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Seward Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser

Seward Stingers had an amazing turnout for our Walkathon. Stingers had a great time walking with their family members to raise money for our Activity Day. Together they raised over \$6,000 doubling our total from last year! Despite the rain, it was a great way to continue celebrating Walk to School Day as well as enjoy time with family members. Pictured is Daniel Lovell with his son, William Lovell, who is a kindergarten student.

Melissa O'Donnell, Principal, Seward Elementary School



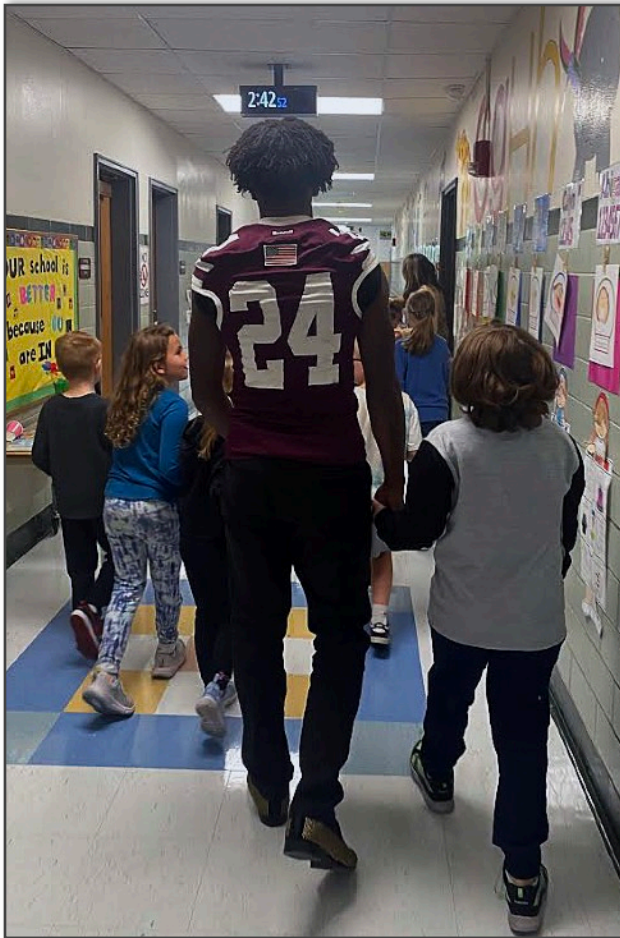
Spirit Day at Owasco!

Owasco celebrated our first PBIS Spirit day with:

Decades Day!
Our Owls wore outfits inspired by previous decades. Fun was had by all!

*Lizzie Molloy,
Assistant Principal*

Homecoming at Herman Ave Elementary School



The Varsity Football Team came to Herman to read with students prior to their big Homecoming game against Henninger on October 13th. It was hard to tell whether the students, staff or players enjoyed it more!

A huge thank you to the coaches and Mrs. Siddall for arranging this visit.



Coding at Herman Ave Elementary School



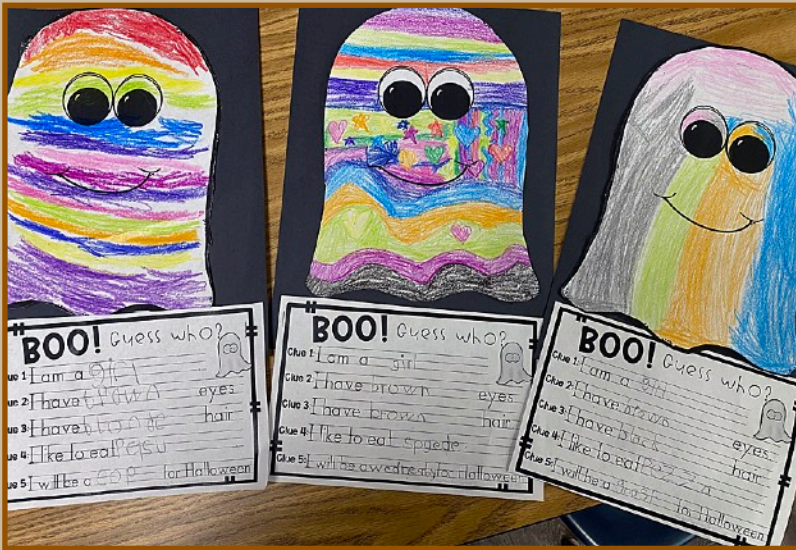
After learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin, Ms. Foos' class worked with Mrs. Crosby on coding the Beebots to follow the steps of how a pumpkin grows.

Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Avenue Elementary School

Casey Park Elementary School



Students in Miss Langton's first grade class at Casey Park participated in creative Halloween writing this week. Students wrote clues about themselves including their favorite food and what they were going to be for Halloween. Following their writing, they decorated ghosts and placed "spooky" pictures of themselves under the ghosts. To get families engaged, during teacher conferences, families had the task of guessing who their spooky student was based on the clues provided!



Meghan Parry, Instructional Literacy Coach, Casey Park Elementary

The AJHS PTP sponsored "The Great Pumpkin Giveaway" on October 23

Staff and students were given the opportunity to decorate a pumpkin and enter it into the event.



We had over 40 beautifully decorated pumpkins and each one was given away to a lucky student/staff member to take home. In addition, staff and students voted on the "best decorated" pumpkins and below are the winners. The AJHS PTP raised close to \$200 to go toward the end of the year AJHS student activities. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated and helped make this event a success!

1st Place: Beth Madill - Horror Movie Villains

2nd Place: Lillian Selvek - Barbie

3rd Place: Evan Bachta - Galaxy

Help is 3 Numbers Away



211 maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

211 also can connect people with information and referrals for:



988 provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress



911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**2nd installment due:
December 1, 2023**

Last day the collector will accept taxes is
December 1, 2023

Questions about your bill?

Call 315-255-8836, or e-mail:

LisaCamardo@aecsd.education

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

Location to pay in person:

FIVE-STAR BANK

345 Genesee St, Auburn, NY

(Please include a telephone number on your check)

Address to mail payments:

AECSD Tax Collector

P.O. Box 241

Warsaw, NY 14569

Owasco Elementary School



On Wednesday, October 18th, Owasco Owls wore orange to celebrate Unity Day. Each student traced their hand to make a school-wide rainbow of hands. On each hand students wrote ways that they can spread kindness at Owasco. Pictured is Carter Mulholland, Gr. 5. *Lizzie Molloy, Asst.Principal*



PBIS Spirit Day



Unity Day

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- On October 6, the district held its second Community Leaders Luncheon, where 33 community leaders gathered to discuss organizational updates regarding DEI initiatives and the committee's foci moving forward.
- Tessa Crawford, AECSD's Business Executive, spoke to the Student United Way group on October 17.
- On October 20, Blane Harding, an Auburn native and DEI Consultant, led the entire district's staff through a DEI presentation titled "Leading From Where You Are." Community members and leaders of local organizations were in attendance. Thank you to Blane Harding and the Human Rights Commission of Cayuga County for making this presentation possible.
- On October 23, Dr. Daria Willis, President of Howard Community College in Maryland, spoke to Mrs. Oliver-Carr's Women's Studies class. Dr. Daria J. Willis serves as the fifth president of Howard Community College. She assumed office in January 2022, following a nationwide search process and a unanimous vote by the college's Board of Trustees. Dr. Willis is the first African American to lead the college in its history.
- Dr. Renee Burgess visited all seven schools in the district during the month of October to assess Priority #3 in our DEI Strategic Plan. The data collected from these visits will be shared and analyzed at the next DEI Task Force on November 6.
- In preparation for and in celebration of Native American Heritage Month in November, Casey Park Elementary School designed a beautiful "Meet the Native American in Me" display in its main entryway.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



Students and staff at Herman Avenue celebrated Unity Day and recognized Bullying Awareness month with an anti-bullying week in October. On Unity Day, Wednesday, October 18th, students wore orange to stand united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Music and Technology Share Center Stage at Seward Elementary



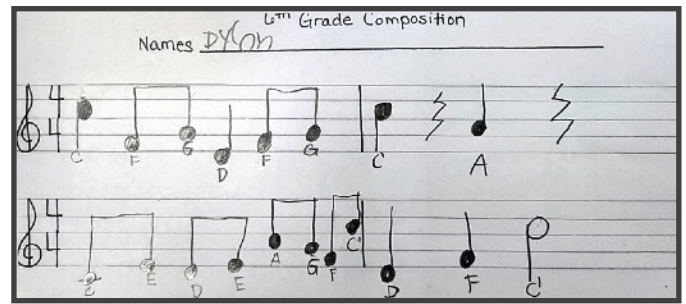
Sixth grade students at Seward Elementary School have been putting their musical knowledge to work and learning how to program the district's new Root Coding Robots in a collaborative project. The Root Coding Robots were purchased last year through an Auburn Education Foundation (AEF) Grant. Teachers were introduced to the new technology during

district provided teacher learning opportunities over the summer.

