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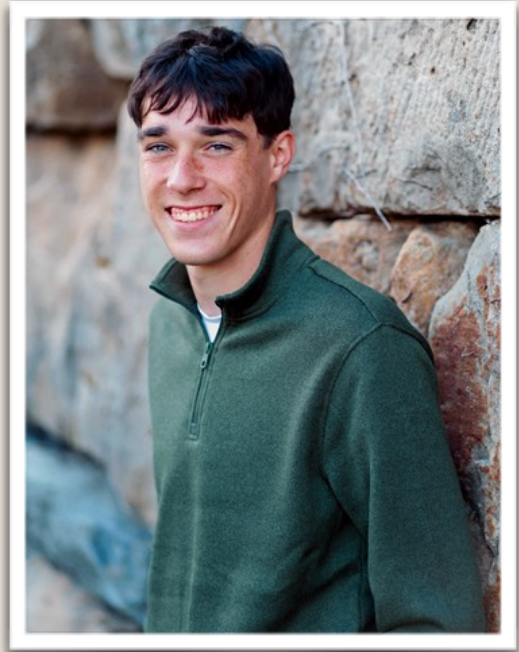
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To start, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2026 for making it to the long-awaited finish line! The day that always felt so far away is almost here, creating a bittersweet moment of looking into the future while saying goodbye to the past. I believe the most valuable part has been the connections and friendships made along the way, as we have each pushed one another to our best versions. The graduates this year have each individually accomplished impressive feats, but I think our interrelationships and unity are what make this class so special. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to my teachers, as their generosity and passion for education have been a key factor in my own success and development. Additionally, I am the person I am today because of my family and friends who have shown me unconditional support and love through all seasons of life. In the fall, I have the privilege of attending Cornell University, where I will study Human Biology, Health & Society on a Pre-Med track. I am certain that the Class of 2026 will go on to make a difference in the world using the tools we've gained over the years, and I can't wait to see every one of us thrive!

Madeline Wolfgang, Valedictorian

First off, I want to congratulate the Class of 2026! These past four years have been incredibly memorable, and together we have accomplished so much. You all have succeeded right alongside me, and I look forward to seeing how we all continue to succeed in the future. I want to thank all of the amazing teachers and faculty who have helped support our class these past few years. Without all the effort and time they put in, our school would never be able to come close to being as great as it is. In addition, I want to thank all of my friends, family, and coaches who have helped guide and support me along my journey. Without you, I would never be where I am today. This fall, I have the privilege of continuing my education at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where I will be studying Environmental Engineering. Once more, congrats to the Class of 2026! I wish you all the best of luck in the future. We made it!

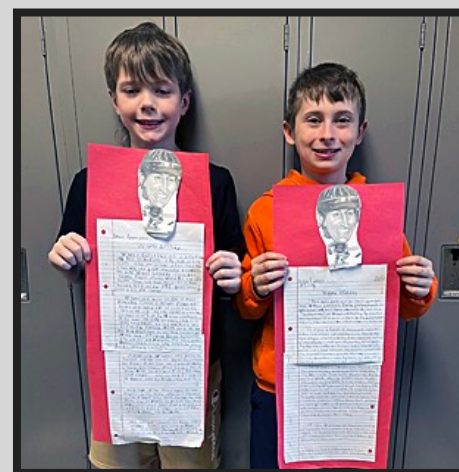
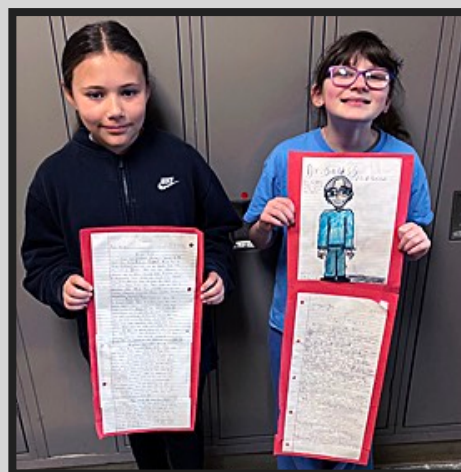
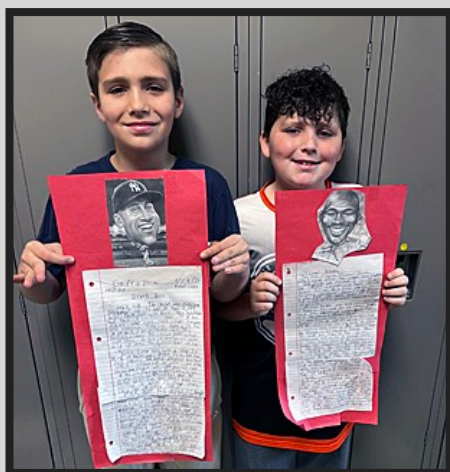
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AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL: JUNE 2026 Regents/ Final Exam Schedule

