



# the **MAROON** monthly

AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Dairy in the Classroom at Genesee Elementary School



Erin Humphrey, who works with Cornell's Cooperative Extension started Dairy in the Classroom (DITC) at Genesee! Erin kicked off the program by showing the many roles a farmer has. Students dressed up in the various jobs and learned all the different responsibilities. We are so excited for what's in store with DITC! Thanks, Erin!

*Miss Kastick's Kindergarten Class  
Genesee Elementary*



## Casey Park Students and Staff raised awareness for National Bullying Prevention Month



Everyone proudly wore "Be a BUDDY, Not a Bully" Bulldog bracelets and wore orange for Unity Day on October 16. Let's continue to spread kindness!

*Brianne Batis, Principal,  
Casey Park Elementary  
School*



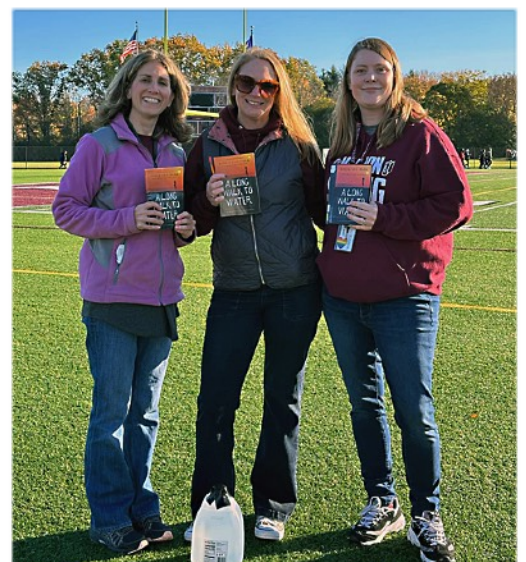


**AJHS  
IRON GIRAFFE  
WALK-A-THON  
FUNDRAISER**

On October 25, a bright and crisp Friday morning, 8th grade students and staff showed their global awareness by participating in the Iron Giraffe Walk-A-Thon at Holland Stadium. The students raised \$1,304 for the Iron Giraffe project, which helps provide fresh water to South Sudan. Students were given the option to carry water jugs to give them an idea of what people in South Sudan have to do on a daily basis in order to get water home.

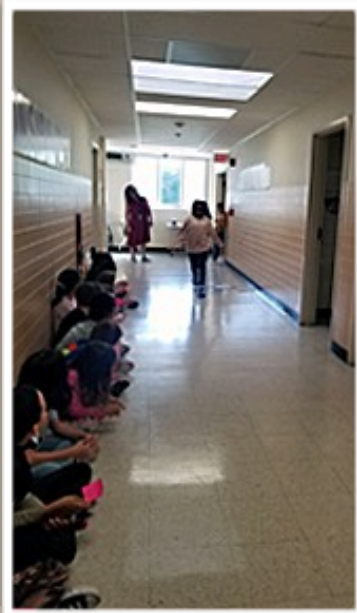
We had a goal set of \$1,000, but we made \$1,304 to help those in need. The turnout was awesome. The kids were excited and engaged. Congratulations to the students for showing excellent citizenship and for supporting a wonderful cause!

*Amanda Bova, Danielle O'Shea, Krista Becker, 8th Grade ELA Teachers*



### Third grade students did a fun Science Activity, "Are you faster than a dinosaur?"

Mrs. Cindy Yale, Math AIS Teacher, Casey Park



Kids chose one of four dinosaurs to see if they were faster. Each child was then asked to leap 8 steps down the hallway and place their sticky note where they stopped. Then dinosaur steps with string measuring the average length of that dinosaur's step were "leaped" down the hall. Each of the four dinosaurs' average steps was different.

However, not one 3rd grader went farther or faster than their dinosaur. They decided they could NOT outrun even 1 of the 4 dinosaurs.

### The 4th graders at Casey Park Elementary School took a field trip to the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse, NY.

