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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Dear Auburn Families,

I wanted to provide an update with the latest information regarding changes to the school closure period and continuing education at home.

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

#### **NYS School Closures Extended to April 15:**

On Friday, March 27, Gov. Cuomo announced that he has extended the statewide closure of schools until April 15. Executive Order 202.11 states that the waiver from 180-day requirements will also be extended, and districts are required to continue their plans for continuity of instruction, school meals, and childcare for essential workers every weekday through April 14.

Executive Order 202.11 indicates that we will need to continue to provide educational programming and food programs every weekday from now through April 14, including during the school's previously scheduled Spring Break, April 6-13.

It is also important to note that over the weekend, President Trump extended social distancing guidelines through the end of April. At this time, that does not have an impact on education in New York State. Gov. Cuomo and his administration will continue to assess whether statewide school closings should be extended beyond mid-April.

#### **Education Continuity Plan:**

Delivering educational programming outside of the classroom can be a very difficult task, and I commend all of you for doing what you can to help your children with their education during this time. I am so proud of what our teachers have been doing from home to educate and support your students throughout all of this as well. Below are some general reminders regarding what to have your students work on.

#### **Elementary Schools:**

Please continue working on review packets that were sent home, and encourage your students to engage in grade appropriate books.

#### **Junior High & High School:**

Please continue to have your students use the Chromebooks that were sent home to complete assignments the teachers prepared and log in and participate in their Google Classrooms.

#### **Social/Emotional Supports:**

Our school psychologists, social workers and counselors are available to provide support and assistance during regular school hours. Please visit the Student Services Department page of our website for more information on resources available.

#### **Meal Program:**

FREE grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches are available for ALL Auburn Enlarged City School District students from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Casey Park Elementary, Genesee Elementary, and Auburn Junior High School. Students are given multiple meals to get through to next distribution day.

I am so proud of everyone in our community for working together to get through these unprecedented times. Our teachers and staff miss our students terribly, and we are looking forward to opening our schools back up as soon as we are able. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact teachers, principals, or administration if your student needs anything.

Stay healthy,

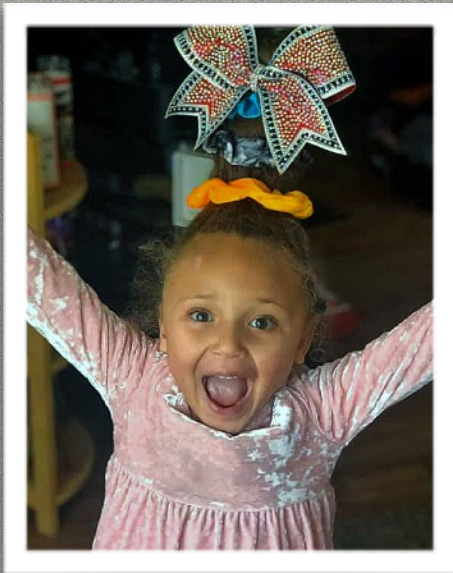
Jeff Pirozzolo,  
Superintendent of Schools



**EVERYONE COUNTS!** The U.S. Census 2020 is happening now, and the 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that our community will receive for programs and services that are critical for our students. For more information, please visit our U.S. Census 2020 page on our website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)

**We Make a Difference!**

## Seward Virtual Spirit Week



The school closures in the month of March meant some event changes for our schools. At Seward Elementary, there was a spring spirit week planned for the week of March 16. In an effort to provide some sense of normalcy to the school community, while also keeping in touch with one another, the school hosted a virtual spirit week the following week instead. Each day of the week had a different theme.

Students, staff and families shared these photos to a Padlet on Padlet.com and/or to a closed Facebook group. Padlet is an online virtual "bulletin" board, where students and teachers can collaborate, reflect, share links and pictures, in a secure location. The Padlet below reflects photos from all of the days with the exception of our Dance Party Day in which videos were shared on the Facebook group only.

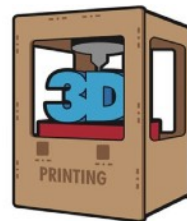
*By Amy Mahunik, Principal, Seward Elementary*



The link to the Padlet is: <https://padlet.com/amymahunik/fb02p1mubgjb>



### 3D Printers were built by Auburn Teachers and Librarians at BOCES



All seven of Auburn's schools had teacher and librarian partners building the printers and learning how to use them. Pictured is Genesee 2nd grade teacher Missy Picciano and Genesee librarian Anne Mlod putting together

Genesee's 3D printer which will be in their school for use by students and teachers. The workshop was held the first week of March and was led by Tony Abbatiello, Director of Instructional Support Services at BOCES, and Tracy Fleming, retired educator and volunteer with the ARISE Adaptive Design Program.

