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AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

The past month at Aurora Senior was filled with many activities and presentations – including VIP programs, field trips, Volleyball tournaments, Family Movie Night, Take your Gr. 8's to High School Day, visits to the Zoo, and a special Remembrance Day assembly with presentations by students from both George Street and Aurora Senior.

We sincerely hope that the student progress reports and subsequent parent-teacher interviews were beneficial as we plan for future success in the coming months. If you were unable to attend in November and have not already spoken with your child's teacher for an update, please do so at your earliest convenience. It is also helpful if you would kindly return the feedback (signature) sheet and the report card envelope if you have not already done so; they are used again at the end of each term. A more formal report card will be coming home for each student in February (Term One). That will also be the time to re-evaluate your child's academic and social well-being at home and discuss some of the goals that the teacher shared with you last month.

At Aurora Senior we welcome diversity and recognize different cultures as many of our families celebrate Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. On behalf of the staff we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful and safe holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Mr. Ken Arnott

Ms. Claudia Fischer

SCHOOL TRANSITION:

As we continue to work with the High Schools to prepare for our grade 8 students making choices about grade 9 we would like to remind parents of the following Open House information evenings coming up in January: RICHMOND HILL SS – January 8th, KING CITY SS – January 15th, AURORA HS – January 15th, BAYVIEW SS – January 22nd.

For those families interested in **French Immersion** programs and those who plan to register their children for Kindergarten in 2015, please note that Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Devin's Drive Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. **Kindergarten registration** will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.





WINTER WEATHER/BUS TRANSPORTATION:

Winter weather can be snowy and sometimes hazardous. In the next few months, it is sometimes necessary to cancel school buses and occasionally, close the school as a result of more severe weather conditions. Any cancellation of buses does not mean that the school is closed however. Please note that if bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, then buses are cancelled for the entire day (including all extra-curricular and field trips). If you choose to drop off a student who normally takes a bus, arrangements must be made to pick them up at the end of the school day as well.

Bus information with updates is available on www.schoolbuscity.com and public announcements about busing are usually made by various TV and radio stations early in the morning. The Town of Aurora has recently launched a school travel planning campaign with a list of helpful tips when travelling to and from school. Please refer to the attached public information site. <http://www.aurora.ca/safe>

TOUCHSTONE:

**WE ARE
AURORASENIOR...
and each month we
take time to share
with our students
and how our students
are demonstrating
behaviour that
reflects the principles
of our Touchstone:**

**We accept, honour
and celebrate our
differences.**

**We take
responsibility for our
work, our words and
our actions.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER 1: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 2: TEAM JERSEY DAY

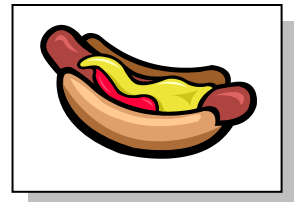
DECEMBER 5: TOUCHSTONE ASSEMBLY / CRAZY SWEATER DAY

DECEMBER 8: HAT DAY

DECEMBER 9: CUPCAKE DAY

DECEMBER 12: PAJAMA DAY

DECEMBER 15: HOT DOG DAY



DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 2: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

HEAD LICE:

Each year, and usually at this time, we hear about cases of head lice in our school. Head lice are tiny wingless insects with flattened bodies. The eggs or "nits" are yellowish white in colour, appear like dandruff and stick to even the cleanest hair like cement and are very difficult to remove. If head lice are found, the children must be removed from school until they are properly treated. The children are then re-checked when they return to help prevent any further spread of head lice in the class. Information letters will be sent home in January as these issues tend to be caused by cooler weather and sharing of hats. Please check your children at home before returning from the holidays or for more information on this problem contact the Region of York Public Health Department at 905-896-8004.

LOST AND FOUND Our collection of *Lost and Found* items is growing. Please check, or encourage your children to check, for lost items. Unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to a charity by December 18th.



LUNCH SUPERVISORS WANTED

If you are interested in helping as a paid lunch supervisor, please speak to Ms. Fischer about your interest and availability.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

During this holiday season, Aurora Senior Public School has decided to support families in our community by donating food, gift cards (e.g. movie passes, grocery store, etc.) To raise money for these families we are going to be having Spirit Days, a cupcake bake sale, and a hot dog day! We are also going to be having raffles for some amazing prizes!