JUNE 8 MONDAY	JUNE 9 TUESDAY	JUNE 10 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 11 THURSDAY	JUNE 12 FRIDAY	JUNE 15 MONDAY		
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.		
Intro Geometry- Gym 1 Math Analysis- Gym 1 CCC Calculus- Gym 2 Algebra 1A- Gym 2 & 3 Review Sessions	Regents: English Gymnasium English 11E- D305 Intro Eng. Des./DDP- C105 Review Sessions	Regents: Algebra 2 Gymnasium CCC Spanish 202- Band Review Sessions	Global 9- Gym 1,2,3 Italian 3- D305 French 3- E302 Spanish 3- Rodriguez- Band Moreno- Mirror Room	English 9- Gym 1,2,3 English 9E- Mirror Rm Review Sessions	Italian 2- Band French 2-E302 Spanish 2- Rodriguez - D305 Leonardi- Mirror Rm Review Sessions		
12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon		
Princ. of Engineer- C108 Civil Engineering-C105 CCC Spanish 201- Band Review Sessions	AP Computer Science C105 Medical Intervention C108 Review Sessions	Biomedical Science C105 Human Body Systems C108 CCC Math 106- Gym 1 Review Sessions	CCC Physics 101- Band Room Review Sessions	Rating Day Review Sessions	Rating Day Review Sessions		
JUNE 16 TUESDAY	JUNE 17 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 18 THURSDAY	JUNE 19 FRIDAY	JUNE 22 MONDAY	JUNE 23 TUESDAY	JUNE 24 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 26 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	No School	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Graduation Day 6 p.m.
English 10 & 10E Gymnasium	Regents: Algebra 1 Gymnasium	Regents: Liv. Env./ Biology Gymnasium Review Sessions	Juneteenth No School No Exams	Rating Day Review Sessions	Regents: US History Gymnasium Review Sessions	Regents: Physical Setting Chemistry Gymnasium	Graduation Ceremony A.H.S. Class of 2026 Holland Stadium Ceremony starts at 6:00 pm
12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	No School	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	Thurs.- June 25- 9am	
Review Sessions	Regents: Global History & Geography Gymnasium	Regents: Earth Science Gymnasium Review Sessions	Seniors Graduation Walk @ Elementary Schools Times & Dates TBA	Rating Day Review Sessions	Regents: Geometry Gymnasium	Graduation Rehearsal Holland Stadium 9am	

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School will be in regular session through Friday, June 5. All buses will run as normal in the morning to school throughout the exam schedule. Buses home are 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40. Please note that schools and exams will not be in session on Friday, June 19th in observation of Juneteenth.



Students in Mrs. Pesarchick's 5th grade class at Herman Avenue Elementary conducted biography research on a famous person of interest. Using resources from our library, students were able to read and gather information about their chosen subjects. Following their research, students wrote a final essay consisting of 5-6 paragraphs. These students did an amazing job and were willing to share their work: Griffin Pacini, Liam Petrosino, Ava Wright, Aubrey Nauseef, Dean Epperson, and Max Forrest.

Hatching Hens at Herman Avenue



Mrs. Buckley's class and Mrs. Swartz's and Mrs. Engle's class, with the help of Mrs. Grelli's 4th grade class recently enjoyed an exciting hands-on learning experience as they welcomed incubators and eggs into their classrooms to study the life cycle of chickens.

Over several weeks, students carefully observed the eggs and learned about each stage of development leading up to hatching day. The project was integrated across many areas of learning. The excitement throughout the classrooms was unforgettable as students watched the chicks hatch and helped care for them during their first days of life.

GENESEE students have been creating an incredible variety of clay projects in the art room, showcasing both creativity and craftsmanship across every grade level. Second graders are designing clay frames, third graders sculpted imaginative clay monsters, and fourth graders are creating detailed mythical creature doors inspired by fantasy worlds. Fifth grade students crafted realistic clay Crocs and pie-and cake-themed trinket boxes, while sixth graders designed unique themed clay envelopes. The projects turned out beautifully, and students took great pride in bringing their creative ideas to life through clay.

