

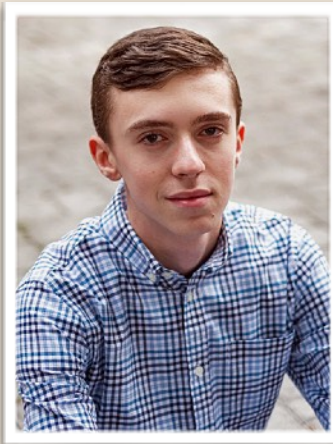


# the **MAROON** monthly

AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Caleb Riley, Valedictorian



First of all, I would like to congratulate every member of the class of 2023. I would also like to express my gratitude to every teacher and administrator for helping us get to where we are today. We have all worked very hard up to this point and I am excited to enter the next chapter of our lives. I will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to study computer science. I

wish you all the best of luck in the future. I know we all have the potential to do great things.

## Michael Clark, Salutatorian



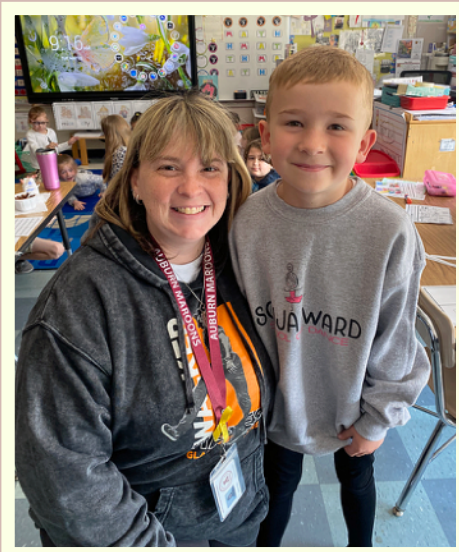
I would like to start by saying congratulations and wishing the best to the Class of 2023! Thank you to my family, and to the teachers and staff at Auburn High for all their support in preparing me for the next phase of my life. I am so grateful to all of those at Auburn who have shaped me into the person I am today and made my high school experience so

special. Because of all the help I have had, I now have the privilege to attend Providence College in the fall, where I plan to pursue a degree in Economics and possibly enter a Pre-Law track. Again, I want to wish good luck in all of your future endeavors, and extend a huge thank you to the Class of 2023.



**Link for AHS Class of 2023 Future Plans:**

<https://aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=3464>



*Spirit Week was lots of fun at Herman Avenue! For more pictures see page 4.*

## AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL: June 2023 Regents/Final Exam Schedule

JUNE 1 THURSDAY	JUNE 8 THURSDAY	JUNE 9 FRIDAY	JUNE 12 MONDAY	JUNE 13 TUESDAY	JUNE 14 WEDNESDAY
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Regents:</b> US History & Govt. <b>Gymnasium</b>	CCC Math 106- Gym 1 Intro Geometry- Gym 1 Math Analysis- Gym 1 CCC Calculus- Gym 2 Algebra 1A- Gym 2 & 3	English 9 & 9E Gym 1,2,3  English 11E- D305  Italian 3- Band French 3- E302 Spanish 3- Mirror Rm	Global 9- Gym 1,2,3  Civil Engineering C105 Human Body Syst. C108	English 10 & 10E - Gym 1,2,3  CCC Spanish 201 Mirror Rm CCC Italian 103- Band Room	<b>Regents:</b> English <b>Gymnasium</b>  Digital Electronics C108 Intro Eng. Design/DDP- C105
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>
	AP Computer Science C102  Medical Intervention C105	Biomedical Science C105	Italian 2- Band Room  French 2- E302  Spanish 2- Moreno - Gym 1 Leonardi - Mirror Room	Princ. of Engineer- C108  CCC Italian 104- Band Room	<b>Regents:</b> Liv. Env./ Biology <b>Gymnasium</b>

