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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Graduation Walk: The Class of 2023 Seniors visit their Elementary Schools



Congratulations to AHS Graduates pursuing athletics in College

Tyrone Mikell	Buffalo State	Football
Anthony Borges	Cayuga Community College	Basketball
Lexi Alberici	Cayuga Community College	Basketball
Lamontiana Johnson	Cayuga Community College	Basketball
Ashley Cuipylo	D'Youville University	Lacrosse
Madison Lowe	Fredonia State	Softball
Erica Leeson	Hartwick College	Field Hockey
Kylie Guarino	Hartwick College	Basketball
Nora Solomon	Indiana Univ. Penn. (IUP)	Lacrosse
Caden Becker	Keuka College	Baseball
Rhian Crowley	King's College	Track & Field
Leah Middleton	LeMoyne College	Basketball
Carter Mizro	LeMoyne College	Golf
Lucas West	Monroe Community College	Baseball
Tracey Lynn Stewart	Onondaga Community College	XC; Track & Field
Nick Eddy	Onondaga Community College	Lacrosse
Isaiah Scott	Onondaga Community College	Lacrosse
Dustin Swartwood	Penn State University	Track & Field
Cooper Polcovich	Potomac State College (WV)	Baseball
Charles Cunningham	St Lawrence University	Lacrosse
DeSean Strachan	SUNY Cortland	Football
Holly Indelicato	SUNY Geneseo	Lacrosse
Natalie Long	SUNY Geneseo	Lacrosse
Elise Clifford	SUNY Potsdam	Hockey & Softball
Abigail smith	The College of Saint Rose	Swimming
Cam Scanlan	Tompkins/Cortland Comm. College	Baseball
Colin Musso	Utica University	Lacrosse
Elijah Scott	Utica University	Lacrosse
Madilyn Babb	Wells College	Field Hockey
Corbin Raso	Marywood University	Lacrosse
Samuel Moskov	Utica University	Lacrosse
Colin Ringwood	SUNY Oneonta	Swimming
Emma Merkley	Rochester Institute of Technology	Softball

Link for AHS Class of 2023 Graduation Video: <https://aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=3464>

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: Available to Auburn HS Seniors

Makayla Cottrell is a senior and is planning to attend St. John Fisher, to major in accounting.

DeSean Strachan is a senior and is planning to attend SUNY Cortland to major in Elementary Education

COE SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni

Cecilia Morgan is a senior and is planning to attend Villanova and pursue her education in Biology

Clare Diffin is a senior and is planning to attend Providence College and pursue her education in Biology

Kaydence DuBray is a senior and is planning to attend St. John Fisher and pursue her education in Nursing

Maryn Elster is a senior and is planning to attend Clarkson University to pursue her education in Biology

Matthew Tamburrino is a senior and is planning to attend LeMoyne College to pursue an education in Biochemistry

Ella Doan attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is pursuing an education as a Physician's Assistant

Sara Fritz attends Clarkson University and is pursuing an education in Psychology

LaRonica Craven attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is pursuing an education in School Psychology

Claire Brundage attends Bucknell to pursue a career in Finance

CHARLES MAIN SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni

Jack Kennedy attends St. Bonaventure University and is pursuing an education in Accounting/Finance

Sara Fritz attends Clarkson University and is pursuing an education in Psychology

Abby Franchina is planning to attend LeMoyne to pursue an education as a Financial Advisor

LaRonica Craven attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is pursuing an education in School Psychology

Ella Doan attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is pursuing an education as a Physician's Assistant

Claire Brundage attends Bucknell to pursue a career in Finance

Anallicia Scoggins is planning on attending University of Southern California to pursue an education in Psychology

Ayesha Aslam is planning to attend Binghamton to pursue an education in Chemistry and Psychology

Caleb Riley is planning to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to pursue an education in Computer Science

Carter Mizro is planning to attend LeMoyne to pursue an education in Accounting

Cecilia Morgan is a senior and is planning to attend Villanova University to pursue her education in Biology

Clare Diffin is a senior and is planning to attend Providence and pursue her education in Biology

Colin Musso is planning to attend Utica University to pursue an education in Sports Management

Delaney Smith is planning to attend Clarkson to pursue an education in Business

DeSean Strachan is a senior and is planning to attend SUNY Cortland to major in Elementary Education

