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STUDENT SPELLING BEE!

Seward Elementary School held their second annual school-wide spelling bee on Friday, December 6 for qualifying students in grades 3-6. The grade 3-6 classrooms and families were invited to attend the spelling bee in support of our 21 participants. All of the students performed exceptionally well as it took 38 rounds to determine a winner! Sixth grade student **Emma Sroka** won the spelling bee with **Makayla Hutchinson** and **Elena Hogan** taking second place, and **Leighton Axton** taking third place.

All four finalists from each participating school will now compete in a regional written spelling bee at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse on Saturday, January 25th. The top 35 participants in that round will qualify for the televised WCNY spelling bee on Saturday, February 29th. We are proud of all of our Seward Stinger spelling bee participants and wish all the finalists in the district the best of luck as they compete in the next round!



Seward



Owasco

More top four Spelling Bee winners:

Auburn Junior High: Carter DeRosa, Jasmine Papilla, Emerson Brown-Saville, and Michael Keogan.

Casey Park: Landon Lenhart, Cavan Nagell, Colten Raymond, and Jonah Young

Herman Avenue: Kevin Crary, John Cuddy, Sean Ringwood, and Kerrigan Bauso.

Owasco: Aliana Symonds, Keyanna Overstreet, Caiden Golembeski, and Audrey Donnelly.

Seward 5th Grade "SUPER HERO CIRCUS"

On Friday, November 22, 86 Seward Elementary 5th grade students performed in the school's 24th annual circus. This year's theme was "Superhero Circus" and it drew in a full gymnasium of spectators. The event included games and refreshments capped off with a fantastic performance by the fifth graders. The school's physical education teachers, Mrs. Mazza and Mr. Patchett, organized a week-long preparation that included a school-wide assembly on Monday, circus skills instruction in all of the physical education classes and extended periods of practice for the fifth grade performers.

Circus skills learned and performed were the spinning plates, Chinese Diabolos, juggling, stilts, devil sticks, and globes.

Seward Elementary would like to extend a special thank you to the Seward Elementary School's PTA for their continued financial support to ensure the tradition continues; Larry Rundle (aka "The Incredible Larry") and Joshua Edelman (aka "Joshua J. Superstar") for working with all of the Seward students all week long to perfect their circus skills; the parents of Seward Elementary and local businesses for the many donations of food, water and candy; and the many parent volunteers that worked to make the night such a great success!



Beginning February 1st 2020

**Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's
2020-2021 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, 2020, 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 – 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.	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*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2020-2021 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: www.aecsd.education.

Registration packets should be available for pick up or download mid-January.

**REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st.
Need more information about the 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten?
Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



#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**

January 2020 Exam Schedule

Updated: 12/23/19

January 21- Tuesday	January 22- Wednesday	January 23- Thursday	January 24- Friday
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
R- English - Gym 1,2,3 CCC English 101- Mirror Rm	R- US Hist. & Gov.- C317 R- Geometry- C317 Global 10/AP World- Gym 1,2,3 AP US History- C322 CCC American History - Mirror Room	R- Global Hist & Geo - C317 Global 9 - Gym 1,2,3 Psychology - Mirror Room 11:00 AM Marine Biology Gym 2	R- Chemistry - C317 R- Earth Science - C317
12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
R- Living Environment - C317 CCC Health - Mirror Room Earth Science Lab - E110	R- Algebra - Gym 1, 2 CCC Math 104 - C317 Spanish 3 - E302 Italian 3 - E305	R- Algebra 2 - C317 Forensics - Mirror Room Natural Disasters - Mirror Rm	Admission Deadlines: Morning Exams- 10:00 am Afternoon Exams- 2:00 pm

Only students who have tests will report to their specific test on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students who are not testing do not have to attend Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. School will be in regular session and all students will attend on Friday. All busses will run as normal in the morning to school. The bus schedule home will be modified on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Busses home are 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00.



Congratulations to the Auburn High School Football Team - the highest scoring team in the history of the Auburn Football program, based on 9 games, with 344 points. The team was also the SCAC Team of the Month for November 2019.

Fall 2019 Varsity Athletic Summary



Girls and Boys Cross Country: The Girls and Boys teams both had several team members qualify for Sectional competition. Jimmy Vasile was awarded 2nd team All-League and 1st team All-Division honors. Jack Moochler was awarded 1st team All-Division honors as well.



