

AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### UNITY DAY: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Casey Park staff and students wore orange on Unity Day, October 20th, to prevent bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. A fire drill on that day created the perfect photo opportunity!



## We love that our local schools are able to go on a Farm Tour!

Kindergarten students from Mrs. Gremli's class at Herman Avenue Elementary School participated in a virtual field trip on Wednesday, October 13th at Mulligan Farm in Avon, NY, through the American Dairy Association North East's live virtual farm tours.

Students got to ask questions while they were able to see and hear what happens daily on a dairy farm! They loved the cows and were able to make the connection with those who are producing the milk and dairy products they enjoy at school and at home.

## Pledge to be a Kid Against BULLYING

As a district wide initiative, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports), is continued at each school and may look a little different in each building. At Casey Park, we practice showing P.A.W.S.(P-positive behavior, A-act responsibly and respectfully, W-willing to learn, S-strive for success). In the beginning of the year, students are taught explicit lessons that teach behavior expectations throughout various locations within the school setting. In addition to following these expectations every day, this year at Casey Park students will also focus on practicing one character trait each month.



This month the students focused on showing kindness. Throughout the month, students and staff that were exhibiting kindness were nominated and placed in a raffle that takes place at the end of every month. Theme baskets are created by staff and teams of teachers and with other various donations the school may receive. If chosen, students will be given the chance to pick a basket as their prize. Students can be entered multiple times in the drawing throughout the month and the baskets are an exciting way to say thank you to them.



## Make it Orange and Make it End

As you walk through the halls, you hear kids using their manners, helping one another, and showing kindness as they work toward a common goal of creating a building that strives to be a place where everyone can work, grow and learn together. We completed our month by having a spirit week to further celebrate our accomplishments as a building.



Caption: Students from Ms. Pysnack's first grade class pledged to be kids against bullying.



#### **Herman Avenue Unity Day Project**

Our Herman Hawk mascot! Each feather is a separate creation from a student or staff member. This HUGE hawk symbolizes our uniting to fight bullying as our culminating activity during Unity Week, October 18th through the 22nd!



## **Anonymous Alerts!**

The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, 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: <u>www.anonymousalerts.com/</u>

- 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





ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: <u>www.aecsd.education</u>



The AECSD School Social Workers would like to formally thank the **Zonta Club of Auburn** for awarding our department with a 2021 Service Grant in the amount of \$1,000. The grant money will allow us to enhance the quality of services we are able to offer to our students and families at all seven school buildings.

George Whipple, Casey Carey-Dixon, Jen Poole, Jennifer Anthony, Ashley Evans, Kristina Ouderkirk, & Michelle Hopp



Mrs. Swartz's and Mrs. Engle's kindergarten class at Herman Ave made this poster for the Auburn Fire Department to show what they learned about fire safety earlier this month.

#### **UPDATED!**

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

2nd installment due: December 2, 2021

Last day the collector will accept taxes is December 2, 2021

Questions about your bill? Call 315-255-8820 or e-mail: TessaCrawford@aecsd.education

You can also look up your bill online at: www.taxlookup.net

#### **NEW LOCATION** pay in person:

FIVE-STAR BANK 345 Genesee St, Auburn, NY 13021

#### **NEW ADDRESS** mail payments:

AECSD Tax Collector P.O. Box 241 Warsaw, NY 14569



### **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.

# Chilled to the Bone

Third grade students studied hand bone structure, in conjunction with their Amplify language curriculum. They outlined their hands and drew the proper number of bones, in place. Afterwards, they colored in around them with crayon. Lastly, they dabbed oil on the bone sections only, to create their own x-rays.

#### Interesting, fun and apropos for Halloween time!







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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

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
hullo	Chool Picture Retake Day @ AHS & AJHS Modified Winter 1 Sports Begin District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman AHS Report Cards	2 Election Day	AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	• 4	5	SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	AHS Winter Sports Physicals, Girls 2:26PM	AHS Winter Sports Physicals, Boys 2:26PM	FIRST 11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 K-8 Marking Period 1 Ends	13
14	15 Winter Tryouts: JV/Varsity Sports	AHS Band Concert 7:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	17	18 Gettysburg Address Anniversary	Full 19 Half Day Early Release for Elementary Junior High Report Cards America Recycles Day Beaver Moon	20 CCMEA Fall All County @ Moravia
21 National Native American Heritage Month	22 American Education Week	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	<b>1 27</b>
28 Hanukkah (Begins at Sunset)	29	30	For updated events please check the online calendar at our new website: www.aecsd.education	Grāteful	October 2021 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	December 2021   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



Dear Families,

Nationwide shortages, delays and supply issues are occurring throughout the country and have affected the availability of certain food items. This is challenging for school systems, due to the quantity of meals we serve and meeting our nutrition standards. Therefore we may need to make quick substitutions to our menu(s) based upon what we are able to acquire. We are doing our best to provide updates about menu changes as soon as possible.

Please know that our number one priority continues to be providing healthy, nutritious, and appetizing meals for your children.

Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to offer meals at no charge for all students. Mike Herr

Food Service Director

Elementary, Junior High and High School Students Receive FREE Breakfast and Lunch for the 2021–2022 School Year.

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#### POSTAL CUSTOMER/BOX HOLDER



## **Enhanced STAR Exemption for Senior Citizens**

Senior property owners who already have a Basic STAR Exemption on their primary residence may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption when they are 65. You should apply when you are 64 so that, if you qualify, you may receive the exemption beginning the year that you turn 65. Auburn city residents should contact the Assessor's Office at City Hall on South Street (255-4125). Other Auburn (Aurelius, Throop, Owasco, Sennett, Fleming) and Cayuga County residents should contact their local assessor's office. The deadline for applications for Auburn city residents is February 1. Other Auburn and Cayuga County residents should check with their local assessor.

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owneroccupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2022, with income not exceeding \$92,000.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$70,700 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 would recognize tax savings of \$1,000+ from the Enhanced STAR for the tax year in which they qualify.

For more information and to check the latest updates go to the NYS STAR Program website: <u>https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/</u>



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