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AJHS Debuts New Technology Suite

At Auburn Junior High School, the technology wing has been completely renovated. A newly designed Mac lab in the wing contains 26 iMacs that will be equipped by the IT department to run graphic intensive video editing software such as iMovie and other core applications. A new media room will be used for audio and video production, and it will include a bank of iMacs and video equipment that will capture student projects and allow students to review their projects on the iMacs or live on the display installed within. The entire video editing process can take place in this room with team members collaborating on the final project.

Also in the junior high's new technology wing, there is a PC/Robotics lab, which is a space that will be utilized by students working within the Project Lead the Way Gateway curriculum. When students are not working on the computer, the monitor, keyboard, and mouse can be stowed away, and the entire desk space becomes available to students for hands-on engineering projects such as robotics.

The new technology wing provides our junior high students with modern 21st Century learning environments that will help adequately prepare them with the critical skills they need to be successful.



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- Owasco: @auburn_owasco
- Seward: @auburn_seward



Varsity Football Games

Game Dates & Times:

- Saturday, October 7 @ Utica, 1:30 p.m.**
- Friday, October 13 @ Liverpool, 7:00 p.m.**
- October 20 & 27 @ TBA Playoff Games**
- Friday, November 3 @ Carrier Dome, (Section III Finals) 8:00 p.m.**

Constitution Day Celebration at Owasco



Mayor Quill and Kaela Sova

The fifth grade community celebrated Constitution Day on September 18, 2017. The students joyfully sang and presented interesting facts describing our United States Constitution. Our special guest Mayor Quill also enjoyed two instrument performances. In addition, a lively question and answer session helped round out an educational and engaging afternoon.

We were all impressed with the student lead program and their wonderful display of PBIS traits. Well done Owasco fifth graders!

*Jacquelyn Aversa, Grade 5 Teacher
Owasco Elementary School*

HATS for HURRICANES!

On Friday, September 29, 2017, the Owasco School Community came together and hosted a successful endeavor to assist the hurricane victims who live in multiple locations. The fifth grade Social Studies students created posters publicizing the event. Students and staff were able to wear a hat on Friday when they made a donation of any amount. Prior to the occasion the newly formed student council comprised of students in sixth and fifth grade visited each classroom describing the happenings.

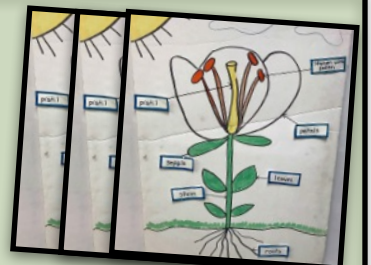


The results were prosperous! The Owasco community raised over \$600 which will be divided three ways. The donations will be sent to The Houston Food Bank, The Salvation Army in Florida and The Houston Humane Society. We tip our hats to the wonderful students and staff!

Jacquelyn Aversa, Grade 5 Teacher, Owasco Elementary



Fourth graders at Casey Park Elementary School had loads of fun dissecting and learning about various species of flowers in science class on September 25.



Holland Stadium Rededication Ceremony

The district held a ribbon-cutting and rededication ceremony for the newly renovated Holland Stadium on September 20. All members of the community were invited to attend and walk around the new turf field after the ceremony.

There were several speakers during the ceremony including Superintendent of Schools Jeff Pirozzolo, Auburn City Councilor and former Auburn School District Board Member Dia Carabajal, Cayuga County Sheriff David Gould, New York State Assemblyman Gary Finch, and author and entrepreneur Joe Holland, who is also the son of the stadium's namesake, Dr. Jerome H. "Brud" Holland.



Superintendent Jeff Pirozzolo thanked everyone involved in any stage of making the stadium renovations come to fruition, as well as everyone who came to the ribbon-cutting.

Councilor Carabajal spoke on behalf of Mayor Michael Quill and Auburn City Council Members. She reminisced about her past memories of Holland Stadium.

"I heard the laughter of my friends as we walked around this stadium in our Halloween costumes every year," Carabajal started.

Continuing on with additional memories of Holland Stadium such as the pop of the starter pistol at city-wide track meets and the boom of fireworks during the United States' Bicentennial celebration in 1976, community members cheered as they identified with these memories.



Photos courtesy of Steve Penstone



Joe Holland, son of diplomat and educator Dr. Jerome H. "Brud" Holland, spoke to students about the three V's: Vision, Valley, & Victory. He told them that they have to establish a vision and walk it through the valley in order to achieve victory, just like his father did.

"Brud" Holland, an Auburn native, was the first black football player at Cornell University, but he was not able to become a professional football player because of his race. That did not stop him from pursuing his dreams though. "Brud" went on to become a U.S. Ambassador to Sweden, a chairman of the American Red Cross, the first black person on the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange, and a recipient of the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Joe Holland cut the ribbon, and afterwards, all those in attendance were permitted on to the field to check it out.

