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**Assistant** 

Auburn Enlarged City School District Retirees 2023-24 School Year							
Name	Yrs. Of Service	Title - Building					
Name	Years	Position - Auburn High School					
Anne Hoff	17	Keyboard Specialist					
Christine Hoskins-Tardibone	22	School Counselor					
Name	Years	Position - Auburn Junior High School					
Sharon Campanelli	19.5	Science Teacher					
Sharon Decker	24	Special Education Teacher					
Name	Years	Position - Genesee					
Dale Rescott	32	AIS Math Teacher					
Christine Rose	28	5th Grade Elementary Teacher					
Name	Years	Position – Casey Park					
Kelly Faynor	26	Speech Therapist					
Thomas Quest	21	Math Teacher					
Name	Years	Position- Owasco					
MaryBeth Moulton	25	1st Grade Elementary Teacher					
Deirdre Murphy	27	2nd Grade Elementary Teacher					
Margaret Narby	14	Physical Education Teacher					
Name	Years	Position - Tubman					
Camille Johnson	23	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services					

#### **ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: Available to Auburn HS Seniors**

**Emerson Brown** is a senior and is planning to attend Penn State. She is undecided on her major at this time.

**Jason Lawrence** is a senior and is planning to attend St. John Fisher to pursue his education in Biology.

#### **COE SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni**

**Ariana Bartolotta** is a senior and is planning to attend Clemson and pursue her education in Biochemistry

**Lauren Beebee** is a senior and is planning to attend University of Buffalo and pursue her education in Biomedical Science

**Chloe Heath** is a senior and is planning to attend Niagara University and pursue her education in Nursing

**Ahndria Wilson** is a senior and is planning to attend Cayuga Community College to pursue her education in Nursing

**Kaitlyn Diego** attends Alfred University and is pursuing an education in Psychology **Ella Doan** attends Rochester Institute of Technology and is pursuing an education as a Physician's

Sara Fritz attends Clarkson University and is pursuing an education as a Physician's Assistant

#### 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 as a Physician's Assistant Abby Franchina attends LeMoyne to pursue an education as a Financial Advisor

**Lauren Beebee** is a senior and is planning to attend University of Buffalo and pursue her education in Biomedical Science

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

**Shelby Boles** is a senior and plans to attend St. John Fisher to pursue a career in Criminology **Emerson Brown** is a senior and is planning to attend Penn State and is undecided on her major at this time.

**Sam Crosby** is a senior and planning to attend Alfred University to pursue an education in Engineering **Ryan Dann** is a senior and is planning to attend St. Bonaventure to pursue an education in Business. **Connor Duffy** is planning to attend St. John Fisher to pursue an education in Finance/Accounting **Mary Gasper** is a senior and is planning to attend Youngstown State University to pursue her education as a Dental Hygienist

**Chloe Heath** is a senior and is planning to attend Niagara University and pursue her education in Nursing

**Christopher Howard** is a senior and is planning to attend Iona University to pursue a career in Environmental Science

**Bill Li** is planning to attend Binghamton University to pursue an education in Law or Medicine **Mac Maher** is a senior and is planning to attend Mercyhurst College to pursue a career in Intelligence Studies

**John Pineau** is planning to attend Hamilton College to pursue an education in Economics **Rylee Sheehan** is a senior and is planning to attend RIT to pursue an education in Illustration **Madelyn Titus** is a senior and is planning to attend Alfred University to pursue an education in Psychology

**Aiden TomandI** is a senior and is planning on attending RIT to pursue an education in Civil Engineering and Landscaping

**Cara Vasile** is a senior and is planning to attend SUNY Brockport to pursue her education in Criminal Justice

**Ahndria Wilson** is a senior and is planning to attend Cayuga Community College to pursue her education in Nursing





#### **Future Artists**

Four first grade students were awarded art camp scholarships from the Schweinfurth Museum. Maverick Parish and James Wright attended a week-long ceramics camp over February break. Harper Otterstatter and Lorenzo Picarro have just been awarded scholarships and will be attending the "Imagine That!" fictional character design camp in July!

Many thanks to Julia Banfi, Program Coordinator for the Schweinfurth Art Center for generously offering these scholarships to the children!

> Ms. Miles, 1st Grade Teacher Herman Avenue



Students in Mrs. Siddall's second grade class completed an animal research project in their classrooms using the Pebble Go online database and nonfiction books from the library. They created a Google slideshow with their information. Then students participated in an Innovation Lab activity in the library. Students built a 3D model of their animal's habitat using various recycled, miscellaneous materials.

Mrs. Crosby, Herman Librarian



**In celebration of Juneteenth**, each classroom at Herman Ave took part in coloring a section of a collaborative Juneteenth poster. The pieces came together beautifully and the poster has been displayed in the lobby for all to see.