The students were guided through the Museum, highlighting the important role the Erie Canal played in the development of our country. The tours focused on the history of the Erie Canal, the 1850 National Register Weighlock Building, the Frank Buchanan Thomson full size replica line boat, and educational galleries. The students also took an architectural walking tour of downtown Syracuse, which highlighted the buildings and industry that grew up around the canal. The students experienced first hand the evolution of Syracuse and the impact of the Erie Canal. As one student mentioned, "we were standing on a piece of history!"

Mrs. Monahan, 4th Grade Teacher



### Fire Safety Presentation at Herman

Fire Safety Presentations took place at Herman Ave. Students were treated to presentations by the Auburn Fire Department. They all listened intently and were able to explore the fire truck. A huge thank you to Auburn Fire Department for providing these valuable lessons to our students.



## NEWS from OWASCO Elementary School



### Cocoa with a Cop! PBIS Incentive

The Owasco Owls have a new PBIS incentive they can purchase with their Hoot Loot tickets - Cocoa with a Cop! For this incentive, students are invited to have hot cocoa with our SROs and SPOs. Officer Villano and Officer Fraher hosted groups of students, discussed what a job in law enforcement is like, and talked about safety. Great job, Owls!



### Owasco Authors

The theme for the 24-25 school year at Owasco is 'Owasco Authors.' All classrooms are focusing on building strong writing skills across all content areas. Students learn about the writing process and work during their whole-group class time and in their Extended Learning Time groups to publish writing pieces. Students are pictured here in Ms. Petrosino's third-grade class working hard on their writing skills.



### Owasco Hop-Skip-Jump-a-Thon

The OPT hosted the annual Hop-Skip-Jump-a-Thon, where students raised money for educational programming at Owasco. Students had a ball doing an obstacle course set up by our Specials Department at Owasco.




### Project Based Learning at Genesee

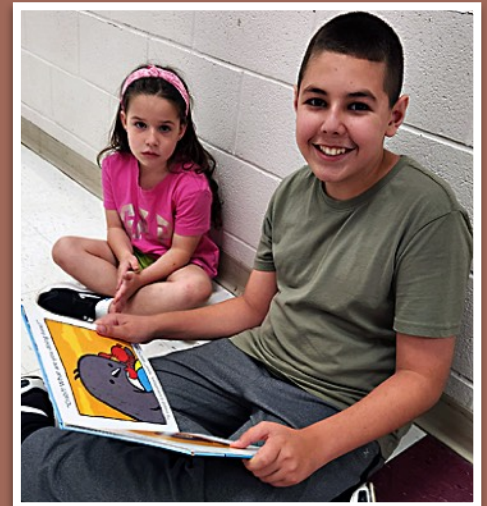
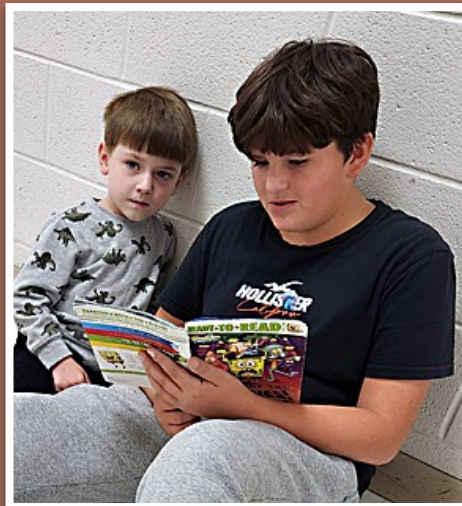
Mrs. Musso and Mrs. Barry's Kindergarten class worked with Ms. Calarco, the librarian, to help save the carrots from Jasper, the bunny! This Project Based Learning activity invited students to discuss problem solving, build with a variety of materials and practice teamwork.

First, they read a story called Creepy Carrots and talked about the problem in the story, what the characters did and how the story ended. Next, the students drew pictures of how they were going to save the carrots from Jasper. Lastly, they were able to use different materials and manipulatives to build their design!