Stefanie Cory, Art Teacher, Genesee



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Junior/Senior Awards Ceremony @ AHS 6:30 PM	2	3 AJHS Sports Physicals Boys 1:00-2:30 PM District Elementary Track Meet 3:30 PM AJHS Chorus Concert @ 7:00 PM	4 AJHS Sports Physicals Girls 1:00-2:30 PM	5 Last full day of classes for AHS Students	6  SAT Exam AHS 7:45 AM D-Day
7 	8 CAROL'S GAMES Grade 6 @ Holland Stadium District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30 PM @ Seward AHS Local Exams	9 Regents Exams Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00 PM	10 Regents Exams AHS Senior Athlete Awards Banquet 6:30 PM @ Springside Inn	11 AHS Local Exams	12  AHS Senior Prom 6:00-10:00 PM @ The Lodge AHS Local Exams	13  ACT Test 7:45 AM @ AHS
14 Flag Day	15 AHS Local Exams	16 Regents Exams	17 Regents Exams	18 Regents Exams Half Day Early Release Elementary 12:00 PM K-8 Marking Period 4 Ends	19 NO SCHOOL Juneteenth Day	20
21  Father's Day First Day of Summer	22 Last full day of classes for Elementary Students Half Day 7th Grade 8th Grade School Trip 7th Grade Recognition AJHS @ 10:00 AM	23 Regents Exams Half Day AJHS Half Day Elementary Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 6:00 PM AJHS 8th Gr. Recognition Night @ 6:00 PM	24 Regents Exams Half Day Elementary No School AJHS	25	26 Regents Rating Day Class of 2026 Graduation 6:00 PM Holland Stadium All Report Cards	27 hello SATURDAY
28 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education	 FULL 29 Strawberry Moon	30 		 June Artwork Top: Sophia Geary, Owasco Gr. 5 Left: Yarielis David-Cosme, Seward Gr. 5	May 2026 S M T W T F S 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	July 2026 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



Ms. Aversa's fifth grade class at Owasco Elementary are attendance champions!



Kindergarten students in Mrs. Bouley's and Mrs. Barbuto's classroom at Owasco love to practice reading skills at home with the Book Buddy program! Each week, three students take home a reading booklet and a stuffed animal reading buddy to cheer them on! Cadence Dickman, Lucas Miller, and Maverick Hoey were excited to read with family members and their stuffed animals last month as they practiced stories from the CKLA readers "Kit" and "Seth."

*Missy Picciano, Instructional Literacy Coach,
Owasco Elementary*



Focusing on Future Predictions

During CKLA, students in Mrs. Walczyk's and Ms. Hatch's 1st grade classroom at Owasco have been busy learning about the story elements of fairy tales that have been favorites of children for generations. The class has focused on making predictions while reading "Jack and the Beanstalk." Students will predict how tall their bean plants will grow after planting their very own bean seeds.

*Missy Picciano, Instructional Literacy Coach,
Owasco Elementary*



You brightened up my day!



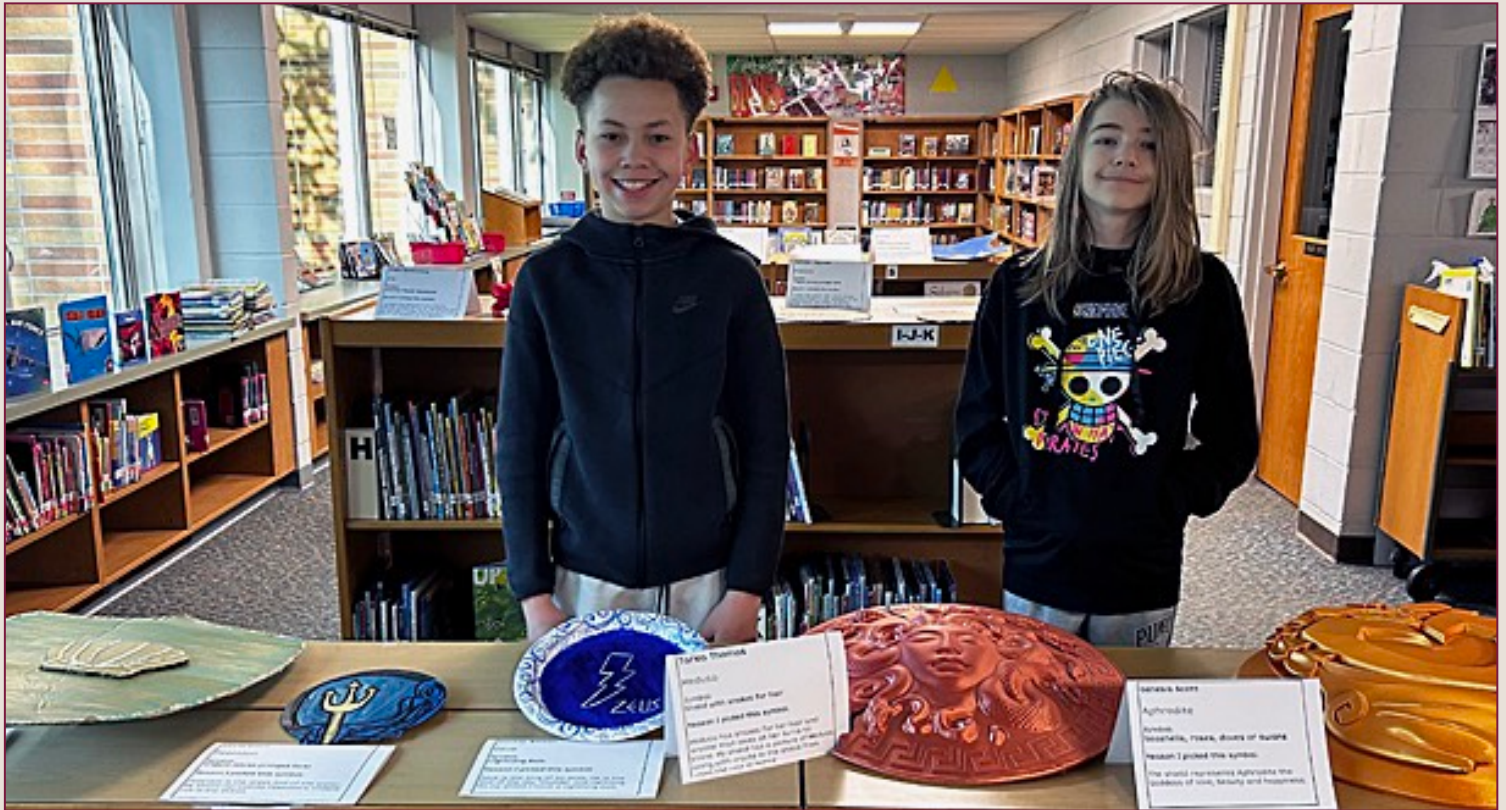
At **Genesee Elementary** this year, our principal introduced the idea of transforming the big courtyard windows with colorful murals to create a brighter and more welcoming entrance for our school community. Throughout the school year, 5th and 6th grade art students collaborated on several seasonal and inspirational window murals that added color, creativity, and positivity to the space. The project not only brightened the courtyard windows, but also gave students a meaningful opportunity to share their artistic talents and spread encouraging messages throughout the building.

Stefanie Cory, Art Teacher, Genesee Elementary



After 3rd graders at Genesee Elementary completed their astronomy unit, they researched and created paper mache planets with our librarian! The students combined science, research, and creativity while learning about our solar system!

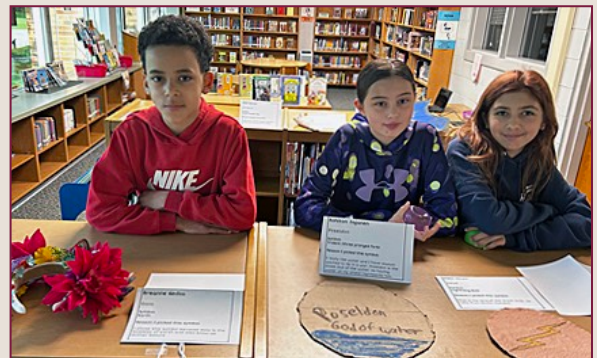
Mackensy Martens, 3rd Grade Teacher



GREEK ARTIFACT PROJECT

Casey Park 6th Graders did a Greek Artifact Project where each student researched a Greek God, Goddess or mythological creature. They presented a slideshow and provided an artifact that represented their selected character. Their artifacts were put on display in the Library for other students to view in a Greek Museum.

