



# CASEY PARK UPDATE



February 2018

## Upcoming Events

Friday, February 9:  
Elementary Report Cards



Wednesday, February 14:  
District Cup Stacking Contest,  
3:30pm @ Seward



February 19 - 23:  
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

\*Building closed on Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day

Monday, February 26:  
Top Dog Assembly  
Merry-Go-Round performs for Grs. K-2



Monday, March 5:  
District Parent Council Mtg.  
6:30pm @ Harriet Tubman Admin. Bldg.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Greetings Casey Park Families,

We are one month closer to spring and warmer weather! We truly appreciate everyone making the effort to come to school and arrive on time during the winter months. We are continuing our *Strive for 95* campaign, aiming for 95% or higher monthly attendance. We experienced a significant increase in attendance rates between December and January but still fell just short of our 95% target. I have offered to host a Casey Park Game Day at the end of any month with greater than 95% attendance for the building.

Our PBIS initiative is in full swing. We are currently in the midst of a building-wide PAWS push. We are going out of our way to recognize the excellent behaviors displayed in our building every day. Students can use the PAWS they earn to claim incentives in their classrooms. Additionally, the grade level with the fewest behavioral referrals will earn extra recess time at the end of the month.

On an academic note, our students have completed their mid-year benchmark assessments at every grade level, and we are proud to observe the significant amount of growth exhibited by a vast majority of our students in both math and reading. Our teachers are working hard to plan a Reading Rally and STEM night for our students and their families this spring. These will be fun events with interactive presentations, games, guest speakers, displays of student work, and information about our curriculum. Be on the lookout for more specific dates and information to come.

Important safety reminders: PLEASE make sure you are using the crosswalk in front of the building when entering or leaving school and not crossing through the bus loop. Also, please be make sure we continue to be mindful and respectful of other people's property on our walks to and from school each day.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Garback



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# January Top Dogs

January's character trait was acceptance. Students were encouraged to go out of their way to recognize and value the diversity that exists between us all.



**Congratulations to all of our Top Dogs!**

# February Character Trait: Honesty

**Honesty** is being truthful in what you say and do. An honest person does not lie, cheat, or steal.

Display honesty by:

- Being accountable for your words and actions
- Being truthful
- Standing up for others
- Openly communication your thoughts and feelings



← Students from Mrs. Gutelius's class take movement and brain breaks between lessons by doing yoga.



→ Merry-Go-Round Playhouse performed Aesop's Fables for our second graders.



← Our school band performed the national anthem at one of our school-wide events.

→ Our students are preparing for the upcoming district-wide cup stacking competition by practicing in P.E. class, intramurals, and before school!



## Sound Unit

Ms. Blaisdell's and Mr. Finlon's classes have been learning about sound! They learned how matter vibrates to create sound and reviewed things like pitch and volume. They also learned about things that make and use sound, as well as how sound is another form of energy.

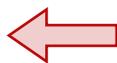


Ms. Blaisdell's Class



Mr. Finlon's Class

# Casey Park Playground



The City of Auburn revealed the new Casey Park Playground design at our January Top Dog Assembly. Students were so excited!



We need skilled and unskilled volunteers for Build Week!

## Volunteer shifts:

8am-12:00pm

12:30pm-4:00pm

4:30pm-7:30pm

Approximately 80 volunteers are needed per shift!

# Help Us Build a Community Playground

## at Casey Park

150 North Division St, Auburn, NY

### VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!

# BUILD WEEK

Tuesday, May 1 – Sunday, May 6

Volunteers can help with:

- Building and attaching playground parts
- Moving mulch
- Handing out refreshments, etc.

Food donations to feed volunteers are welcomed!



Interested or have questions? Contact the City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development at (315) 255-4115 or via email: [rjensen@auburnny.gov](mailto:rjensen@auburnny.gov)

# Casey Park Attendance Champs

**Gold Level - 0 Days Absent**

3 PAWS, 3 Raffle Tickets, Top Dog Bracelet,  
Choose your own lunch table

**Silver Level - 1 Day Absent**

2 PAWS, 2 Raffle Tickets, Top Dog Bracelet

**Bronze Level - 2 Days Absent**

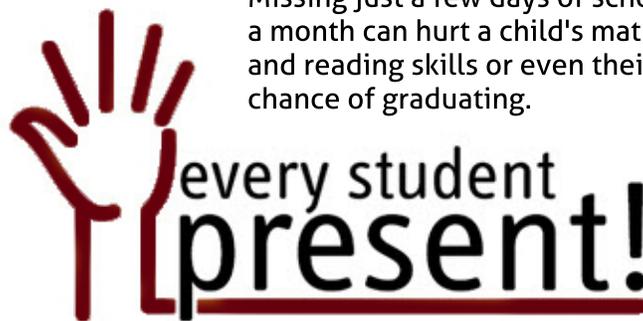
1 PAW, 1 Raffle Ticket

Attendance Champs are celebrated at our monthly PAW assemblies throughout the year. Ten raffle winners will be selected at each assembly, and the raffle winners will get to eat breakfast with Mrs. Garback and Mr. Zdanowski.

**We had a total of 452 students recognized at January's assembly for their attendance. This marks the most attendance champs in the program since it started this school year!**

# 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.



Bright futures begin with good school attendance

Please help us reduce chronic absence.

For more info, visit

[www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents).

#EveryStudentPresentAECSD

**When I miss school,  
my opportunities  
disappear...**

KEEP IT UP!

# VOTE for Auburn Junior High School

## VOTING EXTENDED!



AJHS could win a \$25,000 grant for new indoor and outdoor fitness equipment through a Project Fit America voting contest!

## VOTE DAILY! THROUGH FEB. 15

To vote, visit:  
[danimalsshopriteschoolcontest.young-america.com](http://danimalsshopriteschoolcontest.young-america.com)

Voting opens at 9 a.m. EST on January 5 and closes at 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2018. You can vote every single day, but you must be 13 years of age or older and a resident of CT, DE, MD, NJ, NY, or PA to vote. Limit one (1) vote per participant/email address per day.

For more information, visit:  
[ajhs.auburn.cnyric.org](http://ajhs.auburn.cnyric.org)

