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Emma Sroka Wins for the Second Time



Congratulations to Seward Elementary School 6th grader, **Emma Sroka**, for winning the WCNY Central NY Spelling Bee and moving on to the **Scripps National Spelling Bee** in Washington, D.C. which will be held May 24 to 29! Her winning word was **"depilatory."**

This is her second consecutive win at the regional level. Last year her winning word was **"deceitful."**

Participants from the Auburn School District in the February 29 Regional competition were (L-R): **Landon Lenhart, Gr 6; Carter DeRosa, Gr. 8; John Cuddy, Gr 4; Emma Sroka, Gr 6; and Makayla Hutchinson, Gr 5.** The spelling bee will be broadcast at 2 p.m. March 7 on WCNY.

Change for Hope Campaign at Casey Park

For the month of February, students and staff at Casey Park Elementary School raised money for the local non-profit organization Griffin's Guardians. The goal of Griffin's Guardians is to spread awareness of Pediatric Cancer, to assist in funding research for Pediatric Cancer, to bring HOPE to families with children battling cancer in Central New York, and to provide these families with financial assistance to lessen the burden, during a time when they need to focus on family. Last year, the Bagarazzo family from Casey Park received support from this wonderful organization as their daughter, Izzy, fought and beat pediatric cancer. Izzy's brothers Matthew (6th grade) and Aiden (1st grade) helped to collect the funds raised by our school. Students turned in everything from tooth fairy money to school store money and helped to raise over \$560.00!

For more information please visit:
<https://www.griffinsguardians.org/>

Submitted by Meghan Parry, Casey Park



Aiden & Matthew Bagarazzo

Auburn Junior High School Musical Presents



“Matilda The Musical”

Friday, March 13 @ 7:30PM

Saturday, March 14 @ 7:30PM

Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 2:00PM

Auburn Junior High School

Emerson Auditorium

Tickets: Adults \$12, Students/Seniors \$10

A cast of 42 Auburn Junior High School students are busy preparing their annual musical production. The production this year is Matilda The Musical. Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Matilda The Musical is the captivating masterpiece that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world. AJHS is proud to be presenting the first production of this show in Central New York.

Matilda (Audrey Carr) is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents (Jack Hoadley and Emerson Brown) but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly lovable Miss Honey (Lily Nila). Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to

recognize but also appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull (Madelyn Titus), hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs, and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

The production is produced by costume designer Sally Reutlinger, directed by William Tenity and assistant director Kelly Sue Haines, and musical director Kristan Sheppard. Choreography is by Alysse Carris.

Tickets may also be ordered online at:

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/37589>



VIDEO CONFERENCE Call!

Pictured is Mrs. Zambito's 4th grade class at Casey Park video conferencing with Mrs. Siddall's kindergarten class at Herman Ave. They both had read The Mitten by Jan Brett and gave clues to each other in regards to what animal they were describing.

REALITY CHECK



Students in The **Reality Check Club** from Auburn Junior High School went to Albany on February 4, 2020, where they met with NYS lawmakers. Cianna Bailey, Dejah Evans-Murphy, Molly Matheson, Emma Beattie, Kadya Blaisdan, Julia Clark, Jasmine Parrilla, and Alexis Pinchak talked with Assemblyman Stirpe, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Assemblyman Manktelow, Assemblywoman Hunter, Senator May, and Senator Helming. During the meetings with lawmakers, they discussed the success of their Reality Check's local tobacco control program, the appealing flavors and marketing appeal of e-cigarettes on youth, and opportunities to further reduce the burden of nicotine addiction.

Not only did they meet with their state lawmakers, but the students had the opportunity to interact with the visual displays called "Big Tobacco Can't Hide the Facts" in the Well of the Legislative Office Building, tour the Capitol Building, see the Assembly Floor and Million Dollar Staircase, and meet other Reality Check students from across the state. The Reality Check Club is a grant funded program through the Onondaga County Health department.

