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Above: Auburn Mayor Michael Quill greeting 5th grade students

Left: Fifth grade students singing "Bridge to Freedom"

Genesee Student Songs About Harriet Tubman Featured in Equal Rights Heritage Center

There are seldom field trips during the first full week of school, but that wasn't the case for Genesee 5th and 6th grade students. On September 13th, they were bused up the street to Auburn Public Theater, where they were professionally recorded singing the songs they created about Harriet Tubman in their 4th grade years with the folk duo Magpie (Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner). Cinda Gilmore, the 4th grade teacher instrumental in implementing the project, came out of retirement to assist with the recording, much to the delight of the students. The City of Auburn brought Leonino and Artzner back for the recording session, during which 6th grade

students recorded "Win the Vote: Harriet Tubman, Suffragist," and 5th grade students recorded "Bridge To Freedom" (about the connection between Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass), as well as "Oh Harriet, the Brave," the first song created By 4th grade students in 2014. This project, known as "Harriet Was Here," was originally sponsored by the organization "John Brown Lives!" Continued support for the project has come from Finger Lakes Community Art Grants, the Harriet Tubman Boosters, the Genesee Parent Teacher Partnership, Auburn Enlarged City School District and the Hilton Garden Inn.

The recordings will be a part of an exhibit in the new Equal Rights Heritage Center in downtown Auburn, which is slated to open at the end of October. According to Auburn City Clerk Chuck Mason, the exhibit will also include speeches and songs from the 1800's.

To see a video of the 5th grade students recording their song, visit:

<https://bit.ly/2xU5KIV>

By Anne Mlod
District Librarian

The Casey Park "I Can't" Funeral

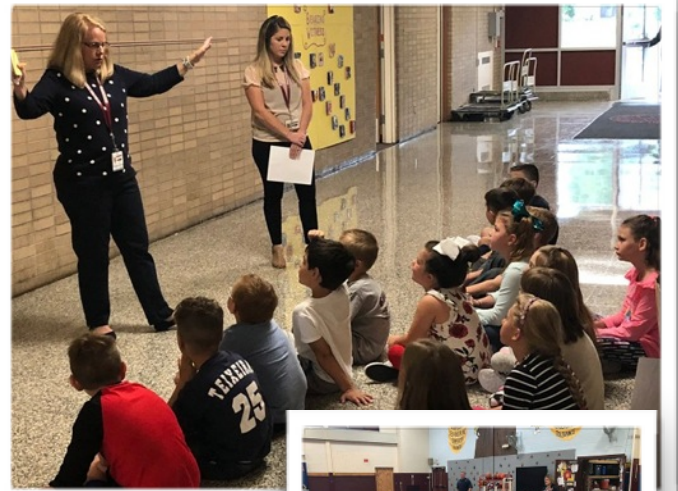


Casey Park Elementary 6th graders started the school year with an "I Can't" funeral. Students spent time in class thinking of all the things they thought they couldn't do. "I can't draw." "I can't do math." "I can't do my homework." These were a few of the I can't statements that you could hear the students sharing in their classrooms. Each student then folded up their papers and proceeded to the courtyard where Mr. Graham had dug a hole. The I can't statements were buried as several students took turns throwing piles of dirt back in the hole. Mr. Graham also lead a ceremony in memory of their I can't statements, during which he reminded them that I Can't is survived by I Can and I Will. The 6th graders showed their respect and then proceeded back to class to resume the remainder of their school year without I Can't.

Seward PBIS Kick-Off!

On Monday, September 17 the Seward staff and student body came together in the gymnasium to kick-off the school year by reviewing the attributes of respect, responsibility, engagement and safety that are focused upon at the school through the Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports (PBIS) system, which is utilized to assist in implementing a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support. The school community also reviewed and taught new students and staff the Seward Stinger Rap.

The kick-off concluded with students returning to their rooms where the school continued review of the PBIS matrix by participating in a school wide survey on polleverywhere.com where each class responded to 10 prompts, and the principal, Mrs. Mahunik, revealed the correct responses and provided commentary through each of the questions posed. The school is off to a great start and is anxiously awaiting the opening of the new school store where they will be able to purchase items with their Bee Bucks that they earn for showing respect, responsibility, engagement and safety!



