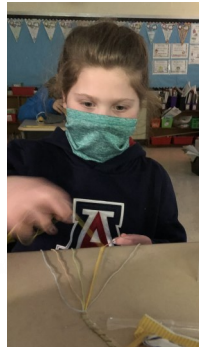
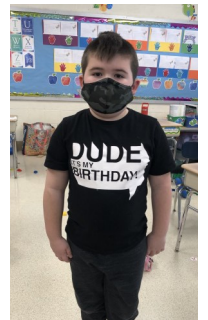
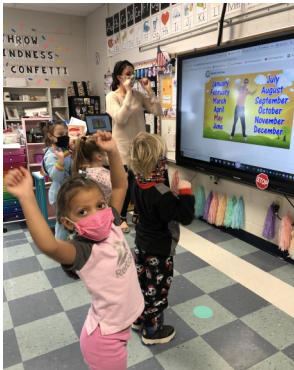


Owasco Owls Newsletter

January 2021 - 3rd Edition

PBIS School Wide Incentive

Kudos to our Owasco Owls! Our PBIS celebration to recognize students acts of respect, responsibility, safety, and kindness, was on January 27th and 28th. Children earned over 500 PBIS snowflakes! It was an “in school” snow day with winter activities, treats, and games. With limited instructional time with students this year, celebrations were short and did overlap with lunch and recess activities. But, the focus on PBIS is important as it promotes a positive school climate, safer learning environments, and trusting & respectful student-teacher relationships. Thank you to the Owasco Parent Teacher Organization for providing the treats and juice. The students were really happy to share some safe social time with one another and everyone liked the treats, of course.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is an opportunity for children to share acts of kindness or words of encouragement with one another as well as home. Children are allowed to bring Valentine cards to school by Monday February 8 or Tuesday February 9 at the latest. Out of an abundance of caution, the cards will sit “in quarantine” until the recipients can take them home on Wednesday or Thursday. Students will have store bought, individually wrapped treats at school as well. Homeroom teachers will distribute the necessary information.



Good Goals and Interesting Challenges for 2021!

One of our School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) goals is “to increase student participation in the 2020-2021 Math and ELA state assessments; an increase in the rate of participation by 20%-25% is expected.” This goal presents both a challenge and an opportunity for Owasco.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 requires that every state assess all students in English language arts and math each year in grades 3-8 each year. States must ensure that 95% of students in each public school participate yearly in required state assessments. The ESSA law allows educators to equitably use resources to close opportunity gaps and improve learning outcomes for all our students - that’s a good opportunity for students.

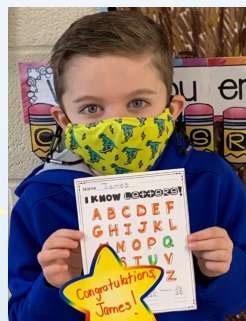
Math and ELA state assessments are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards and progressing in the skills and concepts taught in the classroom. We use the data to adjust their instruction and stay on track to meet benchmarks. Widespread participation yields data that allows us to identify gaps and provide support and resources to the students who need them - another good opportunity to support student learning.

The challenge for Owasco’s SCEP goal is that New York State did not administer the tests last year due to the pandemic and we are not sure whether it will take place this year either, so increasing participation may not be an option related to this goal. At the moment we are planning on giving the assessment in April, however if the NYS Department of Education makes changes to the assessment plan, we will share that updated information with you.

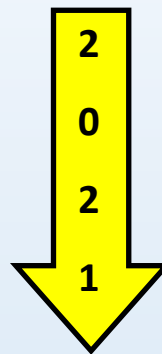
Another good thing related to this goal is that Owasco will foster school wide achievement by combining our PBIS initiatives with a “Show what you know” theme. We have started virtual morning announcements where all classes “tune in” to share important information from the day along with student accomplishments. We will also begin to add class news to our newsletter with a “show what you know” theme. Teachers participate in data discussions weekly to track student progress. We will do these activities regardless of NYS assessment plans. These are all good things!

Show What You Know!

Kindergarteners keep track of the letters they know.



Mr. Kennedy’s class leads the school in the Pledge of Allegiance on the morning announcements via Zoom. All classes “tune in” first thing in the morning and a recorded version is shared the following day for students learning remotely.



**The Knights of Columbus
Soup Kitchen**
47 Market St. Auburn NY
is serving take-out meals for
our community on these dates...
4pm - 6pm

2/2	3/16
2/9	3/23
2/16	3/30
2/23	4/6
3/2	4/13
3/9	4/20
	4/27



Join the Auburn Enlarged City School District "GooseChase!"

A "GooseChase" is a digital scavenger hunt where you compete against other people to complete "missions" by submitting either text, photo, or video answers. Each mission is assigned a point value, and you may be given bonus points for creativity!

All Auburn School District students and families are invited to participate in a GooseChase running from February 1st through February 21st. Over \$600 worth of prizes will be given out to the top point scorers from each school, as well as for most creative submissions for specific missions!

To participate in our game go to the GooseChase website:
<https://sites.google.com/aecsd.education/auburngoosechase>

There are fifteen missions to begin the game, and several more will be added each day through the end of the game, which is Sunday, February 21st at 3:00pm.

We hope you'll join our GooseChase and have fun, spend time with family, get outdoors, and learn something new!



AUBURN GooseChase

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