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Drone Image of the Auburn High School Pep Rally on Friday, October 1, 2021, submitted by William Gilmore, AHS Technology Teacher.

UNITY DAY
OCT 20, 2021

**WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
TO PREVENT BULLYING
AND PROMOTE**

**kindness
acceptance
inclusion**

**#UNITYDAY2021
PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY**

UNITY DAY: Wednesday, October 20

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. The PBIS and Student Service Teams throughout the district are working together to promote October's National Bullying Prevention Month and recognizing kindness. We encourage everyone to wear orange on Wednesday, October 20th to celebrate Unity Day.

At Auburn Junior High School students will read Anti Bully/Kindness quotes on the Morning Announcements Show every day. During an extended homeroom the Brooks Gibbs video "How to handle squabbles and verbal insults" will be shown and discussed. Teachers will also review "10 Ways to be an Upstander, not a Bystander".

**"Make it Orange
and Make it End"**

Owasco's Portrait Gallery



After being outdoors all summer, students were out of the habit of wearing masks. Mask wearing takes practice and patience. Owasco's art teacher, Chelsea Hamilton, started a portrait gallery of students wearing masks safely and correctly (covering the mouth and nose). Through this portrait gallery, we have been able to admire the beauty of not only the masks, but the students and staff who are modeling them. We love celebrating this beauty, along with the safety and responsibility that the masks represent.

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!



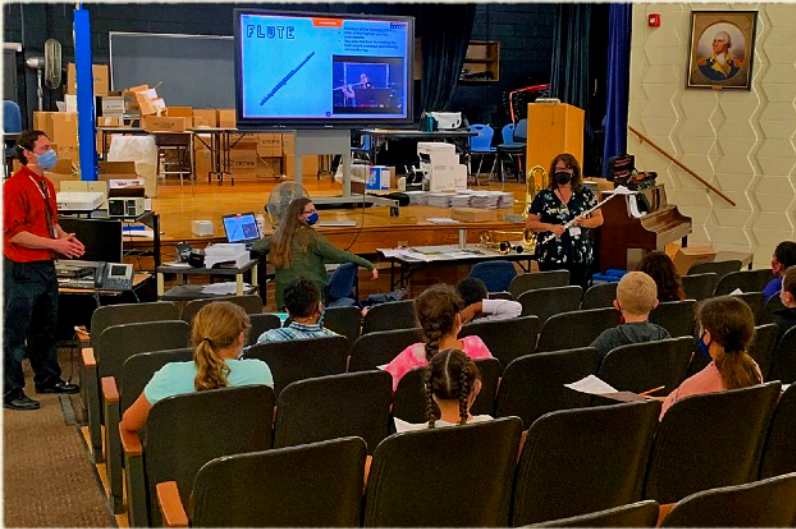
Mrs. Batis and Mrs. Garback from Casey Park welcomed students during New Student Orientation and Kindergarten Orientation on September 2nd. New students were able to complete a scavenger hunt outside and Kindergarten students had the opportunity to meet their teachers and support staff. Thank you to all families who joined us!

Seymour Library

Seymour Library is now FINE FREE!
Sign up for your Seymour Library Card today.
Visit us at 176-178 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY. To learn more, visit seymourlibrary.org or email us at seymourlibrary@seymourlib.org.
Phone: 315-252-2571

Seymour Library Hours:

Monday - 9 am to 7 pm
Tuesday - 9 am to 7 pm
Wednesday - 9 am to 7 pm
Thursday - 9 am to 6 pm
Friday - 9 am to 6 pm
Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm



CASEY PARK Band & Orchestra teachers, Mr. Stepien, Ms. Edlind, and Ms. Coughlin, held a district wide Parent Night at Casey Park Elementary School for families of students who are interested in playing an instrument this year and the turnout was fantastic! We look forward to hearing our students play throughout the year.

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

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:

www.anonymoualerts.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

BE PART OF THE MUSIC

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." - Plato

Your Child + Music = Success!

This is a math problem that's not hard to figure out. We all want our kids to experience success in school and in life, and a little music goes a long way toward achieving that goal!

Students involved in music:

- get higher grades
- score higher in math
- have higher test scores
- have higher graduation rates
- do better with foreign languages

Music does more than just make sounds, it changes the way young people think and behave. The skills your child will learn in music will help them be successful on the stage, in the classroom, and for the rest of their lives.