The Auburn Enlarged City School District has been facing significant budget shortfalls year after year due to major flaws with the New York State Foundation Aid formula and its lack of funding.

Join the fight to eliminate the Income Wealth Index “floor” of .65 so ALL public schools can achieve equitable educational funding!

If the “floor” of .65 were eliminated, Auburn and 150 other school districts across the state would see a net benefit in the amount of Foundation Aid they receive.

#FixAndFundIt

Please help spread the message:

SEND!

Post cards addressed to Governor Cuomo are available at the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Avenue and the main offices of each school. A directory of NYS officials is available at: district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget

SIGN!

A petition requesting the Governor take immediate action to fix and fully fund the Foundation Aid formula for public schools is available to download at district.auburn.cnyric.org/Budget. Ask your family, friends, neighbors, and any other district resident you know to sign the petition.

SHARE!

Use our hashtag - #FixAndFundIt - on social media.



Our students deserve fair and equitable funding. They need everyone on board to spread this message. The more the governor and other lawmakers hear the message, the more likely they are to listen and act!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence. Find our more at:

www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out
#EveryStudentPresentAECSD
on social media.

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

**1st installment due:
October 2, 2017**

**2nd installment due:
December 5, 2017**

**Last day the collector will
accept taxes is:
December 5, 2017**

**Questions about your bill?
Call 315-255-8806
or e-mail:**

Sandra_VanGiesen@auburn.cnyric.org

**You can also look up your
bill online at:**

www.taxlookup.net

Seward Elementary School-Wide Community Café

On Tuesday, September 26, the school community at Seward Elementary paused from their daily routines to engage in discussion topics relevant to elementary level students by using a Community Café model. Students were organized in groups in their respective classrooms and teachers utilized a variety of engagement strategies in order to facilitate discussion among the students. The two prompts that the students discussed were:

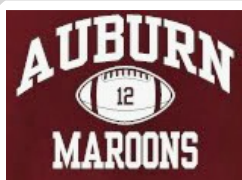
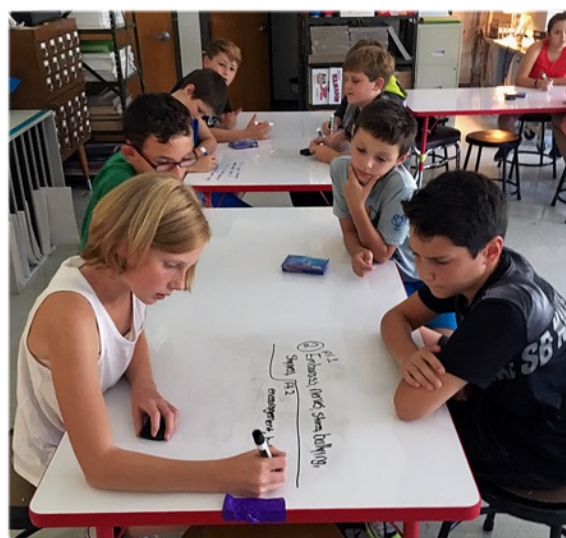
1. What does a successful student look like and do?
2. Asking for help can be a hard thing to do for many reasons. Why do you think it might be hard and how do you think we all can make it easier at Seward?

Some characteristics of a successful student that were identified by students were: taking care of library books; completing classwork and homework; tracking the speaker in the classroom; asking for help; being organized; and always trying your best.

When asked why asking for help can be a hard thing, students responded that they sometimes feel embarrassed; afraid of others' opinions; some kids have a hard time speaking; they might need help and are afraid to ask; and they might be new to Seward and still shy. Some ways that were identified to make it easier for students to ask questions are for teachers to enforce "there is no bad question" rule; ask a friend to ask the question; not laughing when classmates ask questions; and offering a friend help when they are stuck.

The Community Café lasted for approximately 20 minutes and many teachers shared the responses of their students that were, in turn, shared with the school community in between prompts and during announcements for the remainder of the week. The students showed a high level of engagement throughout the experience and contributed to rich discussions in every classroom!

The public is invited to attend our first of four Community Cafés planned for the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, October 11, with a light dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. and a discussion following from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Free childcare will be available. Please call 315-255-8600 by Tuesday, October 10 if you plan to attend.



The Varsity Football players read to Herman Ave Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 20. The experience provided opportunities for both the younger and older students. The Kindergarteners saw older students enjoying reading, and had an opportunity to talk with people they view as role models. The Varsity football players had the opportunity to serve as role models, provide community service, and practice the communication skills that help build relationships. It was an enjoyable afternoon with positive experiences for our students! The children, and the football players, loved it, and it was great for the Herman Ave community to see some of our students come back.

