan's Furniture, Auburn United Methodist Church, Auburn Fire Department, Xylem, Balloons Restaurant, UNC, Bouley Construction, Extra Mile, Zonta Club, Five Star Bank, Savannah Bank, Builder's Choice, Auburn Lodge, Hibernians, VFW & Auxiliary, Auburn Discount Liquor, Rescue Mission Transitional Living Program Staff, Clary's Closet, and numerous community members who wish to remain anonymous. We also would like to recognize our on-going partnership with Booker T. Washington and The Foodbank of CNY.

Finally, we would like to formally thank everyone who assisted us in donating winter gear, holiday gifts, and other holiday offerings for students and families who were in need this season. Many of our individual and community groups and/or neighborhood donors wish to remain anonymous and we celebrate them in silence for their donations. We wish to formally acknowledge the Auburn Wrestling Team (past & present), St. James Church, in Skaneateles, and the Knights of Columbus. We also wish to thank our many community knitters and their continued generosity and passion for helping to keep our students warm throughout the long winter months.

The outreach by the local community, through its donation of resources, has truly been appreciated by those individuals who have been impacted by the giving, in addition to those who have witnessed the generosity.

***George Whipple, Casey Carey-Dixon, Jen Poole,  
Jen Anthony, Ashley Evans, and Kristina Ouder Kirk (School Social Workers)***



## AUBURN ATHLETICS ... Fall 2020 Varsity Athletic Summary

COVID-19 has impacted both the academic and athletic aspects of school this year. The NYS Department of Health determined the sports of Football and Volleyball were “higher risk” and therefore could not be played this Fall. Both sports have been pushed to the “Fall 2” Season which will start on 3/1/21. Girls Swimming was also pushed to the Fall 2 season because most Salt City Athletic Conference (SCAC) league teams did not have pool access.

Fall 2020 saw individual Districts make the decision as to whether they would compete in Fall athletics, and at which levels they would have teams. Between incomplete league schedules, COVID-19 related closures, no Section III Tournaments or NYS Championships, there were also many sports that did not present typical awards.

We are grateful that Auburn student-athletes were able to practice and compete this Fall. Although it was a unique experience, the opportunities the Auburn District and Coaches offered our student-athletes through athletics this fall were invaluable.



**Girls Tennis:** The team finished the season with an overall record of 12-2. Elizabeth Spin and Marissa Moore were 8-1 in doubles this season with their only loss to Fayetteville-Manlius. Ella Bouley was 11-0 while playing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> singles. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



**Boys Soccer:** The team finished the season with a record of 0-6. Honors and awards earned by team members were: Dylan Baker-Todeschini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-League; Isaiah Lovell-Rose, Coaches Award; Braden Sherman, Most Improved Athlete; Ethan Trupiano, Most Outstanding Athlete; and Alec Kovalczik, Sportsmanship Award.



**Boys Golf:** The team finished the season 3-2 and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SCAC Empire Tournament. Players earning All-league honors were: Christian Hogan and Jack Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Colin Tardif, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; and Carter Mizro, Honorable Mention. Jack Leader was named Player of the Year and Aiden Tomandl was named Rookie of the Year.



**Girls Soccer:** The team finished the season with a record of 5-8-1. Players earning All-league honors were: Grace Oliver and Alayna Foes, 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Chloe Picciano, Caitlin Lowe and Sydney Marinelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; and Amelia Bartolotta, Brooke Reynolds and Bryn Whitman, Honorable Mention. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



**Field Hockey:** The team finished the season with a league record of 0-3 and an overall record of 2-7. Jada Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player and Lauren Lowe received the Golden Stick Award. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



**Girls and Boys Cross Country:** The Girls team earned the SCAC Empire Championship. Their league and overall record was 6-1. Kyleen Brady had an undefeated season and was named to the Syracuse.com All-CNY Girls Cross Country Team. The Boys team league record was 6-1 and overall record was 7-1.

