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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023-24

Left: Kindergarten students Dayjah Houston, Avaliese Cameron, and Ta'Leia Kennedy at Genesee Elementary.
Above: Students gather in the gym to celebrate at Seward Elementary.
Right: Evelyn Spooner, first day of First Grade at Seward Elementary.

SPIRIT WEEK AT AHS: SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!



Tuesday, October 10th: Adam Sandler Day

Wednesday, October 11th: Jersey Day

Thursday, October 12th: Senior Citizens vs. Babies Day

Friday, October 13th: Maroon & White Day

Homecoming Game vs Henninger, 6:30PM @ Holland Stadium

Saturday, October 14th Homecoming Dance 7-10PM @ AHS Gym



Seward Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser

We are so excited to bring back our Walk-a-thon this October. We are encouraging our students to bring one special person to walk with them. All money that is raised goes directly to our Activity Day. Last year (pictured) we raised over \$3500! Let's beat our goal!

October 6th is also "Walk to School Day." Walk on into the Hive for some cool swag and to cheer on your Stinger as we walk for FUN!

OWASCO First Day CELEBRATIONS! *by Elizabeth Molloy, Assistant Principal*



Owasco Elementary School had their PBIS Kick-Off assembly last Friday. During this outdoor assembly, students learned about the student of the month award, the Big Hoot. Each month, Owasco students will focus on one character trait to exemplify to be considered for the Big Hoot award. September's character trait is safety and students shared ideas on how they can show safety at school. Students also learned about Owasco's theme for this school year: being Goal Getters. Each student at Owasco will make a personalized learning goal to work toward during their ELA and Math small group instruction. The Owasco Owls are excited to work toward their goals and to be 'Big Hoots'!





First Day @ Herman Ave

Herman Avenue kicked off the school year with our PBIS celebration! Students and staff gathered out front to review SOAR expectations with Mrs. Garback and Mrs. Batis. Then everyone drew pictures and wrote positive messages with chalk and danced their way into a great school year! Throughout the day, classes continued the celebration with a bounce house obstacle course. We're looking forward to watching our students SOAR this year!

Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal



Herman Hawk 6th graders attended Conservation Days at Emerson Park.

They had many hands-on learning experiences throughout the field trip to enhance their knowledge about how others help to conserve natural resources! *Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal*

Genesee Elementary School



Genesee Elementary kicked off their PBIS program for the year with an assembly on the first Friday of September, which featured a special speaker, Mr. Ted Freeman.

Mr. Freeman is an Auburn native, who attended Mt. Carmel High School and went on to attend Villanova University on a football scholarship. He is an accomplished author, having two books published about his family's experiences in Auburn. Mr. Freeman spoke to Genesee students about the importance of getting a good education and remaining focused on their goals. Students learned that life is full of many struggles, but working through those struggles leads to great things. Mr. Freeman helped set the stage for a year of great learning and growth for the Genesee community.

MaryClaire Pineau, Assistant Principal,

Two Genesee Elementary School co-taught classrooms joined together in an effort to support literacy as well as make new friends with students outside their grade-level.



Miss Signor and Miss Carnicelli's sixth grade class invited Miss Westover and Mr. Wrixon's second grade class to their classroom to partner up and buddy read. Each sixth grade student was paired with a second grade student as they took turns reading to each other a variety of books ranging from picture books to non-fiction texts. Students showed their Genesee PRIDE as they dedicated their time to reading and sharing their new found knowledge with each other. The collaboration was a success and both grade levels are looking forward to working with each other in the future!

By Angela Carnicelli, Genesee Elementary School

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- Dr. Burgess presented to the Auburn Enlarged School District Board of Education on August 29. The presentation consisted of a review of the DEI Strategic Plan and action items for each priority.
- The district's DEI Task Force held its first meeting for the 23-24 school year on September 11. Returning and new members reviewed and discussed a rubric for Priority #3 and its goal within the DEI Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Burgess will attend the statewide DEI Leaders Network, which was created to allow individuals leading DEI efforts in school districts across New York State to build connections with each other and provide opportunities for collaboration. Virtual meetings will be held monthly, with some months focused on small group discussions with the New York State Education Department's DEI Leaders Advisory Group members.
- The Student United Way club met for its first meeting of the 23-24 school year on September 19 at Auburn High School.
- Dr. Burgess visited and spoke with Jeannette Oliver-Carr's Women's Studies class at Auburn High School on September 21.
- On Saturday, September 23, Dr. Burgess attended the International Underground Railroad event at the Equal Rights Heritage Center. High school students were recognized for participating in the Cayuga County Tourism Office Pride of Place campaign for living in Harriet Tubman's chosen hometown video.
- Genesee Elementary School celebrates National Lantix/Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15 to October 15. National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



Students and Staff at Casey Park stood together with unity and pride to celebrate the first day of school!

