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Four Auburn Teachers Selected for Noyce Master Teaching Fellowship Program

Four Auburn teachers have been selected to take part in the Noyce Master Teaching Fellowship program through the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. Owasco Elementary librarian Victoria Calarco, high school science teachers Christina Calarco and Patrick Crawford, and high school math teacher Kelley Horbal were all chosen to be a part of this prestigious program.



L to R: Victoria Calarco, Kelley Horbal, Christina Calarco, Patrick Crawford

The Noyce Master Teaching Fellowship program is a 5-year program designed to serve 20 K-12 mathematics and science teachers. Selected Fellows will engage in a combination of post-Master's coursework and mentored practice to increase their knowledge and skills in digitally rich STEM content, pedagogy, assessments, leadership, and professional development so they can serve as models, professional development providers and instructional leaders for their district within a context of digitally rich teaching and learning in math and science.

During the first two years of the program, the fellows will focus on STEM learning in teaching; then in the third year, the focus moves to STEM coaching. In year four, the focus is on STEM professional learning, and the program rounds out year five with focusing on STEM and reform efforts.

"We are honored to have such talented teachers," said Jeff Pirozzolo, Superintendent of Schools. "These four in particular work extremely hard, and we are proud to have them in our district."

Congratulations, Fellows!

The New Smoking Culture in Youth

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00-8:30 PM

Auburn Junior High
School Auditorium

Free and open to the public!



This backpack contains cancer-causing, toxic chemicals and high levels of nicotine. Learn more about the health impacts of vaping and e-cigarettes.

Presented by Guest Speaker
Dr. C. Beth Gero, Certified
Tobacco Treatment Specialist

Sponsored by the Cayuga
County Health Department

315-253-1560 for information

#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

On behalf of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Genesee Elementary School would like to thank all volunteers and donating sources for supporting our annual Fill-A-Belly Over School Break Food Program, Winter Gear Give-A-Way, and Holiday Assistance Program.

For the ninth year, the elementary school was able to offer the opportunity for families to receive both perishable and non-perishable food items. The program was designed to assist families in providing their children with healthy nourishment over the extended winter school break, with the hope that no child would ever go to bed hungry.

This year, through the generous donations of private donors, local community businesses and organizations, the Fill-A-Belly Program was able to offer families perishable items including bread, meat, milk, cheese and eggs, to supplement non-perishable meal items. According to our records, 97 families received food with over 353 people benefiting from the meal boxes.

The Fill-A-Belly committee would like to formally thank the following volunteers and/or donors: Utopia Club, Vineland Church of Auburn,



NUCOR Steel, Auburn United Methodist Church, Auburn Fire Department & Benevolent Association, Ancient Order of Hibernians & Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Skaneateles Jewelry, Auburn Rotary, Wegmans Grocery Store, Mike Luksa, Perform for Purpose, Genesee Parent Teacher Partnership (GPTP), and numerous community members and small businesses who wish to remain anonymous.

We, the students and faculty at Genesee, would also like to recognize the following churches and/or organizations for their donations of hand-knitted winter items (mittens, gloves, hats and scarves) which include

the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP), United Church of Auburn, First Presbyterian Church, and several other anonymous community knitters. More than 400 students benefited from the volunteers' generosity and passion for helping to keep everyone warm throughout the long winter months.

Lastly, we would like to thank several community churches for their generosity in assisting our families during this past holiday season through the donation of gifts and/or the finances to support gift giving and basic need items. We would like to formally recognize the Auburn United Methodist Church, Grace Chapel of Skaneateles, St. James Church of Skaneateles, and CNY Infusion. We also greatly appreciate donations provided by other community members who also wish to remain anonymous.

The outreach by the local community, through its donation of resources, has truly been appreciated by those individuals who have been impacted by the giving, in addition to those who have witnessed the generosity.

*Jennifer Poole
School Social Worker*

Casey Park Elementary School Receives a STEAM Grant



Casey Park's Principal, Mrs. Garback, received a letter from a local organization that offered an opportunity for the Casey Park building to apply for a Science and Technology Grant. Mrs. Garback asked Fourth Grade Teacher Mrs. DelloStritto if this would be something of interest to her and it was. After reading through the grant requirements, Mrs. DelloStritto applied for the capacity building grant from the Terra Science and Education Organization.