Attendance Awareness Month at Genesee Elementary

Did you know that **absenteeism** in the first month of school can predict poor attendance through the school year? Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. **October is Attendance Awareness Month!** In an effort to prepare for Attendance Awareness Month, students at Genesee Elementary submitted writing pieces sharing why school attendance is important, and some students were able to share their writing on the morning announcements.

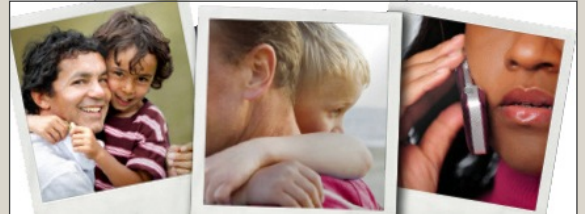


Bailey Morrissette was the first student to read her attendance matters essay on the morning announcements! Classes with the best attendance will receive a party to honor their hard work and dedication. Please make sure your student is in school whenever possible. Every day is a gift of education and extremely important. If your child is not present, please call the main office at your child's school to report his or her absence.

Please help us reduce chronic absence. For more information, please visit:

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Si usted cree que un niño está en
peligro inmediato, llame **al 911** o al
departamento de policía local.

Date:
October 13,
2018
1:00 - 5:00PM

GOBBLE 'N GO III

Auburn Education Foundation's third restaurant crawl to benefit innovative grants created and designed by our teachers for our children!

Sponsored by: Hilton Garden Inn, Savannah Bank, Big D's Limo, Knights of Columbus, The Citizen, Jacob's Press, and Auburn Downtown BID

A.T. Walley & Co

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Good Shepherd's Brewing

Gretchen's Confections

Mesa Grande

Moondog's Lounge

Parker's Grille

Prison City Pub

Refinery (Hilton Garden Inn)

Regenerations

3 Leaf Tea

Wild's Eats and Sweets

Tickets available beginning September 12, 2018

\$25 each (cash/check) at Business Office at Tubman Administration Building and Auburn Downtown BID (128 Genesee St.) or PayPal: auburneducation.org



AEF GRANT APPLICATION DATES:

Fall grant applications due by October 15, 2018.

Spring grant applications due by February 15, 2019.

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

Auburn Education Foundation, through its educator grants program, enhances the quality of educational opportunities for all students within the Auburn Enlarged City School District. A listing of our recent grants awarded to benefit district students can be found at auburneducation.org.

You can help by making a donation to:

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

or via PayPal at: auburneducation.org

Your support is appreciated!

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

1st installment due:
October 2, 2018

2nd installment due:
December 5, 2018

Last day the collector will accept taxes is:
December 5, 2018

Questions about your bill?
Call 315-255-8806

or e-mail:
SandraVanGiesen@aecsd.education

You can also look up your bill online at:
www.taxlookup.net

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.



As a leader in food service, Whitsons prides itself in delivering the best high quality nutritious meals made from wholesome ingredients and delivering the highest quality individualized customer service. Your opinion is important to us. Whitsons is conducting a brief survey to receive feedback on our school nutrition program and how we can improve our services. We need your input regarding the current program and any changes you would like to see implemented. We will use this information to develop new options and services.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey at:

<https://snap.insight-surveys.com/s.asp?k=153530352819>

or simply scan this QR code to take you to our survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us!

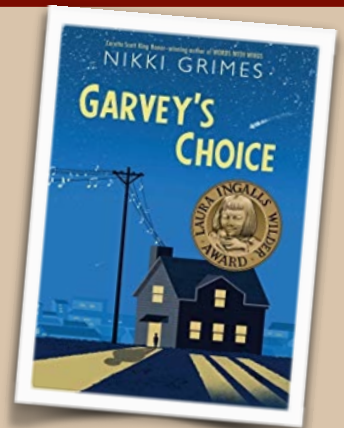
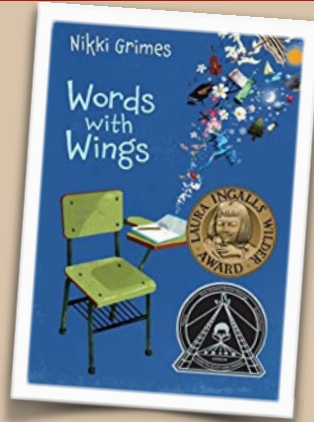