JUNE 15 THURSDAY	JUNE 16 FRIDAY	JUNE 20 TUESDAY	JUNE 21 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 22 THURSDAY	JUNE 23 FRIDAY
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Graduation Day!!!</b>
<b>Regents:</b> Global History & Geography <b>Gymnasium</b>	<b>Regents:</b> Earth Science <b>Gymnasium</b>	<b>Regents:</b> Geometry <b>Gymnasium</b>	<b>Regents:</b> Algebra 2 <b>Gymnasium</b>  <b>Seniors</b> Graduation Walk @ Elementary Schools 11AM	<b>Graduation Rehearsal</b>  Holland Stadium 9am	<b>Congratulations Class of 2023</b>  <b>Go Maroons!</b>
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Regents:</b> Algebra 1 <b>Gymnasium</b>	<b>Regents:</b> Physical Setting Chemistry <b>Gymnasium</b>	Rating Day	Rating Day	Rating Day	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b> <b>A.H.S. Class of 2023</b> <u>Holland Stadium</u>  Ceremony starts at 6 pm

School will be in regular session through Wednesday, June 7. All busses will run as normal in the morning to school throughout the exam schedule. Busses home are 9:30, 10:00, 11:10, 2:00, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40. Please note that schools and exams will not be in session on Monday, June 19 in observation of Juneteenth.

### Reading is FUNdamental

Mrs. Hesse's students are working hard on their reading. They are learning to blend the sounds in words without pauses between the sounds.

Pictured: Liam Cashin, Kindergartner in Miss Cappon's class hopping out sounds and reading words.

*Mrs. Melanie Hesse, Reading Teacher,  
Seward Elementary School*



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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](https://www.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>

## Congratulations to Evan Bachtta 2023 Scholastic Awards National Winner!



Evan Bachtta, a 7th grader at the Auburn Junior High School has won a National Art Award for a piece he created called "Night Light". More than 100,000 students submitted more than 260,000 works of art and writing to the 2023 Scholastic Awards. Evan's work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Less than 2,000 works received a National Medal, which places him within the top 1% of all submissions!

Evan originally took the photo standing in his front yard one evening over the summer. Using the photo as inspiration, Evan made

his drawing using white charcoal on black paper. He worked in his father's art studio at home. The piece won gold at the regional level and was on display at OCC for 6 weeks. It then moved on to compete nationally and he found out he won a national silver.

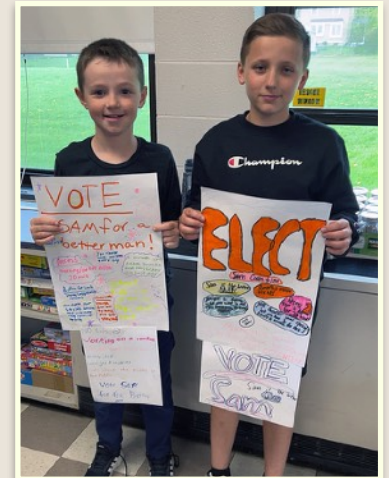
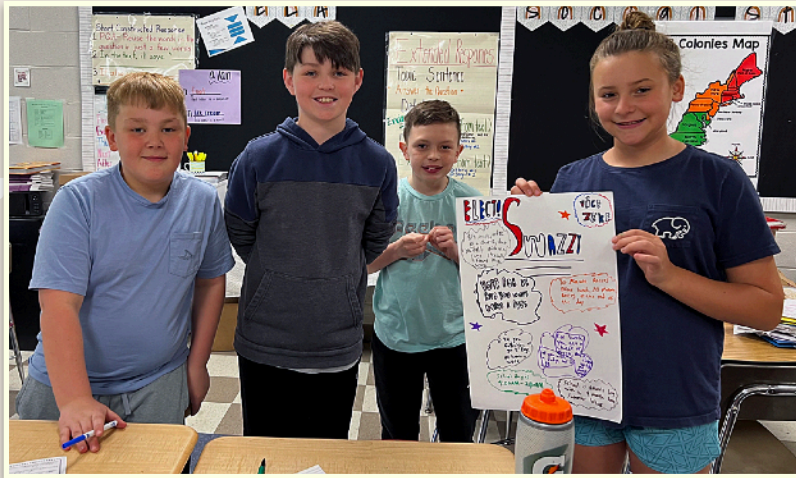
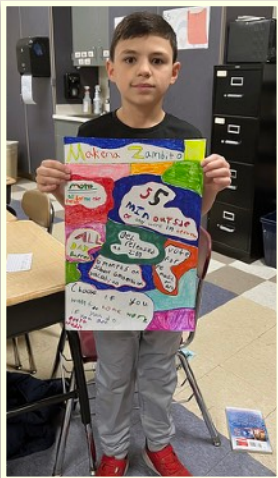
In June Evan's name will be listed in Scholastic's annual publication Best Teen Art and published in their Online Galleries at

<https://www.artandwriting.org>.