As Mrs. DelloStritto thought about what Casey Park students need and the benefit this grant would offer, she decided to apply for the grant with an emphasis on K-6 STEAM materials. Mrs. DelloStritto realizes that as the world becomes more immersed in Technology, educating students in the STEAM area becomes more critical. Providing a STEAM learning environment allows students the opportunity to explore, design and imagine. STEAM exploration helps kids see opportunities for their future. Providing an enriched STEAM environment will foster inquiry, hands on challenges, curiosity, exploration and a new positive outlook for students.

Mrs. DelloStritto was notified by the Terra Science Organization that they accepted her proposal for providing an abundance of materials that she requested for the students at Casey Park Elementary. The approved grant of \$1,354.00 will provide differentiated grade level STEAM activities, including STEM bins that will be readily available to all students in each classroom year after year.

Auburn High School Musical Club Presents "Into the Woods"



Thursday, February 7, 7:30PM

Friday, February 8, 7:30PM

Saturday, February 9, 7:30PM

Sunday, February 10, 2:00PM

Tickets at the door:

\$14 for General Admission

**\$12 for Senior Citizens and
Students**

\$8 for children under 8

The hit musical "Into the Woods" will be presented by students of the Auburn High School Musical Club! The show intertwines the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood as they all venture into the woods to get their wishes.

The Baker (**Aaron Baim**) and Baker's Wife (**Genevieve Cioci**) have learned that the Witch (**Kayleandra White**) has put a spell on their house preventing them from having a child. To lift the curse they have to go into the woods to find a white cow, yellow hair, a gold slipper, and a red cape. On their search they meet an array of characters. Jack (**James Hunter**) who is taking his cow to market, Cinderella (**Erin Kennedy**) who is attending the King's ball, Little Red Riding Hood (**Abigail Lentini**), on her way to Granny's (**Ida Kavanagh & Lauren Murphy**), and Rapunzel (**Fiona Chisholm**) in her tower. They all get their wish, but when wishes come true, there are consequences.

Other characters are Cinderella's Prince (**Pat Mahunik**), Rapunzel's Prince (**Cameron Hodson**), the Mysterious Man and Narrator (**Noah Rigby**), Jack's Mother (**Jenna Nila**), Cinderella's Stepmother (**Baylee Kennedy**), and the stepsisters Florinda (**Jane Oliver & Caitlyn Major**) and Lucinda (**Alena Minguela & Ella Boedicker**).

We look forward to seeing you at the show!



Kaleb Cook Scores!

On January 4, 2019, Auburn Varsity Boys Basketball player Kaleb Cook, #10, earned the AHS Single Game Scoring Record against Fowler High School when he scored 51 points. Kaleb became a member of the 1,000 point club during the 2017-18 season, and is currently the AHS Boys Basketball Career Scoring Leader with 1,324 points to date.



Is Your Child Getting Enough Sleep to Perform at His or Her Best? How Kids Can Sleep Smarter and Perform Better

Kids know they should eat well and be physically active, but they don't always understand that healthy sleep is also an important part of a healthy lifestyle. And while they often wish they were getting more sleep, they report sleep as the lowest scoring health item for things that are important for their well-being. In fact, did you know that 71 percent of students are sleep deprived by an average of 1.7 hours a night?



Let's do the Math: How Sleep Affects Academic Performance and Achievement

Research shows that students need at least 8 hours of shut-eye each night. But if they are not hitting the hay before 10:30 p.m. on school nights – and they have to be out the door by 7:15 a.m. (or earlier) to get to school – that's less than the minimum hours needed for winding down, getting to sleep, and then getting ready for school in the morning.



Chronic sleep deprivation is a real problem. It's not simply too much screen time or social media that's to blame. Kids are staying up later and getting up earlier because school days are longer and they have more work to manage in a shorter amount of time outside the school bells. This cycle is stressful for students.

What Do Our Kids Think Could Help?

A 2018 survey, conducted by GENYOUth in partnership with Sleep Number, found that 42 percent of students say they don't get enough sleep because of things they have to do, like homework, compared to 22 percent who report that it's due to things they choose to do. We might think that students believe that less time on social media would result in more sleep. The reality? Kids believe help managing their time is the answer.

More than half sleep-deprived students believe they would handle stress better and do better in school if they got more vitamin ZZZ. Furthermore, students with higher grades are getting more sleep each night than those with lower grades.