## Handwashing: Keeping Your Family Healthy

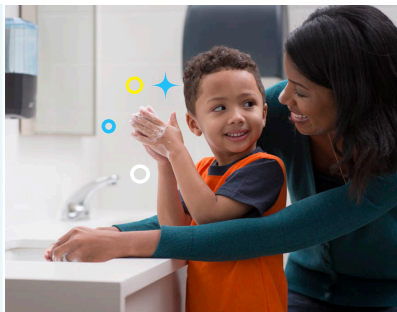
Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

### Help your child develop handwashing skills

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids the [five easy steps for handwashing](#)—wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry—and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

### Lead by example

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.



LIFE IS BETTER WITH

**CLEAN HANDS**

[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



Handwashing can prevent

**1 in 3**  
cases of diarrhea



**1 in 5**  
respiratory infections,  
such as a cold or the flu



### Give frequent reminders

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

### What if soap and water aren't available?

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol.

### Did you know?

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.



Remember to make handwashing a healthy habit at home, school, and at play!

# 125 Things to Do With Kids During Coronavirus Pandemic and Social Distancing

<https://parade.com/1009774/stephanieosmanski/things-to-do-with-kids-during-coronavirus-quarantine/>

Here is a selection from the above link:

- **Set up a treasure hunt**  
Hide anywhere from 10 to 20 items around the house
- **Watch the beluga whales at the Georgia Aquarium**  
There's a whale webcam at the [Georgia Aquarium](#)
- **E-visit the Louvre**  
Transport yourself to Paris, France - tour of the [Louvre](#)
- **Bake together**  
Baking is a great lesson in measuring ingredients
- **Watch the Cincinnati Zoo livestream Animals**  
Watch animals on their [Facebook](#) page daily at 3:00PM
- **Film TikToks**  
It's a perfect time to choreograph and film [TikToks](#)
- **Take a trip to Yellowstone National Park**  
Virtually visit the Mud Volcano, Mammoth Hot Springs, and so much more with a digital field trip to [Yellowstone](#)
- **Keep to a schedule**  
Schools may be closed but one way to keep things running efficiently at home is to stick to a [schedule](#)
- **Take a Trip to the Boston Children's Museum**  
Virtually visit the [Boston Children's Museum](#)
- **Check out Mars**  
Explore the surface of [Mars](#) with this digital 360° camera
- **Listen to Josh Gad's story readings on Twitter**  
The voice of Olaf has been broadcasting readings of different kids' stories on [Twitter](#)
- **Play cards**  
Rummy, War, Go Fish, Solitaire, Uno, Old Maid...
- **Break out the board games**  
Scrabble, Monopoly, Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders...
- **Put a puzzle together**  
Break out the jigsaw puzzle!
- **Listen to Stuff You Should Know**  
[Stuff You Should Know](#) is a podcast for kids

# AUBURN ATHLETICS ... Winter 2019-20 Team Summary



**Girls Basketball:** The team finished the season with a league record of 7-5, and an overall record of 8-12, to earn 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SCAC Empire Division and qualify for the Section III tournament. Seeded seventh in the Class AA Section III tournament the team earned a first-round bye. Auburn traveled to Cicero-North Syracuse, a team ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in NYS during the season, and lost in the quarter final game. SCAC Empire Division honors earned were as follows: Doray DiLallo - 1<sup>st</sup> team; Marlee Solomon - 2<sup>nd</sup> team; and Emma Nolan - Honorable Mention.



Photo by John Miller



**Boys Basketball:** The team finished the season with a league record of 9-5, and an overall record of 13-7, to earn 5<sup>th</sup> place in the SCAC Empire Division and qualify for the Section III tournament. Seeded fifth in the Class AA Section III tournament, the team earned a first-round bye. Auburn traveled to Baldwinsville, a team ranked 29<sup>th</sup> in NYS during the season, and lost in the quarter final game. Jay Baranick and Troy Churney earned second team SCAC all-league honors.



**Ice Hockey:** Auburn finished the season with an overall record of 6-10-4 and a league record of 2-8-2. The team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place in regular season league play. All league honorable mention honors went to Ross Burgmaster, RJ Szakalski, Austin Black, and Ty Hylwa. The team also qualified to earn the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award.



**Boys Swimming:** The Auburn Boys Varsity Swim team finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall in Sectionals with a league record of 1-6 and an overall record of 1-8. The following students participated in sectionals at Nottingham High School on February 13<sup>th</sup>: Joshua Whiting, Connor McMillan, Jefferson Vitale, Ethan Hickman, Matt Whiting, Mike Villano, Colin Ringwood, Elliott Hickman, Jakob Remauro, Riley Fitzgerald, and Michael Keogan. Team captains were Joshua Whiting and Matt Whiting.