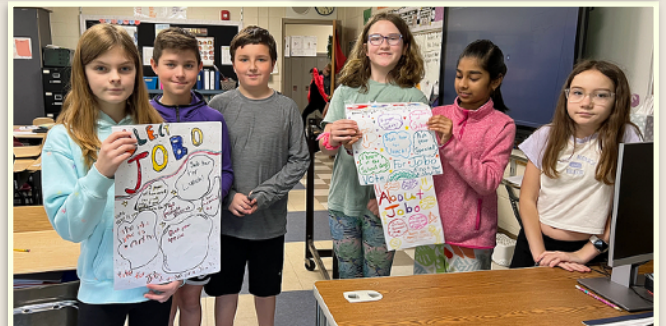


"Night Light" by Evan Bachtta

## School President Campaign by Mrs. Kott's 5th Grade Class at Herman Ave



**Students were tasked to create the perfect candidate for president of the school. The candidates had to create a campaign poster that represents where they stand on a series of issues. The issues included: length of the school day, specials, lunchroom menus, and length of the school year. Students were then tasked to give a speech to convince their classmates that their candidate was the right person for the job.**





## Spirit Week!

Spirit Week was lots of fun at Herman Ave with Decade Day, "Swap Day" where students dressed like staff and staff dressed like students, Workout Wednesday, and a Patriotic Day! We loved seeing all the creative outfits our staff and students wore throughout the week before a beautiful Memorial Day weekend.



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Dr. Burgess, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Instruction and Bill Berry, the district's DEI consultant, presented the DEI Strategic Plan to the Board of Education on May 23.
- The second phase of the district's spring DEI professional learning series was held on May 31. This session centered on the media impact on DEI, benevolent/vicarious racism, and workplace effectiveness regarding the impact of DEI.
- The district DEI Task Force will convene its final meeting for the current school year on June 5; the committee members will review the DEI Strategic Plan and discuss preliminary initiatives for the 2023-24 school year.
- District DEI leadership and district administrators will host 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 is to initiate community-wide partnership and collaboration on implementing and enhancing DEI throughout the larger community regardless of organizational scope.
- Dr. Burgess, Bill Berry, and district school Superintendent Jeffrey Pirozzolo will present 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 is free and open to the public.
- The school district, school officials, and students will support and participate 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.

**ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING EXPO  
FOR FAMILIES**

**WED., JUNE 7 | 6-8pm**

**CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S  
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE**  
197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY 13021

For students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, as well as their families

- Discover Training & Degree Programs
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RSVP to Cayuga's Office of Community Education and Workforce Development  
at 315-294-8841

## Advanced Manufacturing Institute Expo

Come learn about the opportunities at our local Advanced Manufacturing Institute at Cayuga Community College! Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to attend the "Advanced Manufacturing Expo" at Cayuga Community College on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. At the expo, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Learn about the training and degree programs offered;
- ✓ tour the Advanced Manufacturing Institute;
- ✓ talk to employers and industry experts; and
- ✓ enjoy refreshments and giveaways.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Cayuga's Office of Community Education and Workforce Development at 315-294-8841.

# Once an Owl, Always an Owl...at Owasco Elementary School

## Happy 100th Birthday Mrs. Grifone!



Mrs. Louise Grifone

Around the 3rd week in April Owasco Elementary received a phone call from a woman named Leslie Hanrahan. She said to me, "this is going to sound weird but my aunt is going to be celebrating her 100th Birthday on May 8th and she taught 1st grade at Owasco for 25 years. I was wondering if your school would be willing to make birthday cards and mail them to her?" Of course I replied with a yes! I sent an email to the staff asking if their classrooms would make cards for a woman turning 100 years old that taught here at Owasco. Of course they obliged and our art teacher Mrs. Festa jumped right in to help!

After sending out the email, Mrs. Murphy (one of Owasco's 2nd grade teachers) called the office and said "is the person we are making cards for Mrs. Grifone? She was my 1st grade teacher here at Owasco and she taught in the same room that I'm teaching in now!"