## Cool

#### **Science Experiment**

In science class, we conducted an experiment on whether or not glow sticks glow brighter in hot water or cold water. We determined that the glow stick will last longer but not glow as bright in cold water, and it will glow very bright in hot water. As a bonus, they were able to keep their glow stick!

Erin Williams, Herman Ave



## GET YOUR SCHOOL VACCINES AT THE CAYUGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT!



All students are <u>required</u> to have certain vaccines before entering school to help protect against whooping cough, measles, mumps, polio, tetanus, hepatitis B, rubella, HIB, pneumococcal disease, chickenpox, diphtheria, and meningococcal disease.

#### Appointments are necessary.

Contact the Cayuga County Health Department at (315)-253-1560 to schedule an appointment at an upcoming clinic.

A parent/guardian must be present for students to get vaccinated.

Please bring a copy of your child's insurance card(s). If you do not have insurance, your child will still be vaccinated.



Cayuga County Health Department 8 Dill Street, Auburn, NY 13021 cchealth@cayugacounty.us





Fifth grade students at Genesee Elementary ended their school year by putting on a play titled, **Welcome to the Jungle**. The play explains the importance of friendship and community by using a variety of jungle animals to tell the story of a brave little mouse becoming friends with a fearsome lion. The students took time every day for two months learning their lines, the songs, dances, and stage directions before showing all of that hard work to the other grades, their families, and invited guests on June 14. When students were asked what their favorite part of being in a play was, some students said, "wearing the cool costumes," "learning and singing the songs with everyone," and "learning the different words in Swahili that we get to sing about."

Nicole Iversen, Special Education Teacher, Genesee Elementary



## Cheddar the Duck



Insect and animal life cycles are always fascinating to young children. First grade students at Herman Avenue School ended the year experiencing them in their classroom! The children were very excited when they returned from the playground and discovered that their duck, Cheddar, had hatched in the class incubator! The following week, they observed their Painted Lady Butterflies emerge from their cocoons.



Although it was hard for the children to send Cheddar to a farm and to release their butterflies, they enjoyed and learned so much from this memorable experience! Pictured are Esequiel Peterson holding a butterfly before its release and Joelle Cowan petting Cheddar.

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



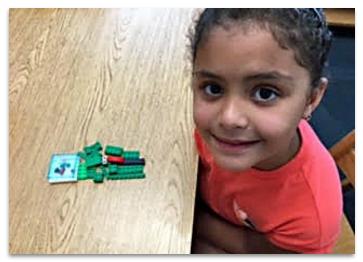
# HABITAT to GO! at Herman



First Grade Students at Herman Avenue School had fun completing their last Project Based Learning (PBL) activity of the year! With the help of Mrs. Crosby, school librarian, students researched their favorite animal using the PebbleGo! digital research tool. They completed fact sheets about diet, habitat, range, and fun facts. Then, students planned their habitat models using Legos, which prepared them to build their animal clay models and habitats in their "Habitat To Go!" boxes!









#### **GENESEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

The kindergarten students at Genesee Elementary recently completed an exciting research project on animals, working closely with Ms. Calarco in the library. They explored the research process, discovering the importance of sharing their new knowledge. To present the fascinating facts they learned about their chosen animals, the students created informational videos. These videos had a unique twist: they featured augmented reality (AR) animals. Through this project, the students gained an understanding of augmented reality and how it can be used as a tool for teaching and learning.





The fifth-grade students at Genesee Elementary have always shown great care for the environment and often venture outdoors to clean up their community. Recognizing their commitment to environmental stewardship, Ms. Calarco from the library discussed ways to make litter collection easier with the students. They decided that a grabber tool would be helpful. The students were then challenged to build, program, test, evaluate, and redesign the most efficient grabber tool they could using LEGO robotics.



The fourth graders at Genesee Elementary recently engaged in an exciting project using Makey Makey kits. This time, Ms. Calarco from the library teamed up with Ms. Taylor from music class. The students constructed model piano keys using found conductive materials and Makey Makeys. They then identified the musical notes that they created, enabling them to read sheet music and play a song.



The third graders at Genesee Elementary have been busy in the library! Recently, they were learning about outer space. They discovered how engineers and computer scientists design robots, including rovers, to assist on space missions. The students were challenged to think like engineers, considering the various factors involved in designing rovers, with terrain being a primary concern. Using LEGO robotics, they built their own "rovers" and programmed them to travel through different terrains while avoiding obstacles.

The third graders were also exploring the concepts of force and motion in their classrooms. With Ms. Calarco in the library, they discovered how these principles apply to the game of mini golf. Working in small groups, the students designed their own mini golf holes. After finalizing their designs, they constructed their mini golf holes using provided materials. Their hard work paid off, as the entire Genesee student body and Pride got to play on their mini golf course during field days!