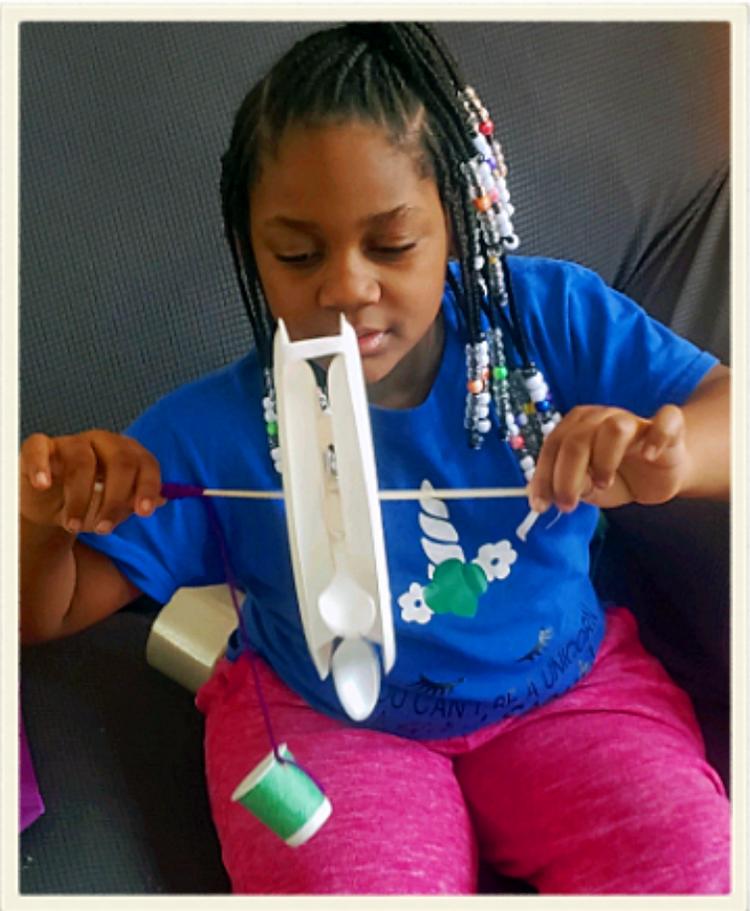


**GO MAROONS!**

Check the latest Athletic Updates:  
[www.aecsd.education/athletics](http://www.aecsd.education/athletics)



**Casey Park Elementary School's** second grade classrooms participated in a hands-on learning experience with the **Science Center** via Zoom. All students in second grade were able to participate in this interactive program. They learned how to make a water wheel. The Science Center also sent home materials to make pinwheels at home, and a ticket to the Science Center for visiting at a later date. Pictured are some of the students who completed their Science Center activity in Kiley Kustyn's remote class who really loved this activity!



## NEWS FROM WILLIAM SEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### 6th Graders at Seward on a Virtual Farm Trip



Mrs. Jackson's and Mr. Fitzgerald's 6th graders enjoyed a virtual field trip to Will-O-Crest Dairy Farm. Students were able to see the newest calves and tour the facilities. One of their favorite parts was the milking parlor and seeing how the equipment worked. They were given the chance to ask Farmer Hannah questions and were shocked how much a cow weighs, what they eat, and that they have no upper teeth. The fan favorites were the babies, which was perfect since they have over 150 on site.

They ended their tour with a laugh as a particularly feisty cow wouldn't stop chewing on our tour guide. What a great opportunity it was!



### Third Annual Seward Spelling Bee

Seward Elementary School conducted their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual spelling bee. This year, due to social distancing guidelines, the first round of the spelling bee was conducted online via the Scripps National Spelling Bee website. The second round consisting of the top 20 finishers from the online format, which is the school's championship round, was held via Zoom on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a tightly contested race where 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, Makayla Hutchinson, was victorious.

The school is able to send four finalists to the area's regional spelling bee in Syracuse. At the completion of the spelling bee there was a four-way tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Leighton Axton, Timothy Axton, Mia Swagler and Caleb Ehr Gott competed in the tie breaking session on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> where Leighton Axton secured the fourth spot.

In all, the students placing in the top four are: Makayla Hutchinson, Carter Wilson, Jack Sroka and Leighton Axton. We are proud of the great effort and sportsmanship displayed by all of our participants in both sessions. We wish our Seward Stingers the best of luck as they compete against the region's top spellers this month!



### Holidays Around the World

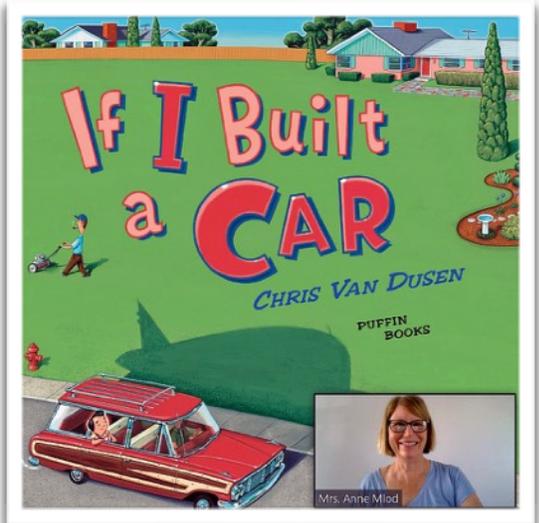
In the month of December Mrs. Falzarano's class learned about holidays around the world. In learning about the different countries and their cultures, the students learned about travel to and from the countries and how we use passports. Although they started the unit in-person via the hybrid model, they did complete it while learning remotely and shared their learning about the winter holidays with one another during their scheduled Zoom meetings.



## Access Books Online with the SORA App

During Genesee's remote learning period in December, students in kindergarten-2nd grade had the opportunity to attend a daily Zoom story time. At one of these sessions, Librarian Anne Mlod read the story "If I Built a Car" by Chris Van Dusen. Students learned about circuits and were challenged to design their own car using battery packs, motors and propellers that were available in the office for family pick up. With the help of her older brothers, kindergarten student Haleigh Jones created a car out of a potato chip container!

Mlod read the book online using the new SORA app that allows students (and teachers) to read or listen to thousands of books online.