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 November Artwork Left: Jack Longtin, CP Gr. 2 Right: Gertrude Pidlypchak Genesee Gr. 5		October 2024 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 2024 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 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Development Day	2  SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 <b>Winter Sport Tryouts:</b> Mod. Girls Volleyball Modified Boys Basketball District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman <b>Special BOE Mtg. 6PM</b> @ AHS Library	5 <b>Election Day</b>	6 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	7 Herman Ave Veterans Day Celebration	8  K-8 Marking Period 1 Ends	9  <b>Grateful</b>
10 	11  Veterans Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12 AHS Sports Physicals 1:00-3:00PM Genesee PTP Mtg. 5PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	13 AHS Sports Physicals 1:00-3:00PM	14 Family Engagement Night @ Herman Ave	15  12:00PM Half Day Early Release Elementary Junior High Report Cards America Recycles Day Beaver Moon	16  <b>Grateful</b>
17 National Native American Heritage Month	18 <b>Winter Sport Tryouts:</b> JV/Varsity Sports American Education Week	19	20 AHS Choral Concert 7:00pm @ AHS	21 Family Engagement Night @ Owasco 5:30-7:00PM AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	22  AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	23 AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater
24 For updated events please check the online calendar at our new website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	25	26  HS End Marking Period 2	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28  Thanksgiving Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30

**BUDDY READERS at Herman Avenue!** Sixth graders from Mr. Drogo's class have been coming to read to Mrs. Gremlí's Kindergarten students. The kindergarteners always look forward to buddy reading on Thursday afternoons!





### **Thank you for the Donations**

In October, Toni from Made with Love CNY donated a total of 130 hygiene boxes and 650 pairs of socks and underwear to Casey Park and Genesee Elementary Schools for our students.

Thank you to Nucor for your contributions to helping make this donation possible and to everyone who helped to assemble these boxes. Many students in both buildings will benefit from this generosity!

*Mrs. Batis & Mrs. Pineau,  
Principals of Casey Park & Genesee Elementary*

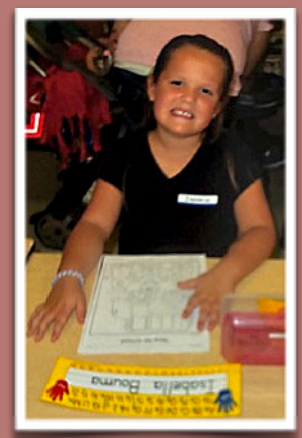


### **AHS Senior enjoys the Early Childhood Program at BOCES**

Colleen Miles' Third Grade class at Seward Elementary School is very excited to welcome Isabella Bouma, Auburn High School Senior and student in the Early Childhood Program at BOCES. Miss Bouma has already introduced students to Google Classroom, started a multiplication skill drill activity, and worked with small math enrichment groups! It will be exciting to see how far she can take the students this year.



Dr. Miles is especially happy to welcome Isabella back to her classroom for a second time - the first time was when Isabella was a first grade student in her classroom at Casey Park Elementary! Welcome Miss Bouma - we are so happy to have you work with us this year!



Genesee Elementary had its Family Engagement night in October. The 2nd annual Trunk or Treat was a huge success. Over 30 local agencies, organizations and businesses participated this year, giving out goodies to Genesee students and families. This year we were so excited to have over 200 students attend this event. Parents learned about our school writing and attendance goals for the year too! It was a wonderful night for our Genesee community.



**Students in Ms. Martens' third grade class at Genesee Elementary School painted pumpkins for the month of October!**

# Seymour Library

176 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY | 315-252-2571 | [seymourlibrary.org](http://seymourlibrary.org)

Visit [www.seymourlibrary.org](http://www.seymourlibrary.org) for updates on programming, events, and more!



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! There is no registration required for the following programs— including a “**dino-mite**” Family Fun Night!



## Family Fun Night: T-Rex Tea Party

Friday, November 15 from 4 to 6 pm

Celebrate DINO-vement with a T-Rex Tea Party! Enjoy a short dinosaur storytime, dinosaur-themed crafts and interactive games! Tea and snacks will be served.

## Drop-In STEAM

Friday, November 1 from 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesday, November 27 from 9 am to 1 pm

School's out, but there is educational fun to be had at the library! Drop in and explore all things STEAM! STEAM stations will be set up in the Family Space and will include Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math activities.

