



E BULLETIN - AURORA HEIGHTS PS SCHOOL SCOOP - September 20, 2021



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DATE/DATE	EVENT	UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday September 20 Day 3		September 29 - Terry Fox Run
Tuesday September 21 Day 4		September 30 - Terry Fox Run (rain date)
Wednesday September 22 Day 5		September 30 - Orange Shirt Day
Thursday September 23 Day 1		October 11 - Thanksgiving
Friday September 24 Day 2		

Information

Drop off/Pick Up: We have a very limited number of parking spaces for school staff and volunteers. We kindly ask that if you need to drive your child/ren to/from school that you park at the Aurora Community Centre directly behind our school (located at 1 Community Centre Lane). Additional parking can also be found on Kitimat Cres. and Huron Court. In the morning, you may walk your child/ren to our supervision area. In the afternoon, you may meet your child on the tarmac and walk with them back to your vehicle.

COVID Screening REMINDER: Please ensure that you/your child(ren) complete the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) **each day** prior to entering school. In addition, parents/guardians or students in grades 7 and 8 will have to provide confirmation of a successful screening by completing the [Confirmation Form](#) using their child's/their GAPPs account login information.

Any students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine) or answer yes to any of the screening questions, must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool.

Spirit Wear: Please see attached inserts including ordering information for our 2021/2022 Spirit Wear. .

Terry Fox Run: This year the students at Aurora Heights PS will be participating in the 41st annual Terry Fox run on Tuesday, September 29th (rain date September 30th). Classes will be walking/running in the afternoon in smaller groupings. Unfortunately at this time, we are unable to have families join us. Our goal this year is to raise \$750.00. Please consider supporting our school and the Terry Fox Foundation by donating at our school [school website](#).

Orange Shirt Day: The [Orange Shirt Day](#) movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the

shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973

Six years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl. Upon arriving at the school, nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

We encourage staff and students to wear an orange shirt on September 30, 2021, to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.

Vaccination Clinics: York Region Public Health will be offering after school walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics for students, staff and their families requiring a first and/or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Weekend clinics will also be open to the public. Children and youth born in 2009 and earlier are currently eligible to be vaccinated. If you or your child/ren have not received a first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, we want to make it as easy as possible. York Region Public Health will be offering walk-in vaccination clinics, with no appointment required. Please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine for further information.