By Kristi Newton, 8th Grade Health Teacher, AJHS

District Sport Stacking Contest

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Sport Stacking, also known as "cup stacking," is an activity in which children stack plastic cups in patterns. The activity is designed to make them more ambidextrous and improve their eye-hand coordination and quickness. On Wednesday, February 12, the elementary Physical Education teachers held a District-wide Sport Stacking Contest. Approximately 150 students, 30 from each elementary building, sent a team to Seward Elementary School. The students competed in various sport-stacking challenges.

Pictured here, participating in the 3-6-3 Relay event, is Jerika Bovee, a 6th grade student representing Seward Elementary school.



Pictures of EQUALITY

Students in Ms. Petrosino's 6th grade art classes at Casey Park collaborated to create four murals for the Women's Rights National Historical Park Youth Art Exhibit in Seneca Falls, NY. They brainstormed ideas to interpret the theme, "What does it mean to be equal?" Students volunteered to paint the murals during recess and after school.

The exhibit runs March 1 - April 30, 2020. It is sponsored by the International Fiber Collaborative, which promotes programs that link learning and creativity in the arts to science, math, engineering, and the humanities.

The exhibit is free and open to the public at the Visitor Center at 136 Fall St. Check out the art for the show at

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmGAG9cZ>

Equality Matters (Right, L-R) Griffin Smith, Natalie Baldwin, Natalee Woodard & Landon Lenhart



Books of Equality (L-R) Evan Townes, Ciara Robinson, Aniya Ingram



Social Equality (L-R) Judah Young, Le'Yona Smallwood, Madison Morse, Natalie LaClair, Olivia Clarkson



Equality Blimp (L-R) Vivianne Dombroski, Makayla Dean

PBIS Trivia Day at Casey Park

Casey Park hosted a school-wide PBIS trivia day as a way to celebrate all of our student's hard work and commitment to PAWS expectations. Students in grades K-3 played a Disney trivia game, while student in grades 4-6 played a version of "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?"



PreSchool Open Enrollment Now Open!

Accepting Registration Packets for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our District, and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1, 2020, and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) is below, and contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK, and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcomed and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your registration packet. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program *	Full/Half Day*	Contact
Cayuga Community College – 81 Wall St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES – 1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency - 89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center – 1110 Corporate Dr.	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – 6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA – 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

**Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2020-2021 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above, at all Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: www.aecsd.education.

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

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



#FixAndFundIt

**The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.
For more information please visit: fixandfundit.org**

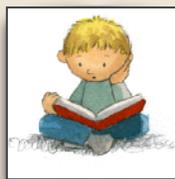
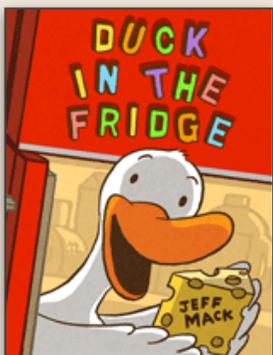
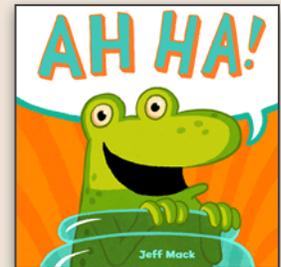
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 AHS Musical 2:00PM	2 FIRST Owasco OPT Mtg 6:30PM District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman NEA's Read Across America	3 World Wildlife Day	4 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	5 ECHOES Performance @ AJHS Gr. 7 & 8 - 8:00AM Gr.6 - 9:30AM Herman PTO Mtg. 4:30PM	6 Owasco Book & Breakfast Gr. 3rd & 4th	7 <i>nothing</i> looks as good as healthy feels
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins International Women's Day	9 FULL Worm Moon	10 Harriet Tubman Day Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	11 Herman SOAR into Learning Event 5:30-7:00PM Casey PTO Mtg. 5:30PM Music in Our Schools Concert AHS 7:00PM	12 Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM	13 Owasco Book & Breakfast Gr. 2nd & 5th AJHS Musical 7:30PM "Matilda" HS End Marking Period 4	14 AHS Band Honors Concert 4:00PM @ AHS AJHS Musical 7:30PM "Matilda"
15 AJHS Musical 2:00PM "Matilda" American Red Cross Month (www.redcross.org)	16 LAST JV/VARSITY SPORTS Spring Tryouts PTA Meeting Seward 6:00PM	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 AJHS Title 1 Parent Meeting 5:00PM Library AJHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	19 AJHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00PM HS Report Cards First Day of Spring	20 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day OCMEA All-County Orchestra	21 OCMEA All-County Orchestra
22 World Water Day	23	24 NEW Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-7:30PM (No Early Release) Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	25 AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	26 	27 Owasco Book & Breakfast Gr. K & 1st CCMEA All-County @ Cato-Meridian	28 CCMEA All-County @ Cato-Meridian
29 Women's History Month (www.nwhp.org)	30 MODIFIED SPORTS Spring Tryouts	31	For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education	"waiting for the sun, waiting, waiting..." (The Doors)	February 2020 S M T W T F S 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	April 2020 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