"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music." - Albert Einstein

The Be Part of the Music logo is used with permission by the Be Part of the Music project, an initiative to provide a comprehensive set of high-quality recruitment and retention tools for K-12 music teachers. The Part of the Music is a collaboration of industry partners, including:

EMOTIONAL

Music provides a creative outlet and a break from the routine and rigor of the traditional school day. Students in music are among the highest academic performers and still report less stress and tension than their non-musical counterparts.

70% Admissions officers of 70% of the nation's major universities have stated that high school credits and achievement in the arts are significant considerations for admission to their institutions.

30 The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.

107 The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT.

SOCIAL

Participating in musical groups promotes self confidence, team work, social skills, social networking, a sense of belonging, self discipline, a sense of accomplishment, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, mutual support, and friendships.

MUSIC HELPS TO ENSURE A LIFE-LONG SUCCESS

ACADEMIC

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas including language development, spatial-temporal skills, pattern recognition, critical thinking, and so much more.

66% Lewis Thomas, physicist and biologist, found that music majors comprise the highest percentage of accepted medical students (M.D.).

92% A 2006 Gallup Poll indicated that 92% percent of people who play an instrument say they were glad they learned to do so.

PERSONAL

Through music, students become better people, as they develop self discipline, confidence, commitment, responsibility, good decision making, and personal pride. They are able to do this with the support of peers in a safe and risk-free environment.

Students who participate in music have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO AHS MUSIC STUDENTS!

The Auburn Enlarged City School District Music Department would like to congratulate **Fiona Chisholm and Ella Boedicker**. Fiona was selected for participation in the 2021 All State Mixed Choir, and Ella was selected to participate as an alternate. These students were selected among the best singers from across the entire state after participating in the 2021 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo festival.

Students prepare a solo on their selected instrument in levels 1 through 6, with 6 being the most challenging. Both Fiona and Ella received a perfect score of 100, landing them this distinct honor. They should be very proud of this accomplishment. The Winter NYSSMA Conference will take place in Rochester beginning on December 2, and ending with a culminating concert on Sunday December 5.

Fiona is a Senior and you may remember her from her roles in past Auburn Musicals. She was Fiona in *Shrek* at Auburn Junior High, and at the high school she was Rapunzel in *Into the Woods*, Sophie in *Mamma Mia!*, and Lady Larken in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Fiona will pursue either Musical Theater or Vocal Performance in college.

Ella is also a Senior. She was seen in such roles as Pinocchio in *Shrek*, Lucinda in *Into the Woods*, Lisa in *Mamma Mia!*, and The Jester in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Ella is looking to pursue Theater with a concentration in Stage Managing in College.

Please join us in congratulating these two fine young musicians!



Fiona Chisholm



Ella Boedicker



ATTENTION:

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

Stay tuned for a new online fundraiser sponsored by Auburn Education Foundation in partnership with Wegmans.



EATS 'N TREATS FOR EDUCATION!

You will be eating and treating yourself galore if your name is drawn for any one of four amazing prizes. This can be done by donating to the Foundation and then having your name entered into a prize drawing. The more you donate, the better your chances are to win!

Grand Prize - \$500 Wegmans Gift Card &
\$500 Mirbeau Gift Card

1st Prize - \$500 worth of restaurant/business gift cards

2nd Prize - \$300 worth of restaurant/business gift cards

3rd Prize - \$200 worth of restaurant/business gift cards

\$10 for 1 chance

\$25 for 3 chances

\$50 for 10 chances

The last day for donations is October 31.

The drawing will take place on November 4th.



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This fundraiser will support both **AEF's Educator Grants Program** and the restaurants and businesses who for five years participated in our signature fundraiser, "Gobble and Go For Education".

For more information please visit our website:

auburnedfoundation.org

UPDATED! **SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION**

**1st installment due:
October 1, 2021**

**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:

**AECS D 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.

**GENESEE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES
\$3500 DONATION from FOX SUBARU**



**SUBARU
Loves Learning**

Genesee Elementary announced they received a \$3,500 donation from Fox Subaru to support teachers and students through a larger Subaru of America, Inc. (SOA) initiative called Subaru Loves Learning, a program to help further equity in education. Teaming up with philanthropic partner AdoptAClassroom.org, Genesee Elementary, and more than 600 schools across the country received funding to equip their classrooms with the resources necessary for students to learn and thrive in school. Nationally, this landmark partnership will benefit more than 114,000 students during the 2021-2022 school year.