Ms. Westover and Mr. Wrixon's second-grade class at Genesee has been working on an exciting robotics unit in the library, constructing various science models. One project focused on butterflies, where, thanks to an AEF grant, the students had the opportunity to raise butterflies and learn about them firsthand. They discovered that butterflies are important pollinators. Using LEGO robotics, the students were then challenged to build and program a model that demonstrates how butterflies pollinate flowers.

Victoria Calarco, Genesee Librarian

## **July 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July Artwork Emilee Holm, Gr. 6	2	3	HAPPY 4TH OF JULY Independence Day	NEW 5	6
7	8 Summer School	9 Summer School	10 Summer School	11 Summer School	12	FIRST 13
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### Merci Beaucoup!

Kathy Lansford is a retired French teacher. She taught French at West Middle School before retiring.

She has been coming into my classes once a week for 16 years (including zooming with us during covid).

My students ADORE her! The second graders are not only learning how to speak, count, and sing in another language, but they are also learning about the French culture and its cuisine!

We are so grateful for Madame! Nous adorans Madame!

Mrs. Siddall, 2nd Grade Teacher Herman Avenue

#### 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 <u>not</u> 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 \* Herman Avenue Elementary School \* Owasco Elementary School \* Auburn Junior High School \* William H. Seward Elementary School \* Casey Park Elementary School \* Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices \* Genesee Elementary School Name: Address: E-mail Address: Day Phone: Evening Phone:

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.



#### Mr. Parry and Mr. Falzarano set up an ELT Math NBA League

Students use their math skills they learned throughout the year and critical thinking to play basketball through an engaging board game. Teams of two face off daily to see who will finish as champions of the league. Students drafted 5 NBA players, looked through stats and percentages, developed team names and collaborated together as offense and defense strategies came into play. Students love it!

Mr. Falzarano, 4th Grade Teacher, Herman Ave

## Seymour Library

Seymour Library | 176 Genesee Street | Auburn, NY | 315.252.2571

#### Summer fun for families at the library!

This year's theme is ADVENTURE and the library has you covered all summer long with storytimes, STEAM programs, book-to-movie clubs, PokéWalks, and more. Here is a sampling of our lineup of our Discover Summer programs. Remember, all you need is your imagination and a dash of curiosity! **Discover Summer runs from June 29 to August 16.** 



July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 August 5 & 12

Each week features a new theme! For ages 2 to 5, but all ages are welcome.

## Book to Movie Club Every Other Thursday from 6 to 8 pm



Families will borrow a copy of the featured book to read together at home. Then join us for a screening of the film and book discussion. For ages 8 to 12, but all ages welcome. Please register by calling 315-252-2571.

## Family Fun Night: Teddy Bear Picnic Friday, July 19 at 4 pm



Bring your beary best friend for a storytime and picnic on the library's front lawn! Design a new bear pal to take home, enjoy yummy snacks, and listen to some bear-themed stories (storytime at 5 pm). All ages welcome!

## Family Fun Night: Jungle Adventure! Friday, August 9 from 4 to 6 pm



Join us for a jungle adventure at Seymour Library, with a special appearance from Jeff the Magic Man at 4:30 pm. Stories, magic, jungle friends, balloon art, and more. All ages welcome!

For a full list visit <u>seymourlibrary.org/events/discover-summer!</u>

All programs will be held on the library's front lawn. If there is rain, the fun will be moved inside the library.

#### **NOW OPEN!**

## 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 <u>Auburn School District residents</u> 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.

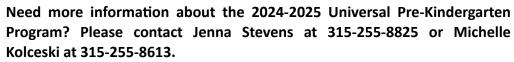
Site	Program	Full/Half Day	Contact
Cayuga Community College-81 Wall Street	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES-1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency-89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
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 <u>register their child online</u> 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 <a href="https://www.AESCD.education">www.AESCD.education</a> 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.







## 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 Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/AuburnECSD

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https://www.facebook.com/HermanAveElementary

https://www.facebook.com/groups/sewardelementary

### #Fix and FundIt

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 <a href="https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm">www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm</a> whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

#### www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

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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: <a href="https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988.html">https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988.html</a>
The latest newsletter can be found here: <a href="https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988-newsletter-3-eng.pdf">https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988-newsletter-3-eng.pdf</a>



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.

report strange behavior

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

The board of education held its reorganizational meeting on July 3 for the 24-25 school year and welcomed new members Melissa Deyneka and Noel Romeo.

Eli Hernandez was voted President and Danielle Wood, Vice President.

**AECSD** Board of Education



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The New York State Office of Children and Family Services