Erica Leeson is planning to attend Hartwick College to pursue an education in Elementary Education

Henry Moskov is a senior and is planning to attend American University to pursue an education in International Relations

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: Available to Auburn HS Seniors, continued

Kaydence DuBray is a senior and is planning to attend St. John Fisher and pursue her education in Nursing

Kyle Green is a senior and is planning on attending St. John Fisher to pursue an education in Cybersecurity

Maryn Elster is a senior and is planning to attend Clarkson to pursue her education in Biology

Matthew Tamburrino is a senior and is planning to attend LeMoyne College to pursue an education in Biochemistry

Nora Solomon is planning to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue an education in Nursing

Zachary Wilczek is planning to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to pursue an education in Electrical Engineering

2022-23 Senior Athletic Awards and Scholarship Winners

Bruce VanBrocklin Award (Swimming/Diving)	Abigail Smith
Ken "Tony" Kroker Award (Football)	DeSean Strachan
Mighty Maroon Award (Val/Sal)	Michael Clark
Nicholas W. Campagnola Memorial Scholarship (Wrestling)	Bradley Boyhan
Victory Sports Medicine Scholarship	Abigail Smith & DeSean Strachan
Paul & Joan Ringwood Scholarship	Abigail Carr & Colin Musso
Edwin A. Blatz Memorial Scholarship Award	Michael Clark
Michelle Duprey Memorial Award	Madison Traver & Rhian Crowley
Coaches of Women's Sports Awards	Elise Clifford, Madison Lowe, Leah Middleton
Coaches of Men's Sports Awards	Charlie Cunningham, Elijah Scott, Gabe Volo
Section III Scholar Athlete Award	Clare Diffin & Michael Clark
William F. Huther Memorial Scholarship	Erica Leeson & DeSean Strachan
Bob Dean Leadership Scholarship	Erica Leeson & Charlie Cunningham
Chloe Calhoun Memorial Scholarship	Nora Solomon & Colin Musso
Dr. Tamela Ray Athletic Leadership Award	Erica Leeson & Dustin Swartwood



OWASCO CELEBRATIONS! Students of the Month for May and June received their awards for showing our PBIS values of responsibility, respect, honesty, and safety. Owasco has a tradition of teachers sending off students with pool noodles and waving to say goodbye to our students. *Elizabeth Molloy, Assistant Principal*

Congratulations!

Auburn Enlarged City School District Retirees 2022-23 School Year

Name	Yrs. Of Service	Title - Building
Name	Years	Position - Auburn High School
Starlene Greathouse	10	Teacher Aide
Janet Scheffler	19	Earth Science
Name	Years	Position - Auburn Junior High School
Matthew Drastal	20.5	Technology
Name	Years	Position - Genesee
Darcy Koziol	23	Teacher Aide
Name	Years	Position - Herman
Kara Sobus	26	Elementary 5th Grade
Sharon Franchina	33	Math AIS
Name	Years	Position - Owasco
Laurie Mitchell	28	Math AIS
Name	Years	Position - Seward
Steven Franchina	27	Math AIS
Name	Years	Position - Tubman
Tina Brechue	20	Keyboard Specialist
Lisa Green	10	School Business Executive



Herman Ave Activity Day

When Kindergarten's field trip to the zoo was cancelled, they made the best of it by doing fun activities throughout the day. Mrs. Greml's class painted and made Oobleck, Mrs. Marginsky's class researched & painted zoo animals, and Mrs. Swartz & Mrs. Engle's class went camping in their classroom.