Christine Siddall, Kindergarten Teacher, Herman Avenue

AJHS Parent **“Reach Out”** Program

In an effort to openly correspond with Auburn Junior High School families district-wide, members of the AJHS staff will be reaching out to the elementary communities in order to communicate curriculum, assessment information and resources available at the junior high school. Families will learn and participate in English Language Arts and Math lessons introduced by AJHS ELA and math teachers in order to help support students at home. In addition, there will be a school counselor and building administrator available to communicate school-wide programs or to answer questions. **Dates, times and locations are:**

Genesee Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, October 19, 2017
Casey Park Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, December 14, 2017
Seward Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, February 15, 2018
Owasco Elementary School	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Thursday, April 19, 2018

How can I help my child at home with ELA and Math?

What's available for my child at school?



AJHS is looking forward to “Reaching Out” to our families! Food and refreshments will be available.

Genesee Elementary School



Above: Jenna and Skylar Hogan enjoy a “Popsicle with the Principal” at the school supply giveaway in August. The Genesee Parent Teacher Partnership provided over 300 popsicles for this event to meet Genesee’s new Principal, Amanda Simmons.



Above: Students in Mrs. Dietsche's 5th grade class show their Genesee PRIDE at our PBIS Kick Off Parade.



Left: School Board member Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson and the new Genesee Vice-Principal Deb Ratcliff greet students on the first day of school.

Submitted by Anne Mlod, Library Media Specialist Genesee Elementary School

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Maroon Vanguard Harvest of Sound 2:00PM @ Holland Stadium	2 District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman Seward Book Fair week 10/2-10/6	3 	4 Walk Your Child to School AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	5 Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM	6 ● FULL HALF DAY Staff Development Early Release: 11AM AHS & JHS 12PM Elementary	7 SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM Varsity Football @ Utica 1:30PM
8 Fire Prevention Week	9  Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	10 <i>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</i>	11 PSAT Exam @ AHS 8AM Casey Park CPTO Meeting 6:30PM	12 School Picture Day: Genesee	13 ● LAST Owasco Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser Varsity Football @ Liverpool 7:00PM	14
15  National Bullying Prevention Month	16 Seward PTA Mtg. 6:00PM OPT Meeting Owasco 6:30PM Library Boss's Day World Food Day	17 School Picture Day: Casey Park Herman Ave. Owasco	18 School Picture Day: Seward Herman PTO Mtg. 4:00PM Library Seward Community Cafe 5:00-7:00PM	19 ● NEW Genesee AJHS Parent Night 6:00-7:00PM College Night @ AHS 5:30PM Financial Aid Info 6-7:30 College Fair/Wkshop HS End Marking Period 1	20 NO SCHOOL <i>Staff Development Day</i>	21 GOBBLE 'N GO II 1:00-5:00PM auburnedfoundation.org
22 Crime Prevention Month	23  Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 (Drug Awareness) Casey Park Book Fair Week 10/23 - 10/27	24 United Nations Day <i>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</i>	25 AJHS Winter Sports Physicals, Boys 2:20PM District Rope Jumping Contest @ Seward 3:30PM Herman Soar Into Learning Night 5:30PM	26 AJHS Winter Sports Physicals, Girls 2:20PM AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	27	28 ● FIRST  ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS Make a Difference Day
29 Czech Heritage, Italian Heritage, and Polish American Heritage Month	30 Early Release 11AM Elementary Students for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM Winter Tryouts: Modified Volleyball	31 Early Release 11AM Elementary Students for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM Halloween 			September 2017 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 2017 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

GOBBLE 'N GO II

A restaurant crawl to benefit innovative grants created and designed by our teachers for our children
OCTOBER 21, 2017 1:00-5:00PM

Sponsored by: Refinery Modern Fare, The Citizen, Savannah Bank, J&J Limousine, Jacob's Press, and Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District

A.T. Walley & Co
The Copper Pig
Finger Lakes Art
Good Shepherd's Brewing
Laurie's Lil' Popcorn Shoppe
Mesa Grande
Moondog's Lounge
Moro's Table
Parker's Grille

Prison City Pub
Thirsty Pug
3 Leaf Tea
Underground Bottle Shop
Wild's Eats and Sweets
...with ending activities at:
Refinery Modern Fare at the Hilton Garden Inn

Tickets (cash/check) are \$25 each:
Auburn Downtown BID (128 Genesee St.)
Tickets by PayPal: auburnedfoundation.org



AEF supports an enriched learning environment for students of the Auburn Enlarged City School District through collaborations, gifts and grants.

Learn more about AEF, the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, Educator Grants, Scholarships, and Ways to Give at: <http://auburnedfoundation.org>.

In August, the Stanley W. Metcalf and D.E. French Foundations challenged AEF to raise \$20,000 by December 15, 2017, to receive a matching grant. Auburn Education Foundation is asking for your support to help us reach this goal. You can help by making a donation to:

Auburn Education Foundation,
78 Thornton Ave., PO Box 592,
Auburn, NY 13021

or via PayPal at: auburnedfoundation.org

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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 (315-255-4125). 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, 2017, with income not exceeding \$86,000.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$65,500 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,158 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2017-2018.



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