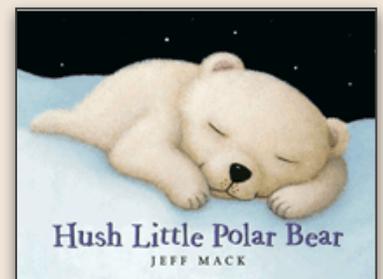
Author/Illustrator Jeff Mack is Coming to Auburn!

Noted author and illustrator **Jeff Mack** will be visiting each of the Auburn Elementary Schools in March. There will be an evening program open to the community on Thursday, March 12th from 6:00-7:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. Students will be creating original comic strips that will be on display at this event. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information visit his website: jeffmack.com



Schedule:

Monday, March 9th - Seward
Tuesday, March 10th - Genesee
Wednesday, March 11th - Owasco
Thursday, March 12th - Casey Park
Friday, March 13th - Herman Ave.



Submitted by Anne Mlod, School Librarian

New Central Registration Center for New Students

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

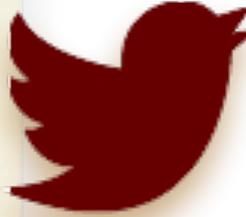
Any new families that have moved into the school district and need to register their children for any grade level, Pre-K through 12th grade, may do so at the new Central Registration office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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



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

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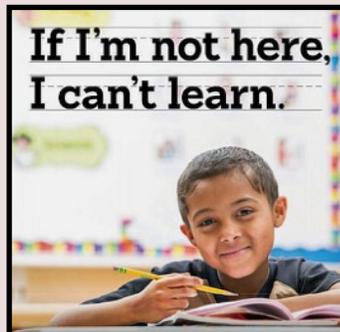


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Owasco: @auburn_owasco
Seward: @auburn_seward

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence.

Find out more at:

www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

report bullying or cyberbullying

help your friends

be assertive

report depression

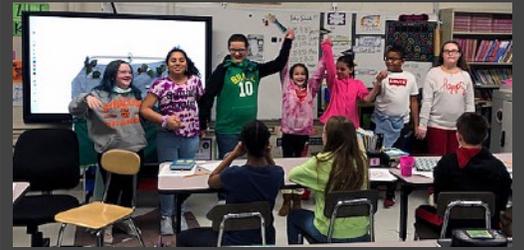
SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Submit your reports anonymously

report threats against schools

report drug or alcohol use

report strange behavior



CASEY PARK: Mrs. Baier's 5th grade class presented their culminating projects to Esperanza Rising. Students created board games depicting situations in the story and one group recreated scenes from the story in a play format.



Anonymous Alerts!

The school district would like to remind you of our ongoing 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.anonymouslyalerts.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



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