



E BULLETIN - AURORA HEIGHTS PS SCHOOL SCOOP - October 25, 2021

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DATE/DATE	EVENT	UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday October 25 Day 2		October 31 - Halloween November 9, 10, 11 - Vivian Outdoor Education Programs (grades 2&4) November 11 - Remembrance Day November 22 - Picture Day
Tuesday October 26 Day 3		
Wednesday October 27 Day 4		
Thursday October 28 Day 5	<i>Black and Orange Day</i>	
Friday October 29 Day 1	<i>Halloween at AHPS!</i>	

NEW INFORMATION AND UPDATES

School Photos: York Region Public Health is now allowing individual student photographs (no class/group photos). We have secured the date of Monday, November 22nd for our photos. At this time, we are awaiting further information regarding options for our remote learners.

Hallowe'en: When preparing your child/ren for Halloween at school, please note that costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping. Be sensitive to images and media use. No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up). Please limit personal items being brought to school, costumes should be of simple design. No replica weapons of any kind are allowed. Due to COVID protocols, we will not be able to have our traditional Halloween parade, nor will students be able to access the washrooms or change rooms to change their costumes. We would ask that any costumes sent to school are simple in nature as the students will need to remain in them for the day. Additional information regarding our Halloween celebrations will be shared by teachers next week.

Renewed Computer Technology: As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Remembrance Day: In preparation for our Remembrance Day assembly, who are reaching out to families to ask if anyone might be able to share photographs of family members who have served our country. If you are able to help, please email scanned photos to aurora.heights.ps@yrdsb.ca. Thank you for your support!

Packing Lunches/Snacks: As our students are growing and maturing, so are their appetites! Please ensure that lunches and snacks offer a variety of choices and take note of the quantity of foods you are sending.

Triple P Parenting: Parents, Grandparents and caregivers of young children and teens are invited to a free webinar about raising confident and competent children. This webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 26th from 10:00-11:30am. This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children by; encouraging respect and cooperation, learning to be independent, learning how to develop a healthy self-esteem and learning how to be good problem solvers. For further information, please contact oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca. To register, please click [here](#).

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE SCHOOL SCOOP

IMPORTANT SCREENING UPDATES from York Region Public Health: Effective Monday, October 18, 2021, York Region Public Health will require students and staff members to use the provincial COVID-19 school and child care screening tool. Students, parents and guardians will still be able to access the [link to the tool](#) through the [York Region Staying Safe at School webpage](#).

EDSBY Accounts: Please ensure that you have an active EDSBY account as this will be the means to schedule your virtual parent/teacher interviews for Progress Reports on November 18th and 19th. For further information regarding how to set up an EDSBY account, please click [here](#).

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of York: Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (BBBSY) is offering free virtual group mentoring programs designed to empower youth while keeping them connected to their peers. Please see information about each program with links to register your child by clicking [here](#). If requested, participants may be placed in groups with classmates or friends. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Congiusti at Sara.Congiusti@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

FlipGive Fundraising: This season, fundraising for Aurora Heights P.S. is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free school fundraising app. We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars. This is completely virtual and contactless. Join our school now and you'll get a \$5 bonus for the first time you shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=VDHLBM>, you can also use code: **VDHLBM**. Please see attached flyer for further details.