Adults can help their kids be less busy and teach and support good sleep habits, such as bedtime routine.

HOW MUCH SLEEP DO KIDS NEED?

AGE	SLEEP PER DAY
4-12 months	12-16 hours (including naps)
1-2 years	11-14 hours (including naps)
3-5 years	10-13 hours (including naps)
6-12 years	9-12 hours
13-18 years	8-10 hours

Bed Times Matter!

According to the GENYOUth survey, 60 percent of students who get eight or more hours of sleep go to bed around the same time each night. Students who do not have a regular bedtime, about one-third of the survey respondents, get six or less hours of snooze time. Students with a set bedtime usually go to sleep around 10:00 p.m. Those without, on average, go to bed around 11:00 p.m. and are more likely to stay up past midnight.

So how much is enough? **Is your child getting the adequate amount of quality sleep?** Check out the American Academy of Sleep Medicine's recommendations.

PreSchool Open Enrollment Begins February 1, 2019!

Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2019-2020 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, 2019, 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	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-1743, ext. 2303 or 315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-253-0361, ext.7675
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038, ext. 260
Early Childhood Center	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Fingerlakes	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304, ext. 113

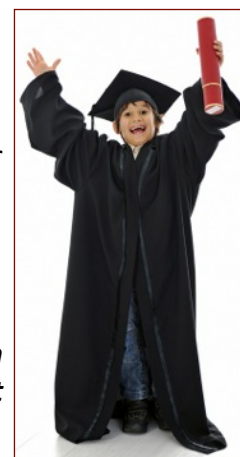
**Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2019-2020 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. Registration packets should be available for pick up or download mid-January. **REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st.**

Do you have a child who will be 5-years of age on or before December 1, 2019? Accepting Applications for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten program!

Stop by and pick up a registration packet at any of the Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: www.aecsd.education. Registration packets should be available for pick up or download mid-January.

REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st.
Need more information about the 2019-2020 Universal Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs? Please contact Mary Cregg at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.





Problem Solving Tournament

Auburn Students Compete in Perennial Math Competition

On Saturday, January 19, 117 students in grades 3-6 from all five of the Auburn Enlarged City School District elementary schools competed in the Perennial Math Competition held at Jordan-Elbridge High School. The competition consisted of an individual assessment and team assessment. Auburn students represented the school district very well and earned some top awards.

Grade 3

Individual

1st Place- Vincent Wu, Seward Elementary
3rd Place- Zachary Moffett, Genesee Elementary and Judah Nord, Herman Elementary

Team

1st Place-Seward Elementary
(Alexa Fedigan, Seamus Riley, Logan DeForrest)
3rd Place-Seward Elementary
(Kailey Cooper, Tegan Hogan, Vincent Wu)

Grade 5

Individual

1st Place- Owen Gasper, Seward Elementary
2nd Place- Emma Sroka, Seward Elementary
3rd Place- Riley Davis and Colin Wilson, Herman Elementary and Madeleine Nightengale, Owasco Elementary

Team

1st Place-Seward Elementary (Joe Bell, David Currier, Owen Gasper, Ryan Maher, Michael Sokernyk)
2nd Place-Herman Elementary (Madeline Wolfgang, Jeeya Shah, Riley Davis, Michael Wellauer, and Isabella Meyer)

Grade 6

Individual

Nate Bennett, Owasco Elementary

Team

3rd Place- Owasco Elementary (Jared Sheridan, Colton Hai, Matthew Crouse, Jaccob Adams)

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

Check out

#EveryStudentPresentAECSD
on social media.

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



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.