We have Skylander Characters, Xbox Games and a gingerbread house! Bring in your *loonie* for a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes!! The raffle tickets can be purchased every day during recess in front of the main office during the food drive. The raffle draws will take place on the last day of the food drive, December 15th-Good Luck!

Our food drive will run from Monday, December 1st to Monday, December 15th, so please be generous and help make this holiday season a happy one for all!! Here is a list of suggested non-perishable items that we are looking for. Feel free to add anything else: Assorted Soup, Canned Stew or Chilli, Canned Fish (tuna/salmon). Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Kidney Bean/Chick Peas/Lentils, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Kraft Dinner, Rice, Juice (canned, bottles or tetrapaks), Evaporated Milk or Milk Powder, Jam, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Cereal, Jello, Tea, Coffee (instant), Cookies or many other items such as Personal Supplies: Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener/Sheets, Shampoo/Conditioner, Dishwashing Soap, Hand/Body Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Kleenex, Combs and Hairbrushes.

Thank you so much for your support!

INDOOR RECESS GAMES

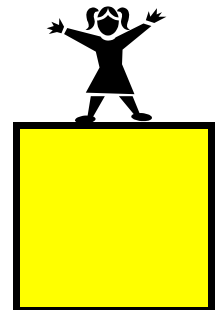
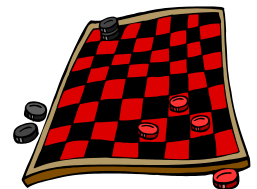
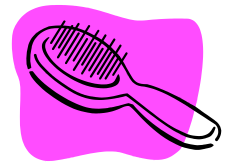
If you have any gently used board games and decks of cards please feel free to donate them to be used by students during inclement recess days when we are taking breaks inside the school. Your child's class may still get some good use out of these activities that are easily assembled and stored within the classroom. Thank you

STUDENT COUNCIL

It is important that students have a voice and more opportunities to contribute their ideas and energy to the overall climate at Aurora Senior. Beginning this month we will be looking for student leaders from each class to participate on our Student Council. The council will host their first meeting as soon as we return in January.

2014-2015 YEARBOOK

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the interest of our students and a commitment from a parent and a teacher we are looking forward to producing another yearbook for Aurora Senior this spring. More information and your chance to order will be sent in upcoming newsletters. This will be a great chance to help to celebrate the achievements and activities of all classes, sports and clubs *around the school*.



AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL
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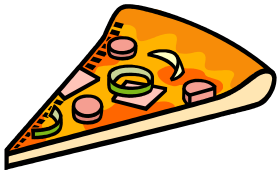
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**Extreme Pita
lunches are on
Tuesdays**

**Delicious Greek
provides lunch on
Wednesdays**

**Pizza Pizza Days
continue on
Thursdays**

...yyyyummy



QSP

QSP MAGAZINES/COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Congratulations Aurora Senior! We sold over \$3000 worth of magazine subscriptions and cookie dough orders. Thank you to all of our students and families for participating and supporting our QSP/Cookie Dough fundraiser this year. Remember that you can still order online at www.qsp.ca. Be sure to select **Aurora Senior** from the account finder so that the school will receive the benefit of your order. Our group ID is: **3725413**.

Magazines make wonderful Birthday, Hanukah and Christmas Gifts!



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY:

Once again, a Parents Reaching Out (**PRO**) Grant from the Ministry of Education has been awarded to our School. We would like to leverage it to strengthen the connection between our parents and our schools. The School Council is planning a Multicultural event in February to bring cultures together and build long-lasting bridges. We are looking for volunteers and ideas. We would love to try food, hear music, and experience traditions from all the countries represented in our schools. If interested please contact Patricia Gallegos at gallegoscp@yahoo.com or 416-508-6401.

COUNCIL FUNDRAISING...

Thanks to our community's efforts in fundraising, we have been able to purchase or support the following between both schools:

iRovers
Document Cameras
Computer cart
Library and Media Resources
Reading programs

LCD Projectors
Ipads
Scientist in the School presentations
GROW Interactive presentation

These are great enhancements to our regular program at Aurora Senior and George Street.



**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2015
AT 7:00 PM
AURORA SENIOR LIBRARY**