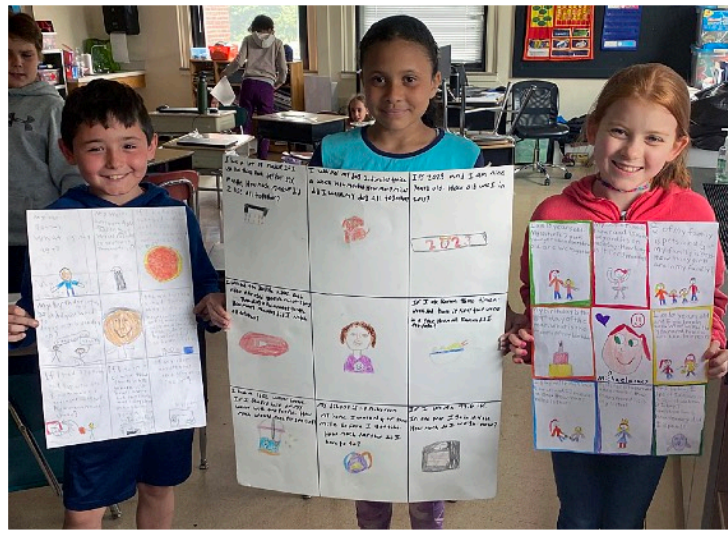
Proposed Federal Grant Amendment

The district was awarded a \$9.5 million grant under the American Rescue Plan Act, in response to the Covid Pandemic. The district will be submitting an amendment in July. Please see the graphic below for details of the proposed amendment.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO GRANT

Description	Increase	Decrease
Behavioral Support Specialist Services from Cayuga Counseling for Spirit Classrooms	\$157,182	
Project Lead the Way Robotics Program-AJHS	22,000	
360 Graphing Calculators to be kept in classrooms @ AHS & AJHS (algebra)	45,905	
Personnel Recruitment Supplies (Large Banner, Pens w/District Logo)	1,041	
Background Screens for Photos for Events at all Elementary Schools	2,395	
Flexible Furniture for Innovation Zone at Auburn High School	9,823	
Remove Air Purifier Filters (purchased with Health Dept Grant)		\$ 40,000
Reduce 1 AIS Reading Teacher & 1 AIS Math Teacher (Move to General Fund)		198,346
TOTALS	\$238,346	\$238,346

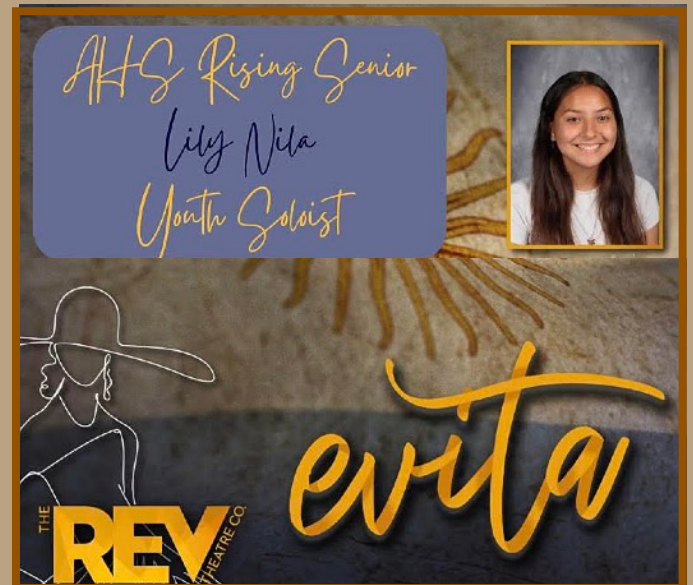
If you have questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact Lisa Green, School Business Executive at LisaGreen@aecsd.education or (315) 255-8808, no later than July 14, 2023.



Math Projects at Herman Ave.

Fourth grade students in Mrs. Zambito and Mr. Fiermonte's class worked on Math About Me Projects. They came up with posters that included math questions about their lives. The questions had to include math concepts that they learned this year in 4th grade. Mr. Kowalski came in and provided them with directions and an example for guidance.

Mrs. Zambito, 4th Grade Teacher



**Congratulations to Lily Nila,
Class of 2023, on performing as a
youth soloist in the REV Theatre
Company's production of *Evita*.
What an accomplishment!**

NYS Physical Education Leadership Awards



The following students were honored recently at the NYS AHPERD Central North Zone Student Leadership Awards.

Herman Ave:

Lukas Jensen and Gretchen Kopper

Auburn Junior High School:

Ella Blanchfield and Makenna Komanecky

The criteria for the award is:

- Competency in a variety of movement forms and sport skills
- Knowledge of relationship between behaviors and healthy development
- Values learning by having great attendance across all academic areas and consistently giving their best effort
- Exhibits a healthy lifestyle
- Demonstrates leadership and is a positive influence on peers
- Demonstrates sportsmanship and citizenship
- Their physical education teacher has to be a member of NYS AHPERD, and is allowed to nominate two students in the highest grade level of their school.