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kindergarten and UPK Registration Packets for 2019-20 are now available at the Tubman Building, 78 Thornton Ave, 8:00AM-4:00PM 3PK, UPK and Kindergarten Registration Opens Feb. 1st.		IT'S NOT A RACE, IT'S A JOURNEY.	"EXCUSES DON'T GET RESULTS."	<i>Don't be afraid just be yourself</i>	1 HS & JHS Report Cards Sr. High Area All-State (Binghamton Univ.)	2 Sr. High Area All-State (Binghamton Univ.) Groundhog Day
3 National African American History Month	NEW 4 MGR @ Casey Park Gr. 4 National School Counseling Week District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman	5 Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig)	6 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	7 AHS Musical 7:30PM "Into The Woods" Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM	8 AHS Musical 7:30PM Elementary Report Cards	9 AHS Musical 7:30PM ACT Test AHS 8:00AM
10 AHS Musical 2:00PM "Into The Woods"	11 CCMEA Scholarship Auditions @ AHS Herman PTO Mtg. 4:30PM Library Owasco OPT Mtg 6:30PM	FIRST 12 Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	13 District Cup Stacking Contest @ Seward 3:30PM	14 Valentine's Day	15 AEF Spring Grant Applications Deadline Extended to April 1, 2019	16
17 	18 NO SCHOOL Winter Break Week Presidents' Day	FULL 19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Cool!
24 National Children's Dental Health Month	25 LAST AHS Spring Sports Physicals Boys 2:20PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	26 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education	27 AHS Spring Sports Physicals Girls 2:20PM AHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00PM	28 January 2019 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 31	29 March 2019 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 31	

Seward Stingers Excel at Regional Spelling Bee!



On Saturday, January 12, Seward Elementary School was represented by four students in the Regional Spelling Bee held at Christian Brothers Academy based on their top performance at the school's local spelling bee.

The students, Makayla Hutchinson, Emma Sroka, Sydney Yurco and Ryan Townsend, competed against over 175 other students in grades 3-8 from the region where they participated in a written spelling bee containing 35 words. The top-performing 35 students earned a berth at the regional oral spelling bee to be held live at WCNY Studios on Saturday, March 2. The winner of the spelling bee will move on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. Seward Elementary School is proud to announce that students Makayla Hutchinson, Emma Sroka and Ryan Townsend all earned a spot!

We wish them the best of luck and encourage Auburn residents to tune into the WCNY station on March 2 at 2:00 p.m.!



Keep your kids safe. Get their flu vaccine every year.

The Flu: A Guide for Parents

Is the flu more serious for kids?	Infants and young children are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.
Flu vaccine may save your child's life.	Most people with the flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. An annual vaccine is the best way to protect your child from the flu. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.
What is the flu?	The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.
Who needs the flu vaccine?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu vaccine can be given to children 6 months and older.• Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.
How else can I protect my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get the flu vaccine for yourself.• Encourage your child's close contacts to get the flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5, or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get an annual flu vaccine.• Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs.• Tell your children to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay away from people who are sick;• Clean their hands often;• Keep their hands away from their face; and• Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.
What are signs of the flu?	The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

How does the flu spread?	People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.
How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?	Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).
What should I use to clean hands?	Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use a hand sanitizer. It should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.
What can I do if my child gets sick?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids.• Talk with your child's health care provider before giving your child over-the-counter medicine.• Never give your child or teen aspirin, or medicine that has aspirin in it. It can cause serious problems.• Call your child's health care provider if your child develops flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a chronic medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease.• If you are worried about your child's illness, call your health care provider.
Can my child go to school or day care with the flu?	No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.
When can my child go back to school or day care after having the flu?	Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours. Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, and a hand sanitizer, if allowed by the school.

For more information about the flu, visit health.ny.gov/flu

**Or, www.cdc.gov/flu
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**



Family Fun Day!

Saturday, February 9, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Seward Elementary School

52 Metcalf Drive, Auburn, NY

FREE to all Auburn Pre-K through 2nd Grade and their families!

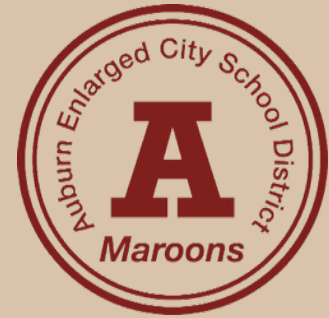


“BOTH ENDS OF THE RAINBOW” @ Schweinfurth Art Center



The annual exhibit “BOTH ENDS OF THE RAINBOW” at the Schweinfurth Art Center showcases over 1,000 pieces of artwork from pre-K through 12th grade students and seniors in Cayuga County and the surrounding region. The show runs through March 10, 2019. Student artwork is chosen by art teachers from all elementary schools, Auburn Junior High and Auburn High School.

Featured pictures above are from students of Auburn Junior High School art teachers Kristy Flanigan, Kasha Fletcher and Lisa Petrosino.



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