**Indoor Track:** The SCAC Indoor Track league championship was held on January 30 and several Auburn athletes qualified to compete in the Section III Championship tournament on February 8. Those athletes were: Rhian Crowley (Weight Throw), Dave Oughterson (300 meter dash), and Jimmy Vasile (1600 Meter Run). Jimmy Vasile also earned the right to compete in the Section III State Qualifier Tournament held at OCC on February 25.



Photos by John Miller



**Girls/Boys Bowling:** The girls team finished 11-1 in league and 15-2 overall, tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Empire Division and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Section III Tournament. The boys team finished 7-5 in league and 8-9 overall, and placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the Section III Tournament. Kaylee Hodson had the highest average in the SCAC and earned State All Star Team honors. Hodson qualified to participate in the NYSPHSAA State Championship, but unfortunately the Championship was canceled this year.



**Wrestling:** The team finished with a 3-3 league record, and an overall record of 5-3, to earn 5<sup>th</sup> place in the SCAC Empire Division. Individually 7 of the 9 wrestlers that competed at the Class AA tournament, hosted in Auburn, placed in the top 6 and qualified for Sectionals. They included: Christian Hogan (4<sup>th</sup>), Bradley Boyhan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Keyshin Cooper (1<sup>st</sup>), Ryan Fedigan (4<sup>th</sup>), Lucas Hogan (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jamyr Grimes (6<sup>th</sup>), and Luca Pirozzolo (1<sup>st</sup>). At the Section III Tournament Lucas Hogan placed 5<sup>th</sup> and ended his career with 97 wins; Luca Pirozzolo and Keyshin Cooper both earned titles as Section III Champions and qualified for the State Tournament in Albany. Keyshin Cooper placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the State meet and ended his career with an 84-13 record. This was Pirozzolo's second trip to the NYSPHSAA Tournament where he went 2 and 2 this year, and Cooper finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall in NYS in the 220 lb. Division I bracket. During the 2020-21 season Luca Pirozzolo surpassed Ryan Gadsby for the career school record in wins, and he will be back next year to defend his two sectional titles.

# Auburn Junior High Musical: Matilda



Audrey Carr recognizes the pit musicians and fellow cast mates before closing the show with a reprise of "When I Grow Up."



Madelyn Titus as Trunchbull terrorizes the children by threatening to put them in the Chokey!



Lily Nila (as the loveable Miss Honey) celebrates with the students after the song "Bruce."



Sean Boothman, Berkley Brown and Emily Neuman take their bows on scooters!



The school children celebrate with Bruce (Nicholas Trumbull) after Matilda uses her powers and defeats the Trunchbull. Lavender (Emily Neuman), Hortensia (Berkley Brown), Amanda (Alex Vitale), Bruce (Nicholas Trumbull), Nigel (Carter DeRosa), Tommy (Sean Boothman), Alice (Josephine Janas) and Eric (Dominick Currier) rejoice by singing "Revoltin' Children."

*Photos by Mindy DeRosa*



The self-absorbed and cruel Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood (Jack Hoadley and Emerson Brown) pay no attention to their daughter Matilda (Audrey Carr) and can't wait to ship her off to Trunchbull's miserable school.



Audrey Carr as Matilda sings Quiet as she realizes she has special powers that will help her stick up to Trunchbull for herself, her friends and Miss Honey.

*Pictures presented are in honor of the cast of Matilda. They had only one night to shine and were devastated that the show was canceled due to COVID-19. Thank you to the staff who were involved with the production: Bill Tenity (Director), Sally Reutlinger (Producer/costume design), Kristan Sheppard (Musical Director), Kelly Sue Haines (Assistant Director) and Alyssa Carris (choreographer).*



Entire cast after dress rehearsal

## Kindergarten Registration



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - PART II

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2020?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD?

Yes? Then you and your soon-to-be Kindergartener are ready for the next step in the registration process – a visit to your child’s new school! See below for the dates and times scheduled for your neighborhood elementary school!

**Monday May 11, 2020**

#### Genesee Elementary

244 Genesee Street (315) 255-8678

**Tuesday May 12, 2020**

#### Casey Park Elementary

101 Pulaski Street (315) 255-8798

**Wednesday May 13, 2020**

#### Herman Avenue Elementary

2 North Herman Avenue (315) 255-8718

**Thursday May 14, 2020**

#### Seward Elementary

52 Metcalf Drive (315) 255-8638

**Friday May 15, 2020**

#### Owasco Elementary

66 Letchworth Street (315) 255-8721



**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**If your child's last name begins with A - L**



**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**If your child's last name begins with M - Z**

#### Questions?

Please call the applicable elementary school for more information.



## PreSchool Open Enrollment Now Open!

### Accepting Registration Packets for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our District, and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1, 2020, and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) is below, and contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK, and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcomed and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your registration packet. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program *	Full/Half Day*	Contact
Cayuga Community College – 81 Wall St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES – 1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency - 89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center – 1110 Corporate Dr.	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – 6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA – 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

*\*Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2020-2021 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above, at all Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education).