As part of this initiative, which aims to help make learning accessible to as many children as possible, the Fox Subaru donation will help support more than 140 students at Genesee. Teachers will be able to purchase the supplies, materials, and tools their students need through the national non-profit, AdoptAClassroom.org. These vital classroom resources are intended to enhance education and help Auburn students learn and succeed in school.

"We are so excited to be adopted by Fox Subaru," said Sarah Passarello, Genesee Elementary Principal. "Our former principal, Heather Costello, made this connection for our teachers, and the teachers were at a loss for words when they found out about this great opportunity to help our students."



Inadequate classroom resources threaten the success of schools. In fact, according to AdoptAClassroom.org, 92 percent of classrooms have students whose families cannot afford to purchase any school supplies for their children. Research indicates that use of hands-on learning materials in the classroom has a direct and positive impact on student achievement and future success in school and in life. Through the partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org, Fox Subaru will help Auburn students secure the resources they deserve to succeed in school.

**Auburn Education
Foundation UPDATE**



**AEF Fall Grants are due
on Friday, October 15th!
Applications are on their
website:**

auburneducationfoundation.org



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- Genesee: @auburn_genesee**
- Herman: @auburn_herman**
- 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

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	September 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	November 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	For updated events please check the online calendar at our new website: www.aecsd.education		1 Varsity Football 6:30PM vs. Jamesville-Dewitt @Holland Stadium, (Homecoming Game)	2  SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
3	4 Fire Prevention Week Fire Prevention Program District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	5 NEW	6 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM Walk Your Child to School	7	8 Varsity Football 6:00PM @ West Genesee	9 
10 National Bullying Prevention Month	11  Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	12 FIRST Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	13 PSAT Exam @ AHS 8AM AJHS Title 1 Mtg. 5:00PM Parent Teacher Conferences AJHS 5:30-8:00PM	14	15 AEF Fall Grant Applications Due School Picture Day: Owasco Varsity Football vs. FM 6:30PM Holland Stadium	16
17 Crime Prevention Month	18 School Board Recognition Week	19 School Picture Day: Casey Park Herman	20 FULL UNITY Day - Wear Orange School Picture Day: Genesee Seward Harvest Moon	21 Financial Aid Presentation @ AHS Auditorium 5:30PM College Night @ AHS Gym 6-7:30PM Varsity Football 6:30PM @ E. Syracuse Minoa	22 HS End Marking Period 1	23 ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 (Drug Awareness)
24	25	26 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Girls 2:26 District Rope Jumping Contest @ Seward 3:30PM AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	27 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Boys 2:26PM 12:00 Noon Early Release Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM	28 LAST 12:00 Noon Early Release Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM	29 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day Varsity Football @ 6:30PM Holland Stadium Post-Season	30
31  Halloween						

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL



College Night at Auburn High School Thursday, October 21, 2021

- 5:30-6:00PM Financial Aid Workshop - AHS Auditorium
 - 6:15PM Room E215 Accessing Disability Service at the College Level
 - 6:00-7:30PM College Representatives available in the Gymnasium
 - 6:30-7:00PM Athletic Eligibility Workshop Room E209 with Steve Crosby
- Presented by Cayuga Counselor's Association*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This year, all students in Elementary Schools will be receiving additional instruction related to "Skills for Social and Academic Success," through the **Second Step** curriculum. The lessons will mostly be delivered by the new school counselors. "Home Link" activities may be sent home, so that families can see what was taught, and provide more follow-up at home to support!

Here are the unit topics that will be covered throughout the year:

- Unit 1: Skills for Learning**
- Unit 2: Empathy**
- Unit 3: Managing Emotions**
- Unit 4: Problem Solving**

In grade 6, communication and substance abuse prevention are woven in as well.

The first set of lessons will include concepts such as learning to listen, focusing attention, being respectful, using self-talk, and working in groups.

Looking forward to so much fun and learning!

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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 owner-occupied, 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 \$71,000 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 would recognize an estimated 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: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>



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