## LEGO Club: Dinosaur Building Challenge!

Monday, November 18 at 4 pm

Explore your creativity with LEGO challenges and games during the library's LEGO Club! Accept our *Dinosaur Building Challenge* and design your own creation from your imagination! The library will provide all the LEGO bricks. Designed for ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome.

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 27 at 2 pm**. We will be **closed on Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29**. The Library will **reopen on Saturday, November 30 at 9 am**.



## HERMAN AVENUE

### Jump Rope 2 Group

The team had a great time participating in the District Rope Jumping Contest that was held on Tuesday, October 15th at AHS.



Casey Park students turned the library into a storybook pumpkin patch!



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Our Book Buddies pilot program launched on October 1 at Genesee Elementary School.
- On October 16, AECSD celebrated Unity Day!
- On October 18, the district held its second Community Leaders Luncheon, where about 25 community leaders gathered to discuss organizational updates regarding DEI initiatives and the committee's foci moving forward.
- On October 16, members of the Student United Way met at the Walmart in Auburn to shop for hygiene distribution products to be decimated in various areas of Auburn Junior High School and Auburn High School. SUW members reconvened on October 30 to sort the products to place in each building.
- On October 30, students at Auburn High School met with Dr. Slavic to launch our first annual Student Advisory Group. Dr. Slavic, Dr. Burgess, and the students engaged in discussions around celebrating our successes, exploring areas for growth, and fostering a culture of collaboration and support.
- AECSD's My Brother's Keeper Community Action Plan with revisions was submitted to NYSED.
- 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 4. Schools continued to highlight and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage and National Bullying Awareness Months.

*Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director*



Fourth grade beginning band students from Genesee (pictured) and Owasco have been working hard to overcome their struggles of learning how to play an instrument and read music all at the same time! They are looking forward to seeing you at their concerts in December. Genesee: Tuesday, December 17 @ AJHS, 6:00 PM. Owasco: Wednesday, December 18 @ AHS, 6:00 PM. Come on out and support our beginning students and all of our returning fifth and sixth grade musicians.



## LIBRARY PROJECTS AT GENESEE ELEMENTARY

### SECOND GRADE SCRIBBLE BOT

2nd grade students at Genesee got into the Halloween Monster spirit by building scribble bots! During a visit to the library students read the book "Do Not Build a Frankenstein." Then they learned about simple circuitry in order to build their very own Frankenstein scribble bot!



### FOURTH GRADE ESCAPE ROOM

4th grade students have been learning about parts of speech in the classroom. They were challenged to demonstrate their knowledge by participating in a Breakout EDU game in the library. They had to solve puzzles and clues themed around parts of speech to break into the locked box to receive a prize! They showed PRIDE with their successful group work and their productive struggle!

### ART-I SHOW PRIDE LION COLLABORATION

Students in Ms. Corey's art class created PRIDE lions! Ms. Corey and Ms. Calarco collaborated to incorporate technology with their art. If you scan the QR code you will see the lion come to life so it can share how it shows PRIDE at Genesee.



### ODD ANIMALS

Kindergarten students at Genesee have been learning all about the SuperKids including Oswald! Oswald loves the letter O, he is creative and turns the letter O into odd animals. Kindergarteners created their own odd animals using 3d printing technology!

*Victoria Calarco, Librarian, Genesee Elementary*

## SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**2nd installment due:**

**December 2, 2024**

**Last day the collector will accept taxes  
is December 2, 2024**

**Questions about your bill?**

**Call 315-255-8836**

**or e-mail:**

**[LisaCamardo@aecsd.education](mailto:LisaCamardo@aecsd.education)**

**You can also look up your  
bill online at: [www.taxlookup.net](http://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**

**(Please include a telephone number on your check)**

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**<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/crisis/988.html>**



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Click below to read the  
**US Surgeon General's  
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[https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR\\_ECig\\_ParentTipSheet\\_508.pdf](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)

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## #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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

## GO MAROONS!

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

[www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)



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