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**1st installment due:
October 2, 2023**

**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**

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 School Tax 1st Installment Due October Artwork Gianna Baier, Gr. 8	3 District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ AHS	4 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM Walk Your Child to School	5 Varsity Football Game @ West Genesee 6:00pm	6 LAST SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM	7 
8 	9  NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	10 Genesee PTP Mtg. 5:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	11 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Girls 1-3PM	12 AJHS Mod.Sports Physicals, Boys 1-3PM	13 Varsity Football 6:30PM vs. Henniger @Holland Stadium, (Homecoming Game)	14 NEW Homecoming Dance @ AHS 7:00PM
15 National Bullying Prevention Month	16 AEF Fall Grant Applications Due	17 School Picture Day: Casey Park Herman	18 PSAT Exam @ AHS 8AM UNITY Day - Wear Orange School Picture Day: Owasco	19 School Picture Day: Seward Financial Aid Presentation @ AHS Auditorium 5:30PM College Night @ AHS Gym 5:30-7:30PM	20 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day Varsity Football Game 6:30PM @ Whiteboro HS End Marking Period 1	21 FIRST AEF Gobble'n & Go Restaurant Crawl (Education Fundraiser) 1:00-5:00PM
22 Crime Prevention Month Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 (Drug Awareness)	23 School Board Recognition Week School Picture Day: Genesee HS Marking Period 2 Begins	24 District Rope Jumping Contest @Seward 3:30pm Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 6:00PM	25 Genesee Fall Family Night 4:40-6:30PM AHS Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	26 AHS Report Cards Varsity Football 6:30PM @ Holland Stadium (Senior Night)	27 FULL ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS Harvest Moon	28 
29	30 11:30AM Early Release Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM Modified Volleyball & Boys Basketball Tryouts	31 11:30AM Early Release Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM  Halloween	For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education			

GOBBLE 'N GO VI
Saturday, October 21, 2023
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

A Restaurant Crawl by Auburn Education Foundation
to benefit innovative grants created and designed by our teachers for our students.
Tickets: \$30 each (cash/check) at Business Office at Tubman Administration Building,
the Equal Rights Heritage Center, PayPal, or at www.auburnedfoundation.org



Maroons fall sports kick into high gear as football, cross country, cheerleading and other teams aim for sectionals.

Seymour Library

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

October at Seymour Library! Join us for fall at the library with books, programs, and more! Visit seymourlibrary.org for a complete list of events and programs! No registration is required for the following programs.



Wednesday, October 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Celebrate the season with an evening of spooky Halloween-themed crafts! Design your own graham cracker Haunted House, create a dancing skeleton, make a goofy pumpkin, and more! Crafts are designed for different ages, so families can pick which stations work best for them. Crafts will be available while supplies last.



Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 pm

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Jim Rienhardt, will present an update on the James Webb Space Telescope at Seymour Library. Explore images captured by the James Webb Telescope and learn about its operation. This presentation will include a JWST model and some giveaways. For adults & teens, but all ages are welcome.



Tuesday, October 31 from 5 to 7 pm

Make Seymour Library part of your Halloween plans! The library will be offering a fun trick-or-treat option for families. Take a stroll through the library & visit all of our Trick-or-Read stations. Collect a book, Pokémon cards, candy & more! While supplies last!



Wednesday, October 25

The Friends of Seymour Library's Fall Book Sale kicks off Wednesday, October 25. Start your holiday shopping early! **Fill a bag for \$5!** Bring your own grocery-sized bag, or buy a Seymour Library tote.

Mark your calendar for Seymour Library's Election! When: From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the library, 176-178 Genesee St., Auburn.

Visit seymourlibrary.org/about/budget-referendum-and-trustee-election/ to learn more about the trustee election & proposed 2024 budget!

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If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 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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#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

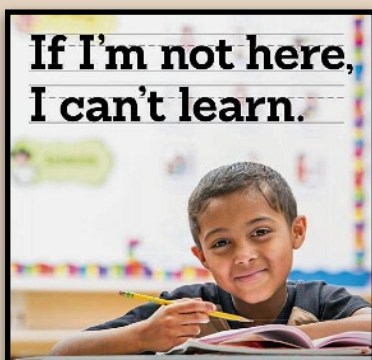


Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

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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1-800-342-3720 or visit: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>

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