Shelly Connors

Physical Education Teacher 7/8

NYS AHPERD President

L-R: Lukas Jensen, Gretchen Kopper, Ella Blanchfield, Makenna Komanecky



Fourth grade students at Genesee Elementary School participated in a songwriting residency with Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner, known as Magpie. The students worked with Magpie to write a song focused on the relationship between Harriet Tubman and the Seward family. The students chose to title the song "Still Standing". This year's song was performed for the entire school on Friday, June 9th. On Saturday, June 10th, a special community event was held at the Equal Rights Heritage Center to celebrate the 10th year of the program.

Beth Robinson, 4th Grade Teacher, Genesee Elementary

Have a Wonderful Summer Vacation

BMI Notification for 2023 – 2024 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index, or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to be part of the survey; we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Caren Radell RN, Nursing Supervisor
78 Thornton Ave.
Auburn, NY 13021

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2022-2023 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

7/2020

Does your child have Medicaid or CHIP?

Their health matters!

Help them stay covered
and healthy



■ **Check your mail for a letter from your state.** If you get a Medicaid or CHIP renewal form, complete and submit it right away.

■ **Apply for coverage even if you don't think you're eligible.** Your kids might qualify, even if you don't. To re-apply, visit [Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu](https://www.Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu) and find your state for next steps.

■ **Explore low-cost, quality health coverage options** for young adults in your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace®.

Need more help? Visit [LocalHelp.HealthCare.gov](https://www.LocalHelp.HealthCare.gov) to get help from someone in your area. This service is free and can help you better understand your family's health care options.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- District DEI leadership and district administrators hosted over twenty community leaders to discuss, share, and deliberate on best practices regarding DEI initiatives at a variety of community organizations. The June 6 luncheon meeting's central purpose was to initiate community-wide partnership and collaboration on implementing and enhancing DEI throughout the larger community regardless of organizational scope.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry, presented the DEI Strategic Plan to the larger community on June 7 at the Cayuga Museum's Carriage House Theater at 5:30 PM. This event was free and open to the public.
- At the June 16th "Auburn's Juneteenth Community Appreciation Night," Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry were Community Award Recipients for Education and briefly spoke about the district's DEI strategic plan and the long-range implications of this work on students, staff, and community. The affair at the Carriage House Theater featured a discussion with Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, distinguished university professor at Vanderbilt University and author of over 25 books, including seven *New York Times* bestsellers. The Honorable Brian Muldrow, "the first African American legislator in Cayuga County's 224-year history;" a current member of the Cayuga County Legislature, moderated the discussion with Dr. Dyson.
- The school district, school officials, staff, and students supported and participated in the city-wide activities celebrating 2023 Juneteenth second annual parade and Juneteenth family-based activities at the Booker T. Washington Community Center on June 17.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director

Seymour Library

seymourlibrary.org



Discover Summer at Seymour Library July 8 - August 19!

Explore kindness, friendship, and nature with storytimes, science programs, a book-to-movie club, and more! The fun starts on **Saturday, July 8**, with a **Camp Kindness Kickoff from 11 am to 2 pm**. Activities include Discover Summer registration, stuffed animal adoption, *Chalk the Library with Kindness*, storytimes (11 am & 1 pm), and crafts.

Check out the **StoryWalk® at Hoopes Park**, 100 S. Herman Ave., and a **StoryWalk® at the Owasco Playground**, 6 Bristol Ave. New books will be added through August!

IMAGINE Storytime - Mondays at 11 am
July 10, 17, 24, & 31
August 7 & 14

Camp STEAM -Tuesdays at 1 pm
July 11, 18, & 25; August 1, 8, & 15

Sensory Storytime - Wednesdays at 11 am
July 12, 19, & 26; August 2, 9, & 16

Reading Ranger - Wednesdays at 1 pm
July 12, 19, & 26; August 2, 9, & 16

Summer Storytime at the Owasco Playground
Wednesdays at 5 pm

Family Fun Nights from 4 to 6 pm
July 21: Bingo Night; August 4: Tiny Art Show
August 18: Pokémon Extravaganza!