After a week we collected hundreds of cards that our Owasco Owls made for Mrs. Grifone's 100th Birthday, and her family asked if we could send them to California for her party on May 6th. Mrs. Murphy even found her 1st grade class picture and a faculty photo that she made copies of to send along with a beautiful letter. We sent an Owasco Owl T-shirt that we give to staff members as they leave Owasco that says..."Once an Owl, Always an Owl". After several phone calls back and forth we finally decided that Mrs. Grifone's niece, Claire Smith, would drive to Owasco from Watertown, NY, to pick up the box that we were preparing to ship and take it with her on the plane instead!

How ecstatic we were to meet Mrs. Smith! Mrs. Murphy was able to take some photos with her in the same classroom that Louise Grifone had taught in over 50 years ago and also of our new entrance!

by Tammy Nolan, Owasco Elementary School



I found some photos in the library of when I was in your class! I'm sitting in the front row with the pink dress. My mom was Lorraine McCarthy. I think you all knew her well!

I am also sending a staff picture I found!

Again... Enjoy your birthday!



Dear Mrs. Grifone,

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

My name is Deirdre McCarthy Murphy. (Pronounced Dear-Dray). I was in your 1st grade class from 1966-1967 at Owasco School! I wonder if you remember me?

I want to thank you for instilling in me the gift of learning. When the e-mail came across my computer screen about your 100th birthday, I sat down and cried tears of joy. You see, Mrs. Grifone, you were such a huge influence in my life, that I went on to become a 2nd grade teacher myself and got a job at Owasco Elementary School! And- here's the best part- I am teaching in your old 1st grade classroom!

I still remember you. You wore beautiful linen skirts and matching tops. You had a platinum blonde, bobbed haircut and always smelled like expensive perfume! I was in the middle reading group- the Cardinals? You named our 3 reading groups after birds. We all adored you!

I am getting ready to retire next year after 28 years of teaching. I guess it's true- everyone makes a difference and what goes around comes around!

Mrs. Grifone, I wish you a wonderful birthday! I have enclosed pictures of my class in "our" (yours and mine) classroom. Thank you again for making a difference in my life and in the lives of countless others!

Love you always,

Deirdre McCarthy



# Auburn

Enlarged City School District

# FREE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

## BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT:

CASEY PARK ELEMENTARY  
GENESEE ELEMENTARY  
HERMAN AVE ELEMENTARY  
SEWARD ELEMENTARY

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT:

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
CASEY PARK ELEMENTARY  
GENESEE ELEMENTARY  
HERMAN AVE ELEMENTARY  
SEWARD ELEMENTARY  
AUBURN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNIOR HIGH EXTENDED EVENING HOURS AT BTW  
AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL  
HIGH SCHOOL EXTENDED EVENING HOURS AT BTW

**BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMS  
START AT 6:30AM**

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS  
RUN UNTIL 6:00PM**

**PROGRAMS ARE FREE FOR  
ALL AUBURN STUDENTS!**

# REGISTRATION

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 | 3-6PM**

**IN THE GYM AT BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
23 CHAPMAN AVE, AUBURN | 315-253-3207**

# June Rocks at Seymour Library



**Kali Filipino Martial Arts**  
**Workshop for Kids**  
Saturday, June 10 at 2:30 PM  
Seymour Library

## Kali Filipino Martial Arts Workshop for Kids Saturday, June 10 at 2:30 pm

Guro Annie will showcase a demo and lead participants in basic techniques of Kali, Filipino Martial Arts using foam pool noodles, which will be provided. Designed for ages 8-12, but those 8+ are welcome to join in. **Space is limited.**

**Please register in the Family Space or call the library at 315-252-2571.**



Seymour Library  
**Chess Club for Kids**  
Saturdays at 1 PM  
June 3, 10, 17, & 24  
Ages 7 & up, but all ages are welcome.  
No registration is required!

## Chess Club for Kids

**Saturday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 1 to 2 pm**

Check out *Chess Club for Kids* at Seymour Library every Saturday in June for drop-in chess games!

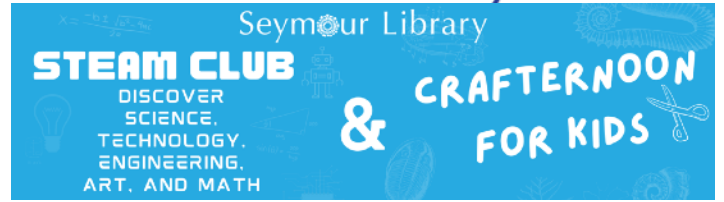
**No registration is required.**



Seymour Library  
**Pokémon Club**

**Pokémon Club: Wednesday, June 14, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Each month we will complete different Pokémon activities. For ages seven and up, but all ages are welcome! **Registration not required.**



Seymour Library  
**STEAM CLUB**  
DISCOVER SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. ART. AND MATH  
**& CRAFTERNOON FOR KIDS**

## Crafternoon & STEAM Club, Go Paleozoic!

Did you know that long before dinosaurs, New York State was covered by an ancient ocean? Come and see an exhibit and handle some fossils of extinct sea creatures as Gilda Brower chats about fossils during our June Crafternoon and STEAM programs.