As an introduction to the robots, 6th grade students spent a music class in the library with Brianne Neabel, Seward's Librarian, learning how to program the robots; which are able to move in multiple directions, turn, light up, or play musical notes when given the proper commands in their programming language. It is the ability of the robots to play a tune that is at the heart of this collaborative project.

Mary Howard, Seward's General Music Teacher, worked with students to create an original composition in their online curriculum resource, Quaver, and then replicate their electronic compositions into hand-written sheet music.

As the finale to this collaborative project, students met in the library once more to program the Root Coding Robots with their original compositions and put on a robot recital for their peers.



...Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins.....Herman Ave Library Project.....



.....Can you guess what book each pumpkin is from?.....



Kindergarteners at Herman Ave enjoyed extra time outside and a chalk party in the sun as they celebrated having the highest attendance percentage for the month of September! #AttendanceMatters

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <i>November Artwork Bailey Morrisette Gr. 8</i>	October 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	1 AHS & AJHS School Picture Retake Day AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	2	3  Junior High Area All State	4  SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM Junior High Area All State
 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 AHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Girls 1-3PM Election Day	8 AHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Boys 1-3PM	9 Seward Fall Bash 5-7PM @ Seward Gym K-8 Marking Period 1 Ends	10  NO SCHOOL	11 Veterans Day
12 	13  Winter Tryouts: JV/Varsity Sports K-8 Marking Period 2 Begins American Education Week	14 Genesee PTP Mtg. 5:00PM <i>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</i> America Recycles Day	15	16  Family Engagement Night @ Herman Ave 5:30-7PM AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	17 12:00PM Half Day Early Release Elementary Junior High Report Cards AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	18 CCMEA Fall All County @ Auburn Gettysburg Address Anniversary AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater
19 National Native American Heritage Month	20 	21	22 NO SCHOOL	23  Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education	27  Beaver Moon	28	29  AHS Choral Concert 7:00pm @ AHS	30	 <i>Grateful</i>	December 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



Third grade students at Genesee have been learning about animal classification. With help from Ms. Calarco, a biology teacher at the high school, students were able to come to the library to practice classification using real animal specimens!

News from Genesee Elementary School



First grade students at Genesee completed their first PBL in the library. They read the traditional story of the Three Little Pigs. Then they used the engineering design process to create houses that the Big Bad Wolf (a hair dryer) could not blow down!

Victoria Calarco, Librarian, Genesee Elementary

Seymour Library

176 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY | 315-252-2571 | seymourlibrary.org



It is **Dino-Vember** at Seymour Library! Explore dinosaurs all month long with fun activities, storytimes, books, and more! Stop by the library in November and search the Family Space to complete a **Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt** and win a prize!

The library is also offering a fun geology-based STEAM program!



Exploring Geodes: Let's Get Cracking

Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00 pm

or Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 pm

In this STEAM program about crystals, build model molecules using toothpicks and marshmallows, and crack open your own geode to take home. This program is for ages 6 to 12, but all ages are welcome.

Registration is required. Please call 315-252-2571 to register for one of the dates.



Plus, we have a **new time** for our **Pokémon Club** – meet Miss Madi and her team on **Wednesday, November 8 at 4:00 pm**. We have lots of fun activities planned for our trainers, bring your own Pokémon Trading Cards or borrow some from the library! Designed for ages 7 and up, but all ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

And for our families on the go, Seymour Library offers a vast collection of books, graphic novels, games, DVDs, Discover! Kits, learning backpacks, playaways, museum passes, and more! You can also use your library card to access digital content on Hoopla, Kanopy, and Libby!

November Holiday Hours:

Seymour Library is **closing early on Wednesday, November 22 at 2:00 pm**, and will be **closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24**.

The Library will **reopen on Saturday, November 25 at 9:00 am**.

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

988

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](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>



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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Owasco: @auburn_owasco
Seward: @auburn_seward

#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



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 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.

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

- 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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All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates:

www.aecsd.education



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The New York State Office of Children and Family Services

We Make a Difference!