

Aurora Heights PS School Council Principal Report – November 6, 2023

Board Mission Statement:

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Happening at Aurora Heights:

- Fire Drills have been completed for the Fall
- Grade 8 Grad fundraiser – cookies being sold every Thursday at morning recess for \$1
- Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating at the Office on October 31
- Intermediate Boys & Girls Volleyball Teams practising with Ms. Silvestri and Ms. Lozzi
- Cross Country Regional meet took place on October 24th. We had three runners make it to Regionals and one place in the top 15. Thank you Ms. Silvestri, Ms. Lozzi and Ms. Simonetta for providing our students with this experience
- Take Our Kids to High School Day – Grade 8 visit to AHS November 1
- Individual and class pictures for school photos done October 24 (retakes November 20)
- PA Day on October 20 - professional learning for all staff in areas of race based trauma
- Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations with York Region Public Health (October 25)
- Pizza Lunch Program (Tuesdays) and Subway (Wednesdays) under way
- Registered a Junior and Intermediate LEGO Robotics team (junior and intermediate grades). Thank you Ms. Patano and Ms. Simonetta
- Few more staff members being trained in Community Circles and Restorative Practices
- Resources to support Primary Literacy are arriving and being put into use in primary classes (Heggerty and several decodable text sets)
- Communi-TEA – first one held in October and upcoming one on November 8 (focus on curriculum)

Looking Ahead at Aurora Heights:

- Remembrance Day Assembly for Grades 1-8; Kindergarten in classrooms (November 10 at 10:45 am)
- Elementary Progress Reports distributed electronically as of November 9
- Parent Teacher Interviews evening of November 16 and morning of November 17 – sign up through Edsby November 6-14 for Year 2 Kindergarten to Grade 8
 - Classroom Observation visits for Year 1 Kindergarten students (end of November – early December)
- Health & Safety Visit coming up November 16
- Outdoor Education visits to VORC (Grade 4 November 30 and December 1 and Grade 2 December 4)
- Holiday Heroes & Food Drive will be started soon
- Aurora HS Guidance to visit Grade 8s on November 21 @ AHPS re: course selection
- Aurora HS Music Department presentation to Grades 3-8 November 23

- Covenant House presentation for Grades 7 & 8 November 24
- Find Your Magic with Brent & Sarah – Bullying awareness & prevention magic show for K-8 (three division specific performances November 29)
- Secondary School Information Sessions for Grade 8 students and families coming up – check www.yrdsb.ca (AHS on November 30 6:30-8:00 pm)
- Santa Under the Stars Saturday, November 25 – Band and Glee Club in the Parade
- Grade 3 Gifted Screening during week of November 27-December 1
- Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 (ceremony at the school and dinner/dance at Aurora Armoury)

Information Sharing:

- Outreach – helping 20 families through Project Warmth (winter coats, boots, winter accessories); school is also providing pizza and/or sub lunch to several students at no charge
- Fundraising Plan - technology (cost sharing program will return spring 2024); athletics (net standards for volleyball and badminton, tent, jerseys/shirts); arts (music program, art program); resources for classroom calming corners

Considerations/Requests:

- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant application process is open – eligible for grant up to \$800
 - Considering application in support of mental health and well-being
- Active School Travel (AST) – promoting active school travel to and from school and to increase school zone safety

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm