



E BULLETIN - AURORA HEIGHTS PS SCHOOL SCOOP - September 27, 2021

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DATE/DATE	EVENT	UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday September 27 Day 3	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Week</i>	October 11 - Thanksgiving
Tuesday September 28 Day 4		
Wednesday September 29 Day 5	<i>Terry Fox Run</i>	
Thursday September 30 Day 1	<i>Orange Shirt Day</i>	
Friday October 1 Day 2	<i>Terry Fox Run (rain date)</i>	

NEW INFORMATION AND UPDATES

COVID Screening UPDATE: Please ensure that you/your child(ren) complete the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) **each day** prior to entering school. **Please note: parents/guardians and students no longer need to complete the confirmation of self-assessment screening.** 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.

Book of Forms: Last week, the Board sent an email to all families with a link to a Google Form (<https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>) to complete the start-up forms. Included in the Book of Forms were: the Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory), a Student Information Consent Form (mandatory), a Request for Faith Accommodations Form and a School Council Nomination Form. **Student GAPPS login information** is required for families to complete these forms. If you have more than one child, please ensure that once you complete the first set of forms, you log out of that child's GAPPS account and log into the other to complete the forms for your other child. If you have not already completed these, please do so as soon as possible. Please contact the school office should you require paper copies.

Class Reorganization: Earlier in the week we sent home a letter from the Director of the Board regarding potential reorganization. In order to comply with the maximum class size requirements, some students will be moving classrooms on Monday, September 27th. Thank you to all of the families of those students who will be on the move for their patience and understanding as we work through this process. We are confident that this will be a smooth transition for everyone.

Staffing Update: As a result of the changes that have taken place between June and September in our school's enrollment and in order to comply with the Ministry of Education's Class Size Compliance requirements, we have had to make some minor changes to our classroom staffing. Ms. Khajevand, the Designated Early Childhood Educator in Ms. Townsend's class will be transferring to Devins Drive Public School. Ms. Losberg, the Designated

Early Childhood Educator in Ms. White's class will be moving to work with Ms. Townsend and the FDK class in Room 123. Furthermore, our caretaker John Carter will be moving on to another YRDSB school and Leslie Murray will be joining our team. We would like to wish Ms. Khajevand and Mr. Carter all the best in their new schools.

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.

Truth and Reconciliation Week: This year, we gained a deeper collective understanding of the devastating and ongoing impacts of Canada's residential school system. The recognition of unmarked graves at the sites of former residential schools reopened the wounds that Survivors and their families have been tending for generations. It also sparked a new conversation across the country as more people learn, engage, and reflect. Truth and Reconciliation Week is an opportunity to bring together people from nations and cultures across the country to continue this reconciliation journey. In the week leading up to September 30th, Orange Shirt Day, we will honour the children who were sent to residential schools and the many who never came home. We will come together to embrace the hope we see in this renewed conversation as we work to ensure the truth of this country's history is known.

School Council: School councils play an important role in building school, family and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning, achievement and well-being. You are invited to our first meeting of the school year which will take place on October 5th at 6:45 pm (Zoom link to follow). If you wish to become a member of our School Council, please complete the School Council Candidate Nomination Form by clicking [here](#).

Indigenous Languages and International Languages Elementary Programs: Due to the continuance of the pandemic, Indigenous Languages and International Language classes for SK to Grade 8 students will take place online. Please note that the program delivery model may change from online to face-to-face during the school year depending on circumstances. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real-time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language classes. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter: YRDSB Psychology and Social Work Personnel are excited to share the first Mental Health Newsletter of the year with you. The September Newsletter will focus on sharing how the YRDSB is centering on Mental Health, emotional connections, and Well-being through the ABCs of Mental Health Framework & Lesson Series. Please click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

Parent Engagement Discussion (Tamil Session): YRDSB Inclusive School and Community Services invites Tamil speaking families to an online session about supports for students with Special Education needs. The session will take place on October 7th from 6-8pm. Please click [here](#) for registration information.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE SCHOOL SCOOP

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.

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](#).

