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In celebration of Unity Day, Herman Ave students joined together to create our school-wide Wings of Unity display — a powerful visual reminder that kindness, acceptance, and inclusion help us all soar higher. **Each student designed their own feather to contribute to the mural, symbolizing how every individual plays a part in lifting up our school community. The finished display is a beautiful reflection of what it means to stand united!**

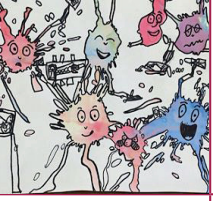


Students in Mr. Annal's STEM class at Herman Ave explored the science behind some frightfully fun experiments, using static electricity to make objects move, creating “monster balloons” that came to life, and brewing bubbling lava lamp potions through exciting chemical reactions. **It was a month full of curiosity, creativity, and just the right amount of Halloween magic!**



2nd graders at Seward Elementary have been learning about Ancient Greece and were able to taste some real olives and olive oil that they've been learning about.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	November Artwork L-R <i>Liana Flanigan, Owasco Gr. 2 Parker Smith, AJHS Gr. 8 Evan McCallister, AJHS Gr. 8</i>		October 2025 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 2025 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
 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 AEF Fall Grant Applications Due Winter Sport Tryouts: Mod. Girls Volleyball Modified Boys Basketball District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30 PM @ Tubman	3 Election Day	4 FULL Facilities Committee Mtg 4:00-5:00 PM @ Tubman Beaver Moon	5 AHS Drama Club Show 7 PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	6 K-8 Marking Period 1 Ends AHS Drama Club Show 7 PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	7 FIRST SAT Exam AHS 7:45 AM AHS Drama Club Show 7 PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater
9 	10 K-8 Marking Period 2 Begins	11  Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 AHS Sports Physicals Boys 1:00-3:00 PM	13 AHS Sports Physicals Girls 1:00-3:00 PM Herman Ave Parent Engagement Night 5:30-7:00 PM	14 12:00 PM Half Day Early Release Elementary Junior High Report Cards America Recycles Day	15
16 National Native American Heritage Month	17 Winter Tryouts: JV/V Winter Sports American Education Week	18 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00 PM	19  AHS Choral Concert 7:00 PM @ AHS	20 Owasco Parent Engagement Night 5:30-7:00 PM	21 CCMEA Fall All County @ Cato Zone 4 SH Area All-State @ Central Valley	22 CCMEA Fall All County @ Cato Zone 4 SH Area All-State @ Central Valley
23 30	24	25 Pajama Day Fundraiser at Genesee HS End Marking Period 2	26 NO SCHOOL	27  Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education

It's Fun to Stay at the Y.M.C.A. They have special memberships for students!



[BOCES Youth Memberships](#)

Any student at Auburn Enlarged City School District in grades K-12 can join the YMCA for only **\$6.50 per month** instead of the regular \$27 per month fee. Families that have two or more children in the district in grades K-12 can obtain a **family membership for only \$21.45 per month** instead of the normal \$89 per month fee. Families who face financial barriers to joining the Y are eligible to apply for financial assistance as well.

Steve Komanecky

Director of Health, Physical Education, & Athletics

You will find many ways to have a good time!

Auburn High School Clubs!

On October 3, SGO hosted a Club Fair in the Auburn High School gymnasium which allowed students from all grade levels to see opportunities to get more involved. Over 40 tables were set up and club representatives were eager to hand out flyers with information detailing each club's focus, meeting schedule, advisor and officer connections, as well as Google Classroom codes. The music was pumping all day as the Vanguard demonstrated their flag choreography, History Club played trivia and awarded prizes, and Technology Club demonstrated how their 3D printer works. Simple Roast cold brew attracted students to the SADD table where student representatives also distributed information about Unity Day. All of the language clubs were in attendance handing out flags and stickers along with information about different cultures. Fiber Arts Club featured representatives teaching students how to knit. Two new clubs, Pickleball and Book Club, both offered sign up interest sheets and each had over 100 student names by the end of the day! It was a great day for students to come together and learn how to get more involved in their school and community.



Ms. Langton's 2nd-grade class met with Casey Park's librarian, Ms. Pitman, to learn the beginnings of coding using Beebots. Students had to navigate the Beebots around the mats using their new coding skills!





Owasco Owls

At the start of the month, Owasco celebrated our Big Hoot Award recipients for September! These students were recognized for showing the character trait of respect. These Owls showed kindness, consideration, and thoughtful actions toward others.

We're so proud of our respectful Owls who set a positive example for our entire school community!



On October 10th, the 4th graders in Miss Minnoe's class teamed up with Ms. Calarco for an Escape Room activity at Genesee. Students solved puzzles that put their knowledge of nouns, verbs, and adjectives to the test. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to collaborate, think critically, and show off what they've learned. The activity was a fun and exciting way to reinforce their understanding of parts of speech!



