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AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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FROM THE OFFICE...

This month all parents will receive the first of two formal report cards. The purpose of the two provincial report cards is to communicate how well your child has achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject at the end of a period of learning (Term One and the end of the year in June). The teachers will consider the quality of all evidence for evaluation that has been collected over time using a variety of methods such as: assignments, presentations, other evaluations and tests. From that evidence of achievement that is available and using their professional judgment to interpret this evidence, teachers will assign a mark for each overall expectation for a subject with either a letter grade or percentage mark. It is important that you review the marks and comments along with the subject expectations with your child when they receive their report card in 2 weeks. To provide feedback, you and your child have the option to comment and return the report card using the cut-off sections on page 3 and 4 of the report card or simply by contacting the teacher. Please remember that students on rotary have different teachers reporting on different subjects related to their academic progress.

For more information about the reporting process you may wish to review Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools (Grades 1-12) go to: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf>

*Mr. Ken Arnott
Principal*

*Ms. Claudia Fischer
Vice-Principal*

RENAMING AURORA SENIOR FOR SEPTEMBER:

A survey was sent via email to our Aurora Senior parents last week asking for your feedback on the proposed names for the school renaming. We will no longer be just a senior school next year as we grow to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 8 students, including classes from George Street Public School. Please reply to the email by simply selecting one of the four possible names: **Wellington Public School, Red Willow Creek Public School, Machell's Corners Public School or Aurora Village Public School.**

Your responses will be tallied and presented to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming meeting. Thank you.





WINTER WEATHER/BUS TRANSPORTATION:

Winter weather can be snowy and sometimes hazardous for all vehicles. We have already experienced a number of bus route delays. Students and parents should dress warmly and wait patiently before calling the school. If buses are canceled, that information is communicated in a variety of ways. Any cancellation of buses does not mean that the school is closed. Please note that if bus transportation is canceled in the morning, then buses are canceled 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 DISMISSAL TIME**. The office staff needs to leave on time during inclement weather as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 9: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING / GRADUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 13: FRIENDSHIP/TWIN DAY

FEBRUARY 16: FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

FEBRUARY 18: REPORT CARDS GO HOME

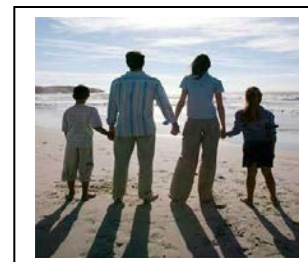
FEBRUARY 23: AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

FEBRUARY 24: AREA BOYS BASKETBALL

MARCH 13: PA DAY

MARCH 16 -20: MARCH BREAK

MARCH 31: PARENT EVENING WORKSHOPS



*WE ARE
AURORA SENIOR...*
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 had a very special assembly last Friday where students were given the chance to recognize and thank other students for their good work and their kind actions.

LOST AND FOUND

While we have been cleaning different areas of the school more lost and found items (mostly clothing) have been found. Please have your children clean their lockers and if necessary, check the lost and found on a regular basis. One shoe or one glove cannot be donated but belongs to someone.



SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS:

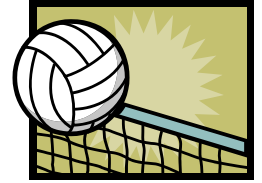
Kindergarten registrations for the 2015-16 school year will continue through the spring. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten programs begin here at Aurora Senior next year. French Immersion registrations will continue at the designated FI school (Devin's Drive) for George Street students until February 13th.

We are currently gathering our enrolment numbers for 2015-16. If you plan to move before September please contact the office and let us know. This information is helpful to our planning. **Grade 8 graduating students will be registered at their appropriate designated High School** based on program and address. Please check *School Locator* on the Board website for more information.

VOLLEYBALL

The junior Coed volleyball team performed well this season, demonstrating excellent skill development and teamwork! All of the players made very good contributions to the team: Daria, Emily, McKenna, Victoria, Kaylin, Barbara, Cameron, Austin, Yusif, Tyler, Andrew, Billy and Joey.

At the area tournament, the team finished 3rd in their pool and everyone agreed that they had fun playing together. Ms. Compton and Mrs. Foran enjoyed coaching, and also want to thank the grade seven students for their commitment and wonderful coaching skills!



BASKETBALL

We are looking forward to the winter basketball season for our senior students. Both boys and girls teams have tournaments during February and they will be hosted at Aurora Senior Public School.

RECESS ACTIVITIES

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. If there are any parents who have a special talent or interest such as scrapbooking or knitting and would like to offer a club to our students during recess please contact us. Thank you.



VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS ARE COMING!

The Grade 8 Graduation Committee will be selling Candy Grams outside of the gym at morning recesses from Feb. 9th to 13th for only 50 cents each. All proceeds will be used to help fund this year's grade 8 Graduation in June. Come treat your friends to a sweet treat that will be delivered to their classroom!

2014-2015 YEARBOOK

The office is still collecting any yearbook orders. Please submit those right away. We will be including events and student photos in our published memories of 2014-2015 at Aurora Senior. A great memento of this school year and all that we have done together at Aurora Senior.

If for some reason you do not want your child's picture used in the yearbook please advise the classroom teacher or the office.



SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

In recognition of Valentine's Day we will be celebrating on Friday February 13th with the theme of TWIN FRIENDSHIP DAY. Students are encouraged to pick a friend or group of friends and wear something similar to school that day with their friend (s).



AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL
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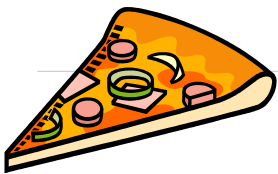
LUNCH ORDERS:

The current order of
Extreme Pita
lunches continues
until Tuesday
February 24th

Delicious Greek
lunches will end on
Wednesday March
11th

Pizza Pizza Days
continue on each
Thursday as usual

***Watch for FINAL
ORDER FORMS for
the spring coming
home next week!**



PARENT EVENING WORKSHOPS:

Please mark March 31st on your calendar as a night to come to the school and take part in a variety of student and parent focused events such as: how to prepare nutritious lunches and snacks for school, how to deal with social media and cyber-bullying, and a chance to participate in fun fitness and yoga for kids. Once again the date is Tuesday, March 31st starting at 6:30 in the library at Aurora Senior. More information will be coming in March.

GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

Any and all interested Grade 8 parents are invited to the first parent Grad Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9th just before the School Council Meeting.

QSP FUNDRAISING:

School sales of QSP magazines never really stop. If you would like to subscribe or send someone a gift subscription please login to www.qsp.ca. Be sure to select **Aurora Senior** from the account finder. Our group ID is: **3725413**. The school will continue to benefit from all future sales.

SPRING FUNFAIR:

Save the date: SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015... inflatable bouncy activities, bake sale, games and other special surprises will be offered. This is an annual event not to be missed. We need volunteers for the planning committee. Please contact Robin Scanga at the email address above. Thank you

GEORGE STREET CELEBRATION:

SATURDAY MAY 23rd will be the last chance to visit and say goodbye to George Street Public School (closing at the end of June). If you have any souvenirs, artifacts, pictures or other related memorabilia please contact us.

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2015
AT 7:00 PM - AURORA SENIOR LIBRARY
The upcoming Agenda items include:**

- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Regional Parent Symposium**
 - **Spring Fair planning**
- **George Street celebration**