Registration packets are available for pick up or download.

**Need more information about the 2020-2021 Universal Pre-Kindergarten?**  
**Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**



# #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](http://fixandfundit.org)**

# April 2020

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<p><b>5</b> National Library Week School Library Month</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> FULL <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Pink Moon World Health Day</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Passover Begins at Sunset</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Good Friday</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>																																																																																											
<p><b>12</b> Easter Sunday</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> LAST <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Board of Education Mtg. 7:00PM via ZOOM <a href="https://zoom.us/j/404064339">@https://zoom.us/j/404064339</a></p>	<p><b>15</b> Tax Day</p>	<p><b>16</b> Passover Ends</p>	<p><b>17</b> JHS Report Cards</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>																																																																																											
<p><b>19</b> National Volunteer Week</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> NYSSMA Majors @ AHS</p>	<p><b>22</b> NEW Administrative Professional's Day Board of Education Mtg. 7:00PM via ZOOM <a href="https://zoom.us/j/404064339">@https://zoom.us/j/404064339</a> NYSSMA Majors @ AHS</p>	<p><b>23</b> Take Your Child to Work Day AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater NYSSMA Majors @ AHS</p>	<p><b>24</b> Elementary Report Cards AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater National Arbor Day</p>	<p><b>25</b> AHS Drama Club Show 7:00PM @ Auburn Public Theater</p>																																																																																											
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## Physical Education Department News



The Central North Zone (CNZ) of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD) held its annual Awards Dinner at the Vernon Downs Hotel on Thursday, March 5. John Oliver received the Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award and Nicholas Dec, a 2019 Auburn Alum majoring in Physical Education at SUNY Cortland, received the Future Professional Honorarium Award. Auburn Physical Education Teacher, Shelly Connors, is a CNZ past-president and will assume NYS AHPERD President-Elect duties next year. Dr. Tamela Ray is a member of the CNZ Board of Directors and serves as the Past-President of NYS AHPERD. Auburn was in the HOUSE!

Left to Right: Shelly Connors, John Oliver, Nicholas Dec, Tamela Ray



## New Central Registration Center for New Students

Effective immediately, the Auburn Enlarged City School District will begin registering new students at its Central Registration office, located in the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Ave.

Any new families that have moved into the school district and need to register their children for any grade level, Pre-K through 12th grade, may do so at the new Central Registration office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

“Having a Central Registration office should make the registration process much easier for families moving into the district, and we are excited to provide this customer service,” said Camille Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.



### ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)

### Follow us on Twitter!



- District: @AuburnECSD
- AHS: @auburn\_ahs
- AJHS: @auburn\_jrhigh
- Casey: @auburn\_casey
- Genesee: @auburn\_genesee
- Herman: @auburn\_herman
- Owasco: @auburn\_owasco
- Seward: @auburn\_seward

### 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](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm) whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.



For more information, please contact Tina Brechue  
AECSD Central Registration  
Pre-K through 12th grade  
(315) 255-8825  
[TinaBrechue@aecsd.education](mailto:TinaBrechue@aecsd.education)

### 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 out more at:

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

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



### 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.

## Visiting Author Jeff Mack Event



*Genesee students Riheem Pitts, Johntae Smith, Joshua Martin and DannyLynn Thurston stand behind the comics they created.*

Visiting author and illustrator Jeff Mack spoke to over two hundred students, parents and community members on Thursday, March 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Jeff's message was "Success in writing and illustrating comes from practice, determination and staying true to what you love to do." He emphasized the importance of being persistent, learning from mistakes and growing as a result. This evening presentation was part of his week-long visit to Auburn (March 9-13) where he spent a day at each of our elementary schools and presented to all of our students.

Students from all five elementary schools were recognized for their Jeff Mack-inspired "Comic Creations" at this event organized by Auburn Elementary Librarians Penny Pitman (Casey), Anne Mlod (Genesee), Michelle Crosby (Herman), Christina Lupo (Owasco) and Beth Cuddy (Seward). The Hilton Garden Inn supported the event with a donation of their ballroom.



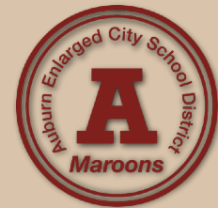
*Jeff Mack presenting at Seward Elementary School*



## GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNERS

FREE Grab-N-Go breakfasts and lunches are available for ALL Auburn Enlarged City School District students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30AM to 1:00PM at Casey Park, Genesee, and Auburn Junior High school.

FREE GRAB-N-GO dinners are available for all AECSD students weekdays from 4:00 to 6:00PM at the Booker T. Washington Community Center.



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