To access SORA, you can go to the link on your School Librarian's website, or directly to <https://soraapp.com/library/cayboocesny>. You'll click "Find My School" and select "Cayuga Onondaga BOCES." Once there you click on the drop-down box and select "Auburn City School District." Then you'll log in with your google account. There is also a free app for SORA you can get from both the apple and google play stores. As an added bonus, you can also connect your Seymour Library card and access all of their e-books and audiobooks.

Once you log in the first time, you won't have to do it again - you'll be able to go right to your SORA account!



## Thanksgiving with our Friends

**Kindergarten students at Herman Ave participated in 'Friends-giving' on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Each classroom enjoyed a feast, with food donated by Wegmans! Students shared what they were thankful for and celebrated together. Special thanks to Wegmans for helping to provide a memorable experience to our students!**

**Students pictured are from Mrs. Marginsky, Mrs. Greml, Mrs. Swartz and Mrs. Engle's classes.**



## Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

### Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2021-2022 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 1st, 2021 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. Parent(s)/guardian(s) 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 St.	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 & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	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

*\*Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

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

The 3PK and UPK 2021-2022 online student registration will be open beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website [www.AECSD.education](http://www.AECSD.education) under Student Registration.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may also pick up a 2021-2022 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. **Registration packets should 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 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 2020 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	*  For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	February 2021 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	<i>In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take.</i>	 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> New Year's Day	
3	4  School Resumes Remote Learning	5  LAST	6	7	8	9
10	11	12  NEW  Board of Education Mtg. Via Zoom @ 7:00pm	13	14	15  NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day	16
17  World Religion Day <a href="http://www.bahai.us">www.bahai.us</a> Benjamin Franklin's Birthday	18   Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19	20  FIRST	21  8th Grade Parent Night Virtual Event @6:30PM	22  End of First Semester HS Marking Period 3 Ends K-8 Marking Period 2 Ends	23
24	25	26	27	28  FULL  Wolf Moon	29	30
31		Board of Education Mtg. Via Zoom @ 7:00pm			HS Report Cards	



**The Auburn High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2020, includes Bill Gunger (1984), Jill Payne (1995), Steve Komanecky (1984), Brian Weldon (1991) and Rich Valentino (1981) in the category of Athlete, and Ed Gremlin in the Coaches category. The Class of 2020 will be recognized and honored with the Class of 2021 on November 6, 2021, at the Springside Inn. We look forward to inducting and celebrating both classes and their members' numerous contributions to AHS Athletics!**



## 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.

# Music

## Owasco Elementary Holiday Concert

Featuring Grade 6 Band & Orchestra Students  
of Miss Woodworth:

**Holiday Concert Program**

**Holiday Concert Video**



## Owasco Elementary Morning Announcements

Monday December 21, 2020



The students at Owasco Elementary ushered in their distance learning with some morning familiarity. The school has joined together and created virtual morning announcements that are played each day for the school community via their Google Classrooms and live Zoom sessions.

Sixth grade students, along with school librarian Mrs. Lupo, gather on a Zoom session and record the pledges, birthday announcements and then transition to guest presenters. Students have heard from principal Ms. Evans, been entertained by classmates' musical performances, viewed amazing artwork, and have been surprised with a few messages from the Grinch himself. Once back to hybrid learning, the students plan to continue with live video announcements in the building.

*Mrs. Christina L. Lupo, Auburn Librarian*



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**Herman: @auburn\_herman**

**Owasco: @auburn\_owasco**

**Seward: @auburn\_seward**



### ATTENTION:

**All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)**

### 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.

## #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)**

## Central Registration Center for New Students

### Remote Registration Process for New Students During COVID-19

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Like many school districts, Auburn Enlarged City School District is adapting to the ever-changing environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Registration Process that will be followed during this time is online.

Please register your students using the enrollment form located at the following link:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-csd-2020-2021-student-registration>



For more information,  
please contact Tina Brechue,  
AECSD Central Registration  
Pre-K through 12th grade

(315) 255-8825 or

TinaBrechue@aecsd.education

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

- 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

## 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](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

**Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.**



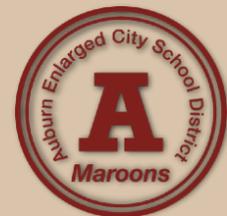
## Enhanced STAR Exemption for Senior Citizens

Senior property owners who already have a Basic STAR Exemption on their primary residence may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption when they are 65. You should apply when you are 64 so that, if you qualify, you may receive the exemption beginning the year that you turn 65. Auburn city residents should contact the Assessor's Office at City Hall on South Street (255-4125). Other Auburn (Aurelius, Throop, Owasco, Sennett, Fleming) and Cayuga County residents should contact their local assessor's office. The deadline for applications for Auburn city residents is February 1. Other Auburn and Cayuga County residents should check with their local assessor.

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2021, with income not exceeding \$90,550.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$69,800 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 would recognize an estimated tax savings of \$1,000+ from the Enhanced STAR for the tax year in which they qualify.

For more information and to check the latest updates go to the NYS STAR Program website: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>



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