Field Hockey: finished the season with a league record of 0-4 and an overall record of 7-9. The team qualified for sectionals and lost to Baldwinsville 5-1. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. Kiley Crehan and goalie Brittany Yanez received The Citizen Fall All-Star honors.



Football: The Auburn Varsity football team finished the year with a 3-2 league record and a 7-4 overall record. They qualified for the Section III Class A Tournament and went against Indian River at General Brown in the semi-finals. After scoring 32 points to comeback and win in OT against Indian River, the team advanced to the Dome to face Carthage in the Section III Championship. Carthage defeated Auburn for the Section III Class A Football Title, but Auburn drew the wild card and advanced to compete in the Regional round of the NYSPHSAA State Football Tournament. They traveled to Mahopac, NY in Section One for the final game of the season where they fell to Rye. This team was the highest scoring team in the history of the Auburn Football program, based on 9 games, with 344 points. First Team All-League: Owen Spearing, Shaheed Beel, Troy Churney, Mike Calarco, Connor Mahunik; Second Team All-League: James Grimes, Dante Herndon, Davari Agee, Dan Buchanan, Jeremiah Phillips; Honorable Mention All-League: Keyshin Cooper, Julian Butler, Jake Simpson, Davante Strachan, Mekhi Bailey. The Citizen Fall All-Star honors went to Churney, Spearing, Mahunik and Calarco. Beal and Spearing were named 2019 All-CNY Football players.



Boys Golf: The team finished the season 14-2 and placed 2nd in the Salt City Athletic Conference Empire Division. The team secured its first ever Drumlins Invitational title and qualified for sectionals, finishing in 4th place. Christian Hogan, Ross Burgmaster and Jack Leader qualified for the NYS Qualifying Tournament at Colgate in May. Burgmaster was also selected as a member of the All-CNY Fall Boys Golf Team. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



Girls Tennis: finished the season with a record of 13-1 and shared the League Championship with J-D. The following girls qualified for competition in the Individual Sectionals: Rosie Bartolotta, Kate Brown, Alexis Calkins, Erin Calkins, Taylor Chadderdon, Clare Diffin, Makayla Huntley, Gabbi McGinn, and Alex Vitale. First team Salt City Athletic Conference (SCAC) league awards went to Calkins (3rd Singles), Diffin and Vitale (2nd Doubles), Chadderdon and McGinn (3rd Doubles), and Sophie Lesch and Lillianna Spin (4th Doubles). SCAC Second team honors were earned by Bartolotta (2nd Singles); Brown and Calkins (1st Doubles) were awarded Honorable Mention recognition. In team Sectionals the girls defeated Central Square before falling to Baldwinsville in the semi-finals of the tournament. The Citizen awarded Brown, Calkins and Huntley with All-Star recognition. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



Boys Soccer: finished the season with a 1-13 league record and an overall record of 1-15. Will Clark earned Honorable Mention honors in the Salt Lake City Conference and The Citizen's Fall All-Star recognition.



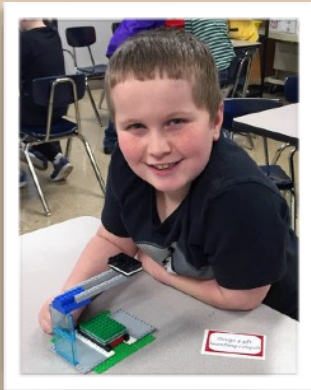
Girls Soccer: finished the season with a league record of 7-6-1 and an overall record of 9-7-1. The team qualified for sectionals and lost to CNS 0-2 in the first round of the tournament. 1st team All-League honors were awarded to Abigail Marinelli and Alayna Foos; 2nd team All-League honors went to Amelia Bartolotta, Brooke Reynolds, and Bryn Whitman. Chloe Picciano, Grace Oliver and Sydney Marinelli received Honorable mention recognition. The Citizen Fall All-Star honors were awarded to Reynolds, Bartolotta, Marinelli, and Foos. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



Girls Swimming: The team finished the season with an overall record of 2-8. The girls placed 5th overall at the Class A Section III Tournament on November 8th. The 400 Relay Team (Claire Alexander, Maura Moochler, Makenna Wilson, Isabella Dillalo) took 3rd place in the Class Sectional Tournament (3:48.20), and Alexander finished 3rd in the 100 Butterfly (1:02.76). Alexander, Wilson and Moochler were awarded The Citizen Fall All-Star recognition.