Shannon DelloStritto, 6th Grade Teacher



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- On May 26th, My Brother's Keeper Fellows Johntae Smith and Amadi Onyeani presented their inspiring MBK projects to the Board of Education. We are also thrilled to announce that Asahel Barnard and Sheldon Homick have been selected as our new fellows for the 2026–2027 school year!
- The DEI Task Force will meet this month to plan for the upcoming school year and solicit new members to join our team.
- Our Book Buddies programs at Genesee and Herman Elementary Schools wrapped up their final sessions of the year with cookies and free books for every child, generously provided by the United Way. Next year, we look forward to expanding the program to Casey Park Elementary!
Want to volunteer? Visit the United Way website to see how you can get involved with Book Buddies next year.
- All fourth-grade students across the district recently took part in the Passport to History program. Students explored local landmarks, including the Cayuga Museum, Schweinfurth Art Center, City Hall, Seward House, and the Harriet Tubman Home. The day wrapped up with pizza at the Equal Rights Heritage Center, leaving both students and teachers with full stomachs and a deeper appreciation for our local history.

Seymour Library

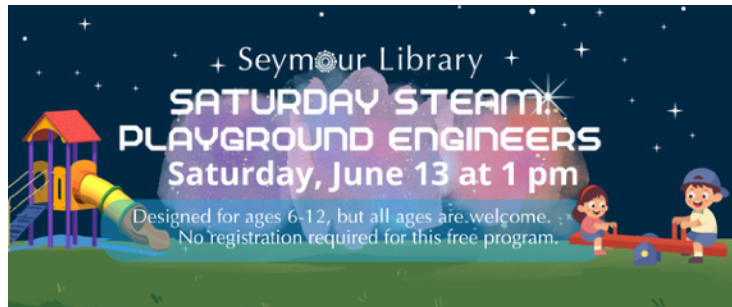
Seymour Library | 176-178 Genesee Street | Auburn, NY | 315.252.2571

Visit www.seymourlibrary.org for updates on programming & events.

June is heating up at the library, and so is the fun! New books, exciting activities, and something for everyone in the family. Come see what's happening this month!

Saturday STEAM: Playground Engineers

Saturday, June 13 at 1 pm



This month, we will listen to the book Rulers of the Playground followed by hands-on Playground Construction, building TWO pieces of playground equipment using recycled materials. For ages 6-12, but all ages are welcome.

Pokémon Club

Wednesday, June 10 from 4 to 6 pm (drop-in)



Meet fellow Pokémon trainers while discovering all things Pokémon! Designed for ages 7 and up, but all ages are welcome!

Scavenger Hunt:

This month, the library is hiding a little sunshine, and it's up to YOU to find it! Put on your explorer hat, grab your coolest sunglasses, and join Ms. Jill for a one-of-a-kind scavenger hunt. Solve the riddle, and win a prize!

FOR TEENS! (ages 12+)

Faux Stained Glass

Saturday, June 6 at 3:00 pm



Make a faux stained glass suncatcher using tissue paper and your imagination! Take your creation home or decorate a window at the library! Designed for teens (age 12+).

Teen Trash Zine Night

Friday, June 12 at 5 pm



Teens Only! Bring your old magazines, birthday cards, and newspapers and recycle them into a Zine! Not sure what a Zine is? Think of a mini magazine that you make yourself! Designed for teens (age 12+). No registration required.

Magic the Gathering for Teens

Wednesday, June 24 at 4:30 pm

Learn how to play Magic the Gathering! This program is designed for beginners.

Visit www.seymourlibrary.org

View the complete list of library events.
No registration is required for these free programs and events!

NOW OPEN!

Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District’s 2026-2027 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, 2026, and are available at no cost for eligible children.

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	315-253-5304

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK full-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. **Spaces are limited.**

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

The 3PK and UPK 2026-2027 online student registration is now open. Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website, www.aecsd.education , under Student Registration.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student’s registration in person may pick up a 2026-2027 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices.

Registration packets are available for pick up now.

Completed applications should be submitted to your child’s current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave.





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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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.

NEWYORK 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.

Casey Park Elementary School



Staff and students had an extra dose of fun during "Underground Spirit Week" celebrating each day's theme.



Students help to take care of Casey Park on the Earth Day.



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