Book to Movie Club

Every Other Thursday 6 to 8 pm (registration required)
July 13: *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
July 27: *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond
August 10: *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater
August 24: *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell

Pokémon Club

Saturday, July 22 at 2 pm; Saturday, August 12 at 2 pm

Storytime Explorers - Saturdays at 11 am
July 15, 22, & 29; August 5, 12, & 19

Music at the Library

Monday, July 24 at 5:30 pm
Featuring: Annie Sheng, *Banduria & Okinawan Sanshin*
Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm
Featuring: Steven Banks, *Classical Saxophone*

July 2023

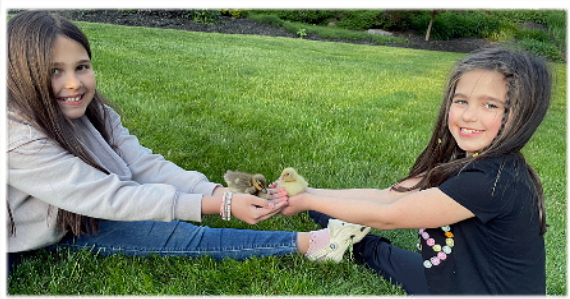
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2	 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting Tubman @ 3:00PM Buck Moon	3	4	5	6	7
9	 Summer School	10	11	12	13	14
16	 Summer School	17	18	19	20	21
23	 Summer School	24	25	26	27	28
30	Summer School	31	Board of Education Mtg. Tubman Bldg @ 6:00PM			29

Herman Avenue Duck Project - A Wonderful Community Effort!

Herman Avenue Students in Colleen Miles' First Grade Classroom teamed up with local community members to hatch and raise ducklings for the first time! Duck eggs were graciously donated by Dennis Chapman of Scruples Stables, bedding and feed from Wildheart Farms, incubation materials from Erin Humphrey, 4-H Animal Science Educator through Cornell Cooperative Extension, weekend duck sitting services by the Kmieczak family, and lots of love and attention from Herman Avenue staff and students! When

Lucky Ducky and Buttercup grew too big to stay at school, the Reinhart family at Wildheart Farms adopted them! A BIG thank you to the many people who made this project possible!

Colleen Miles, Ed. D. Elementary Educator, Herman Ave Elementary



PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Auburn Enlarged City School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the AECSD Facilities Department, Attn: Eric L. Francisco, CBO, Director of Facilities, the Auburn Enlarged City School District pesticide representative, at: 78 Thornton Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021 or email to marycregg@aecsd.education.

Auburn Enlarged City School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

School Building Name (Circle all that apply):		
* Auburn High School * Auburn Junior High School * Casey Park Elementary School * Genesee Elementary School		* Herman Avenue Elementary School * Owasco Elementary School * William H. Seward Elementary School * Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices
Name:		Address:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-mail Address:

Notification requests must be received by AECSD each school year to stay current. If you have requested notification in the past, you will need to re-submit your request using the form above. Feel free to contact Eric L. Francisco, CBO, Director of Facilities, the Auburn Enlarged City School District pesticide representative, at 315-255-8853 for further information on these requirements.

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Prevention
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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>



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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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

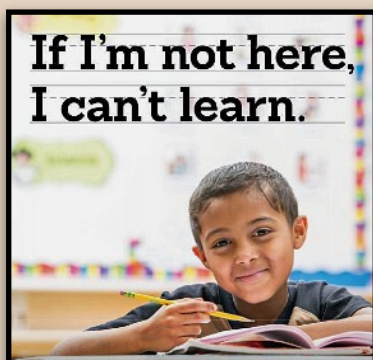


Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

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.



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.

Congratulations to Gio and Lorenzo Picarro!



Herman Ave students Gio and Lorenzo Picarro raised money and donated 100 art bags for students to take home this summer. The Picarro brothers, who created Picarro Bros Art Company, raised money by selling their own artwork and through donations. These brothers love to be creative and they wanted to share art supplies to provide more students with the opportunity to be creative this summer. Each art bag was filled with art essentials, which included: pencils, crayons, colored pencils, watercolor & brush set, markers, a drawing pad, scissors, gluesticks, a pencil pouch, pencil sharpener, puzzle kit, writing journal, foam shape stickers, construction paper, and a postcard. Bags were distributed on the last day of school to 100 Herman Avenue students.

Thank you to both Gio and Lorenzo for all your hard work!

Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Ave Elementary



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