Volleyball: The team finished the season with a league record of 2-8 and an overall record of 6-11. The team qualified for the Section III Tournament, losing to F-M in the first round. SCAC Honorable mention recognition was awarded to Madalyn Dean, Alexa Driscoll, Shelby Weeks and Gabrielle Lupo. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT HERMAN AVE SCHOOL

Students in 3rd grade participated in holiday LEGO challenges in the Innovation Lab. After listening to a holiday story, students used LEGOS to create a new sleigh for Santa, a gift launching catapult, a gingerbread house and more!

The Owasco School students and staff donated 110 pajamas to CAP CommunityAction Programs Cayuga/Seneca. Jessica Schafer, Family Partner Coordinator, joyfully accepted our cozy gifts. Jacob Varga, Ryan Ackerman, Daniel Kato, and Francesca Mancuso helped with the drive. The Owasco Owls will continue to support our community in 2020.



Auburn Athletic Hall of Fame 2019



Auburn honored athletes at the 19th Annual AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Pictured are members of the 2019 Class of Inductees. L-R: Angelo Messina (Honorary), Leigh Aziz-Morgan representative (1997 Athlete), Meghan Burnett (1999 Athlete), David Carter representative (1955 Athlete), Phredi Griffin (1991 Athlete), Nicholas Guerrera representative (Honorary), David Rabuano (1996 Athlete), and Jeffrey Cole (1973 Athlete).

January 2020

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Auburn Education Foundation awarded over \$10,000 in grants to teachers in the fall grant cycle. Grants included funding for a visiting author at Genesee Elementary and sensory boxes and sorting bins at Owasco Elementary. Funding for projects at Auburn Junior High School provided for drone building, authentic literature for foreign language students, a heat transfer press, timers used in curriculum games and monies to support the musical. At Auburn High School, a library podcast studio will be built; track motion kits will be used in physics classes and mindfulness yoga will be introduced in AIS classes.

Future Events:

- Restaurant Gift Card Fundraiser. Tickets will be sold at all spring concerts
- The announcement of the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2020
- Save the Date: May 15th Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction induction ceremony

Thank you to A.T. Wally's who donated money raised from the Christmas SantaCon to AEF.

Thank you to all donors to the Auburn Education Foundation's annual appeal!

New Central Registration Center for New Students

Effective immediately, the Auburn Enlarged City School District will begin registering new students at its Central Registration office, located in the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Ave.

Any new families that have moved into the school district and need to register their children for any grade level, Pre-K through 12th grade, may do so at the new Central Registration office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

“Having a Central Registration office should make the registration process much easier for families moving into the district, and we are excited to provide this customer service,” said Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.



For more information, please contact Tina Brechue
AECSD Central Registration
Pre-K through 12th grade
(315) 255-8825
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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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



If I'm not here,
I can't learn.

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.



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.

A Friendsgiving Thanksgiving

Kindergarten students at Herman Avenue celebrated Thanksgiving/Friendsgiving together by sharing a feast. "Friendsgiving" allowed all of the students to join together while enjoying traditional Thanksgiving foods! A huge Thank You to Wegmans for donating turkey, bottled water and potatoes!



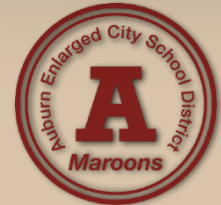
Genesee Alumni Scholarships



*Former Genesee students Kassidi Streeter, Hannah Townsend (back), Daisy Townsend, Nicole Darrow (front)
Not shown: Caitlin Loving, Jordan Taylor, Jonathan Wilkes*

Seven former Genesee students, six of whom were Alumni Scholarship Recipients, returned to Genesee in December to help with the Reindeer Sale and "Feed a Belly" Food Giveaway.

An event for current High School Seniors will be held on **Thursday, January 9th from 6:00-7:00PM in the Genesee Library**, where we will be serving pizza, letting them know about the Alumni Scholarship and showing their 6th grade video.



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