

Aurora Grove Public School Gazette



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Learning & Teaching

Kindergarten Registration is continuing...

Kindergarten registration continues for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary, and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is planned for Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the office.

Planning for September

The process of preparing for a new school year involves predicting student enrolment and structuring the organization of classes and teachers to match the enrolment. We ask that families assist us with these preparations by informing the office (in writing) if you are moving out of the Aurora Grove area. Please include the last day of attendance and the school your child(ren) will be attending. This will also facilitate in the transfer of your child's records (OSR).

Thank you!

Gr. 2 French Immersion Students transferring to Lester B Pearson PS for Sept. 2017

Our Grade 2 French Immersion students will be transferred by our school secretary to Lester B Pearson PS for September 2017. There is no need to register your child at Lester B Pearson PS as this is an automatic process. Please note that, as part of the transition process, our grade 2 FI students will be going on a field trip to Lester B Pearson PS in the late Spring.

York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 at the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between **March 20 and April 28, 2017**. **The survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential**, and will take place at school.

The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 10, 2017.

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO testing is tentatively scheduled to be held sometime between May 23 and June 6. Please do not schedule any medical appointments during that time. Information is available at www.eqao.com and additional information will be sent directly to those parents. We strongly encourage Grade 3 and Grade 6 parents to explore the website and EQAO resources will also be shared with students in preparation for the assessments.

LIBRARY NEWS**Scholastic Book Fair February 27 - March 2**

Do you need some good reading material for March Break?

...then come to the Scholastic Book Fair located in the Library. Parents are welcome to purchase items on Monday and Tuesday during the school day until 4:00 p.m. and in the morning from 8:30 to 9:15 on Wednesday and Thursday.

Search of School Property

In keeping with the protocols for a maintaining a safe learning environment, please note that the school administrator has the right to search school property, such as lockers and desks, without notice to, or permission from, any person. Police may from time-to-time be invited onto school premises to conduct a search. These searches may be conducted without notice to, or permission from, any member of the school community other than the school principal.

York Region Arts Camp 2017

What is Arts Camp?

For nearly thirty years, on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students. Arts Camp is an intensive one-week immersion in performance-based and product-generating art programs and experiences. To ensure the student experience is memorable, dynamic and fun, teachers, local and regional artists as well as student counsellors plan and facilitate amazing art programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers. 250 students ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12 from across York Region attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and activities. The week-long camp culminates in an Art Show/Gallery Tour and Performance Night.

When is it?

May 27th to June 3rd, 2017

Where is it held?

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON
(Transportation is offered for a fee.)

For more information go to <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>

Volunteers in our School

Parent volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated at our school. In accordance with the York Region District School Board's Policies and Procedures, all volunteers who may be interacting with students are required to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS). Once you have obtained your VSS, please submit it to the office. If you obtained your VSS last year, all you need to do is drop by the office to sign an Annual Offence Declaration and a Confidentiality Agreement. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Dressing for the Weather

It has been a gentle WINTER!! Students should always be prepared to go outdoors. It is expected that if a child is well enough to come to school, that they are well enough to go out for recess. Bringing an extra pair of mittens and a hat are a good idea in the younger grades as snow play often creates very wet children and

outdoor clothes don't always have time to dry thoroughly between recesses. As well, please ensure that your child has **indoor** shoes to wear, this is necessary both for comfort and safety as children must have footwear on at all times in case of a fire alarm. Please be sure to listen to the radio (or watch television news in the morning) on bad weather days to see if school busses have been cancelled.

Remember— if busses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled for the day. Students who are dropped off at school in the morning need to be picked up by 3:30 pm promptly as we do not have staffing for afterschool supervision.

Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes through-out their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school.

Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

March Break

We wish all of our families and staff a happy and healthy March Break, which runs from Monday, March 13th to Friday, March 17th inclusive. Regular classes resume Monday, March 20th.

Grade 8 Graduation photos

Our Grade 8s will be having Graduation photos done on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. A reminder notice will be coming home with details about what to wear and options that will be offered.

Our Photography company for this year is **brightpics inc School Photography**.

School Cash Online

We are continuing to use the School Cash Online format to collect monies for Field Trips, Presentations, Hot Lunch programs, and the Milk Program.

If you have not already done so, please register at: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. You will require your child's Student Number to register. Please contact the office and we would be happy to provide you with your child's number.

Looking Ahead...

Look for some exciting upcoming events for students to enjoy the outdoors. We will also be celebrating 150 years of Canada, so dig out your red and white as we prepare for fun activities and events to celebrate our country's birth-year!

April 6 & 7 Community Safety Village trips for Kindergarten - Grade 2

April 14 - April 17 inclusive EASTER - school closed

May 4 - 6:30pm NEW JK Parent information evening

May 10 - 3:45pm NEW JK Parent/Child Tour

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY AT

Aurora's ARCTIC ADVENTURE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017 • 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

AURORA TOWN PARK • 49 WELLS STREET



ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

First Nations
presentation

Ice-carving
competition

Muskoka Wildlife
animal show



GET ACTIVE WITH WINTER SPORTS

Hockey shootouts

Snow shoeing

Snow tubing

Body zorbing
(inflatable
body bubbles)



BRING THE KIDS!

Inflatables

Fishing game

Mini golf



... AND BRING YOUR APPETITE

Soup for Smiles
at the Armoury
hosted by the
Optimist Club
of Aurora*

Food vendors on site*

*Nominal fees apply.

OUTDOOR SKATING WEATHER-PERMITTING • HELMETS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

  #AuroraArcticAdventure aurora.ca/arcticadventure • 905-726-4762

Please note, we reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.





Join us for an evening of
everything magical and fun!



What are your Princesses and Superheroes doing this March Break?

When? Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time? 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm













Where? Liberty Grand

Tickets are \$70 and include:

- Glow-in-the-dark Wish Wand Package
- Carriage rides in a real horse-drawn carriage
- Superhero skills training and games
- Face painting & Craft stations
- Partying with your favourite Princesses & Action Heroes
- Great food for the whole family
- And of course, a royally-rockin' Dance Party!




For more information www.torontoptp.ca

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grade 7 Immunizations 	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 PA Day	4
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5	6 School Council 7pm Astoria Lunch	7 Primary Skating Elective 	8	9	10 First Pizza Lunch of Term 2	11
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	Scholastic Book Fair				Pizza Lunch	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Astoria Lunch		 Last Sewing Club		Pizza Lunch	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	March Break					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Astoria Lunch				Pizza Lunch	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Last Astoria Lunch for this session				Pizza Lunch	