Implementing Positive Behavior Support in Preschools



PreK teachers are learning to incorporate a program-wide system of evidence-based practices to positively impact academic and behavioral instruction and intervention. This is known as PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Goals include creating an environment where EVERY child (and family) feels good about coming to school, developing good peer relationships and positive self-esteem, and highly engaging students, resulting in increased learning. Teachers will receive on-going professional development with Kelley Burt, Regional Preschool Behavior Specialist from OCM BOCES, throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Teachers heard about Early Childhood PBIS from regional preschool behavior specialist, Kelley Burt, at The Play Space during their back to school opening meeting on September 4, 2018.



Nikki Grimes, renowned author, will be at the Auburn Public Theater Thursday Evening (Time TBD) November 1, 2018. Free and Open to the Public! www.nikkigrimes.com

Noted Poet and Award Winning Author Nikki Grimes will be visiting Auburn on November 1st, on her way to the Rochester Teen Book Festival. Thanks to a grant from the Auburn Kiwanis, Grimes will be visiting Genesee Elementary School the morning of the 1st to talk with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students about her life as a writer. In the evening (time TBD), Grimes will be presenting a program at Auburn Public Theater, co-sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Boosters and Friends of Seymour Library. Grimes has written over 75 books and says about her books "I'm looking to give voice to... children who aren't able to find themselves in the books they read." The program is free and open to the public.

By Anne Mlod, District Librarian

Anonymous Alerts

We are introducing a new tool called **Anonymous Alerts**, which is an online system that allows students to quickly, easily, and anonymously report strange behavior and information to school officials.



Possible incidents to report could include:

- **Bullying / Cyberbullying**
- **Family difficulties**
- **Self-harm**
- **Drug and alcohol abuse**
- **Student depression**
- **Sexual harassment**
- **Fighting**
- **Weapons**
- **Threats**
- **Abnormal student behavior**

The best way to address problems faced in school is by telling a teacher, principal, psychologist, or counselor. However, we do understand that sometimes a student may want to communicate something anonymously. **The most important thing to remember is: See something, Do something!**

All reports submitted through Anonymous Alerts remain completely anonymous, but students do have the option to reveal their identity. The program is monitored from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on school days, but it is very important to understand that school officials will not be on the system every minute. Anonymous Alerts should only be used for serious matters, but if something seems disturbing or life threatening, call 911 immediately.



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.

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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14 For updated events please check the online calendar at our new website: www.aecsd.education	15 Herman PTO Mtg. 4:30PM OPT Meeting Owasco 6:30PM Library	16  FIRST  School Picture Day: Casey Park Herman Ave. Owasco Boss's Day	17  School Picture Day: Seward	18 Math Literacy Night Gr. 3 & 4, 6:00-7:00PM @ Seward College Night @ AHS 5:30PM Financial Aid Info 6-7:30 College Fair/Wkshop	19 NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day HS End Marking Period 1	20 																																																																																											
21 National Bullying Prevention Month Crime Prevention Month	22 School Board Recognition Week Casey Park Book Fair Week 10/22 - 10/26 Seward Book Fair week 10/22-10/26	23  Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 (Drug Awareness) AJHS Winter Sports Physicals, Girls 2:20PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	24  FULL District Rope Jumping Contest @ Seward 3:30PM	25 AJHS Winter Sports Physicals, Boys 2:20PM AHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:00PM	26 AJHS Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00PM AHS Report Cards	27  ACT Test 7:45AM @ AHS																																																																																											
28 Czech Heritage, Italian Heritage, and Polish American Heritage Month	29 Winter Tryouts: Modified Volleyball Seward PTA Mtg. 6:00PM	30  LAST Early Release 12PM Elementary Students for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM & 5:30-7:30PM	31  LAST Halloween Early Release 12PM Elementary Students for Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30PM AHS Winter Sports Physicals, Girls 2:00PM		September 2018 <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	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 2018 <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td></tr> </table>	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	
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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 (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, 2018, with income not exceeding \$86,000.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$66,800 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,181 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2018-2019.



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