### Crafternoon for Kids: Fossils

**Saturday, June 24 at 2:30 pm**

DIY at Seymour Library during Crafternoon for Kids. Make your own plushie of an extinct sea creature, the squid-like nautiloid.

### STEAM Club: Fossils

**Wednesday, June 28 at 4 pm**

Discover Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math during our hands-on STEAM Club. Make your own fossil creatures.

**Both programs are designed for ages 8-12, with limited space. Please register in the Family Space or by calling the library at 315-252-2571.**



## **BRAVO to the Seward Stingers Band**

Students for the Seward Stingers Band had the opportunity to attend NYSSMA Solo Festival on May 3rd with their teacher, Mrs. Edlind, where they played a solo, scales and sight read for a judge. All of these students received high scores which gave them the highest rating of "Outstanding." Congratulations musicians!

L-R: Calab Ehergott, Avery Whelan, Sophia Currier, Sarai Anderson, Nathan Forward, and Jack Sylviak.



# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <i>June Artwork</i> Julia Catalano Gr. 4	May 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	 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	 AJHS Chorus Concert 7:00PM	 Elementary Music Field Trip to AJHS	 SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
 4  Strawberry Moon	5 District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman  Junior/Senior Awards Ceremony @ AHS 6:30PM	6 <b>D-Day</b>	7 <b>Last Full Day of Classes at AHS</b> AJHS Title 1 Parent Meeting. 5:30PM AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	8 District Elementary Track Meet 3:30PM  AJHS Local Exams World Oceans Day	 9 AHS Senior Prom 7:00-11:00PM @ The Lodge  AJHS Local Exams	 10 ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS
11 National Caribbean-American Heritage Month  Race Unity Day	12 AJHS Local Exams  CAROL'S GAMES Grade 6 @ AJHS AHS Career & Technology Education Ceremony 7:00PM	13 AJHS Local Exams  GPTP 5:00pm <i>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</i>	14 Regents Exams  AJHS Senior Athlete Awards Banquet Flag Day	15 Regents Exams  7th Grade Recognition AJHS @ 10:00AM	16 Regents Exams <b>Last Day for AJHS Students</b> <b>Half Day Early Release</b> <b>Elementary 12PM</b> AHS End Marking Period 6 K-8 Marking Period 4 Ends	17
 18  Father's Day	19 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Juneteenth Day	20 Regents Exams AJHS 8th Gr. Recognition Night @ 6:00PM  Elementary Released 12PM	21 Regents Exams  Elementary Released 12PM  First Day of Summer	22 Regents Exams	23 Regents Rating Day   Class of 2023 Graduation 6:00PM Holland Stadium All Report Cards	24 
25 Great Outdoors Month	 26	27	28	29	30 	July 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

## Fourth Grades visit Historical Sites around Auburn



Herman Ave's 4th grade classes went on a field trip to explore some local history sites in Auburn. They started at the Equal Rights Heritage Center for a tour, had an archeological dig and engaged in other stations that related to Harriet Tubman, and went to the Seward House. They had lunch in the council chambers at City hall and ended the day at the Case Museum. Students received coloring books, a bag of goodies, and a passport with all our local history sites listed in it so they can also travel to sites with their families.

Meg Messina, Teacher



## 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](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)



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## #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)

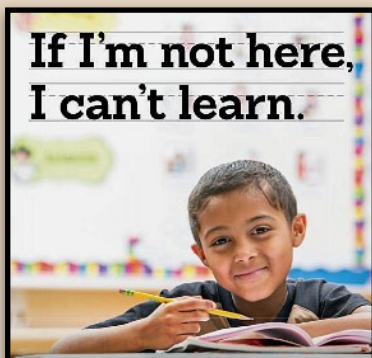


### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

# 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](http://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](http://www.aecsd.education)



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### DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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