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Children attending the **BTW on-site program at Seward Elementary School** are really excited about learning the art of crocheting! Pictured students Lily Cameron and Emma Axton are determined to crochet their way around different parts of the school.

Now that their crochet chains are taller than Mr. Stowell and higher than the slide they are ready for a new challenge - maybe around the whole playground? **Keep up the positive character traits of hard work and persistence Emma and Lily!**



Mrs. Osborne's second grade class at Genesee Elementary celebrated White Cane Day

White Cane Day raises awareness for people who are visually impaired and took place on October 15. Students took a class pledge to create a more inclusive environment for people with low vision, blindness, or other visual impairments. Students had the best time! In addition to the pledge, they got to participate in a variety of stations. They navigated an obstacle course blindfolded, played at a tactile center (using a tactile Rubik's Cube and tactile legos), they did math with braille math stickers, and learned how to write their names in braille. They even got to enjoy a white cane snack (pretzels dipped in white chocolate and decorated with Halloween sprinkles)! We pledge to see the abilities in everyone and make the world a little kinder every day.



Kindergarten STEM classes at Genesee visited our atrium (the inside/outside place) this week to explore the wonders of nature up close! The students were excited to see pumpkins growing on the vines and noticed tiny busy ants hard at work. They spotted a few grasshoppers hopping through the plants and even found evidence that a curious squirrel had taken a few nibbles from one of the pumpkins! It was an exciting adventure full of discoveries and learning about the living things around us.





Director Update: Pete Nowacki, NYSSBA Area 4

On September 23, 2025, I was honored to be able to award the Auburn School District the Champions of Change Award for their Music Production Space & Class.

A state-of-the-art music production room has opened at Auburn High School. Part of the space is a recording studio allowing students to record up to 16 different audio tracks simultaneously. The second part is a classroom with 16 desks. Each desk has its own computer and MIDI keyboard. Each computer is equipped with Pro Tools- the industry standard music recording software. This space also has three practice stations. "We have a full studio setup with high-quality equipment," teacher Shannon Stoddard said. "We have great quality microphones for vocal recording and all brand new instruments and equipment."

The room will be used by students in the new music production class being offered by the school. Students in the class will select an instrument to play - drums, bass, guitar, keyboard, or ukulele. They will then form bands with their fellow classmates and learn to cover songs as well as write their own. Students will then record, edit, and eventually publish their own music. "These classes are becoming more popular in the music education world," she said. "Some of the most successful artists we listen to start with limited home resources. What's so great about this class is that now we have a place in school for students with this type of inspiration from their favorite artists to create music. There are already students enrolled in this program who are proficient in songwriting and music production and who have started at home using other music creation programs. It is fascinating to see how they apply their self-taught skills to the full studio setup."



CLASSROOM GRANTS! DEADLINE NOV 3

Hello Educators!

Missed the deadline? No worries! Apply in spring and let's bring your innovative ideas to life for our Auburn students.

CELEBRATE AUBURN EXCELLENCE: HALL OF DISTINCTION NOMINATIONS



Know an accomplished Auburn graduate? **Nominate** them for next year's Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction **by Nov 20 at** auburneducationfoundation.org

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Auburn Education Foundation,
PO Box 592, Auburn, NY 13021



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Our Book Buddies program got off to a fantastic start, successfully hosting two sessions at both Genesee and Herman schools this month! A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers! Your time and dedication are making a real difference in fostering a love for reading.
- The entire district proudly wore orange on Wednesday, October 22nd, to celebrate Unity Day. This event served as a powerful reminder of our commitment to kindness, acceptance, and inclusion, and our collective effort to ensure a bully-free environment for all students and staff.
- Our Student United Way (SUW) members jumped into action on October 24th with their first personal care shopping trip of the season. After gathering essential hygiene items at Walmart, the students worked together to distribute them confidentially throughout the High School to support classmates in need.
- The DEI Task Force met on October 6th to continue the crucial work of updating the district's long-term DEI Strategic Plan.
- My Brother's Keeper Fellows recently connected with their mentors and began their Mastermind Book Study. This year, they will also be interning with the Booker T. Washington Community Center as part of their service project.

*Karen DiVietro,
Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction*

At Genesee Elementary, Mrs. Anderson's 1st grade students are learning about the human body and all body systems that work together to keep us healthy. Our students learned all about germs and how they can spread from person to person. To see this in action, they took part in a fun experiment using glitter to represent germs! They quickly discovered how easily "germs" can travel through touch and end up on surfaces and everyday items. Students also discussed how doctors and scientists research diseases and develop treatments to help people stay healthy. This hands-on activity helped students understand the importance of washing their hands regularly to stop the spread of germs and keep everyone healthy!



SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

(*Please note change in payment location)

**2nd installment due:
December 2, 2025**

**Last day the collector will accept taxes
is December 2, 2025**

**Questions about your bill?
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or e-mail:**

LisaCamardo@aecsd.education

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

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Lyons National Bank (LNB)
9 Dill St. & 311 Grant Ave, Auburn, NY
(Please include a telephone number on your check)**

**Address to mail payments:
AECSD Tax Collector
P.O. Box 193
Geneva, NY 14456
(Please include a telephone number on your check)**

Auburn Junior High School held its annual Pumpkin Contest/Giveaway sponsored by the PTO.



Staff/students who were interested decorated a pumpkin to enter into the contest. Each pumpkin was given to a random student who was selected. Also, the winning pumpkins were voted on by students/staff.

Staff Winner: Nicolena McCants - Dunkin' Donuts Pumpkin
Student Winners:

1st Place - Clown Pumpkin - Mr. Lepak's class

2nd Place - Snoopy Pumpkin - Joey Salvage

3rd Place - Popcorn Pumpkin - Ms. Grabowski's class

Congratulations to the students who did a great job.



Seymour Library

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

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

FOR TEENS

Slow-vember Art Challenge

Friday, November 7, 14, & 21 at 4:30 pm

Slow down this November and relax at the library with this drop-in craft event! Teens are invited to make a Book Nook over the course of three sessions. Get creative and make a miniature diorama designed to fit on your bookshelf. Pick a scene from your favorite book or create something straight out of your imagination. Participants do not need to attend all 3 sessions. Designed for teens (age 12+). Materials will be provided while supplies last.

Teen Zine Night

Friday, November 11 at 4:30 PM

Create your own mini-magazine, aka ZINE. Pick your own theme or design your Zine around the concept of Thankfulness. Why are you thankful this holiday season? Supplies will be provided. Designed for teens (age 12+).

No registration is required for any of these programs!

Busy schedule? Taking a road trip for the holidays? For our families on the go, Seymour Library offers a vast collection of books, graphic novels, games, DVDs, Discover Kits, learning backpacks, playaways, 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
Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 pm and
Wednesday, November 26 at 2 pm.

We will be closed on
Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28.
The Library will reopen on
Saturday, November 29, at 9 am.

Saturday STEAM: (Mini) Parade Balloon Challenge

Saturday, November 8 at 1 pm

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and/or Math at this monthly program. This month, listen to the book *Balloons Over Broadway: The Inspiring True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* by Melissa Sweet, then create your very own (mini) parade balloon! Designed for ages 6-12, but all ages are welcome.

Tales with Trevor

Wednesday, November 12 at 4 pm

Join us at this doggy storytime with a special guest, Trevor the library dog! Trevor is a patient and friendly dog who loves to be pet and enjoys a good story. Trevor loves for kids to read to him! Bring a favorite book from home or borrow a library book and practice reading aloud to Trevor.

LEGO Club: *The Gruffalo*

Monday, November 17 at 5 pm

Explore your creativity with stories and LEGO challenges during the library's LEGO Club! Accept our *The Gruffalo: Monster In Disguise Challenge*. Listen to the story, then design and build your own monster in disguise! The library will provide all the LEGO bricks. Designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome.

Pokémon Club

Wednesday, November 19, from 4 pm to 6 pm (drop in)

Meet fellow Pokémon trainers while discovering all things Pokémon! Each month, we will complete different Pokémon activities. Bring your own Pokémon Trading Cards, or borrow some from the library. Designed for ages 7 and up, but all ages are welcome!



The AHS & AJHS BTW after-school programs both begin on Monday, November 3, 2025. Bus rides home are at 5:30 pm. Please direct any questions to BTW at 315-253-3207



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Tip Sheet for Parents:**

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf



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GO MAROONS!

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



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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.

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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.



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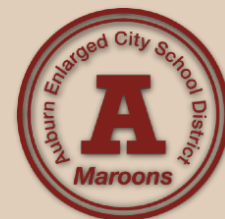
www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



Three students from Seward Elementary received art scholarships for the Schweinfurth Art Center!

Pictured, from left, Luna Jenkins and Douglas DeLong who attended the "Frightfully Fun Art Camp" where they created fall and Halloween-themed crafts using clay, pastels, and paint to get in the fall and Halloween spirit! Also pictured is Grace DeLong who attended the Teen Wheel Throwing class that covered the full process of making pots, utilizing a potter's wheel and learning about glazes. A big thank you to Julia Banfi, Program Director for the Schweinfurth Art Center, for making these opportunities available to Auburn students!



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Kindergarten students at Casey Park completed the Nursery Rhyme Olympics after they completed their unit about nursery rhymes. Some events they competed in were:

- Bah bah wool weight lift
- Jack be Nimble candlestick hurdles
- Little lamb long jump
- Humpty Dumpty egg and spoon race
- Little lamb write the room
- Twinkle twinkle little star number sequencing
- Hickory Dickory Dock matching rhymes

All the students had an amazing time participating in the Olympics!



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