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AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

As the Principal I would like to announce and congratulate my Vice Principal, Mrs. Fischer who has been promoted to Principal at Joseph A. Gibson P.S. for September 2015. Mrs. Fischer has worked very closely with all students, staff and parents in both George Street PS and Aurora Senior PS communities over the past few years and it is with mixed emotions that we have to say goodbye and good luck as she moves to her new school. I know that she is very excited but also will miss the special relationships that have been built during our transition to one school next year. Thank you to all those who attended the George Street celebration this past month as we prepare to close that 'little school with the big heart'.

This past week we have been busy planning for the fall. The construction continues with our primary classrooms on the lower level and soon renovations will begin in other areas of the school, expanding to the outside area over the summer. As a reminder, our new school name will be Wellington Public School and all communication and bus information over the summer will be published accordingly.

This is not the last newsletter of this school year however, as we plan to send home some important updates to all parents at the end of June. Other information letters from the Board have recently come home related to the postponed EQAO testing and the plan for a full instructional day on Thursday June 25th.

*Mr. Ken Arnott
Principal*

STAFF APPRECIATION:

At the end of another school year we have to say goodbye to a special group of staff members who have worked so well with our students over the 2014-2015 school year. All of these teachers contributed to our classroom and extracurricular programs and to the success of their students. Mr. Counter who came to replace Mr. Ferguson in January, Mrs. Bonura for Ms. Schecter this past term, Ms. Kerr who worked ½ days with Ms. Leck in the Grade 4 class, Ms. Iaboni who took over for Ms. Johnson in March and Ms. Patano who spent the entire year in our Grade 7/8 Gifted program. Ms. Browne (Grade 5/6) is moving to Aurora Heights PS and Ms. Eaton (Grade 7) will be teaching at Little Rouge PS in Markham. We thank you all and wish you the best in your future teaching endeavors.



ASPS NEWSLETTER



AURORA SENIOR TOUCHSTONE...

Each month we take time to share how our students are demonstrating behaviour that reflects the principles of our Touchstone.

*Staff at both schools will arrange one final assembly that will include all students. We will all soon be together as Wellington Public School.

ASPS SPORTSWEAR FOR Sale

We have a variety of used Aurora Senior school shirts and shorts that will no longer be needed next year. All items will be sold after Track and Field finishes FOR ONLY \$2.00



PERSONAL PROPERTY AT SCHOOL:

All unclaimed items have now been donated to a good charity. Students are reminded to start cleaning out their lockers and desks as the school year comes to an end so that all personal items, locks and gym clothes are taken home when no longer needed for the school year. School property such as books and instruments will be returned to the classroom teacher or Ms. Baskin in the library.

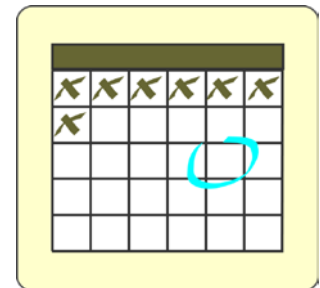
MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

We are planning the classes for the 2015/2016 school year. Our school organization is based on the projected enrolment for the school. If you are moving out of our school area before September, we would greatly appreciate a call to let us know. Thanks in advance!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- JUNE 5: P.A. DAY
- JUNE 8: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
- JUNE 9: AREA TRACK AND FIELD MEET
- JUNE 11: GRADE 4 ORIENTATION
- JUNE 15: GYM IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS
- JUNE 16: REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD
- JUNE 23: GRADE 8 GRADUATION
- JUNE 25: LAST FULL DAY OF CLASSES
- JUNE 26: P.A. DAY



WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL MASCOT CONTEST:

The excitement continues to build at both George Street and Aurora Senior as we introduced our new school mascot contest this past week. Students are now asked to log into their google docs account by Friday, June 5th and select from the five choices: **Bulldogs, Chargers, Ducks, Knights or Wolverines**. The most popular name will be announced before the end of the year. The mascot will help represent us next year on all of our logos and sportswear. Retro Aurora Senior shirts and shorts will be sold in the office until the end of the month – a collector's item for sure.

TRACK AND FIELD:

Thanks to all staff and students who participated in our school Track and Field Meet in May. Thank you to our parent helpers who came out to assist. These preliminary events helped us to select our team for the Area Track and Field Meet next Tuesday, June 9th (weather permitting). The Meet will be held at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School throughout the day. We have over 110 student athletes who qualified to attend. Please refer to the information letter and return the permission form to the school as soon as possible. Also this is a reminder to our athletes to prepare for an active day outside. They should bring a lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen and a hat.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN:

Last week our Kindergarten teachers from George Street PS and the Upper Canada Childcare welcomed a new group of families and Kindergarten students for September. The event was held in our library with games, gifts and activities for all who attended. If you know of any families in our neighbourhood with school-aged children in September, please have them contact our office to register. The school office will open for any new registrations on Monday, August 31st.



GRADE 8 GRADUATION:

Our Grade 8 students just returned from a 3-day trip to Camp Couchiching last week. We would like to thank all staff and students who made this an exciting trip and a very special memory during their last month at Aurora Senior. The Grade 8 Graduation ceremony will be held at Aurora High School on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please **note the early start time of 5:30 pm**. Students are expected to arrive at 5:00. We will have a rehearsal with the Grade 8s in the morning at Aurora Senior. The evening will conclude with a dinner and Island Boat Cruise for all graduates and staff downtown after the ceremony. More information will be sent home next week with our Grade 8 graduates.



GRADE 4 ORIENTATION:

Next week on June 11th we plan to host a special welcome to all of the new students who will attend the gifted program starting in Grade 4 at the school in September. The incoming students will meet some of the members of the Aurora Senior Student Council and have a tour of the building.



TOUCHSTONE AWARDS ASSEMBLY:

Plans are in the works to have a very special Touchstone Assembly (the last of the year and the last as Aurora Senior Public School). This will provide an opportunity to recognize our traditional awards from Grade 4 to 7 as well as a chance to welcome our George Street students to the school. Since our gym will be closed at the end of June for renovations, this assembly will be held outdoors in our back field area. George Street students will walk up to join us outside. Ms. Compton's class and Ms. Foran's class will also perform.



AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS!

SCHOOL COUNCIL
CHAIR:

Mrs. Robin Scanga
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LUNCH ORDERS:

Thank you to all of dedicated parent volunteers who helped with our Delicious Greek, Pita and Pizza lunches over the past school year. Call or email us if you would like to be involved again next year.

**LUNCHES WILL
CONTINUE UNTIL**
**Extreme Pita –
June 23rd**

Greek - June 24th

Pizza – June 18th



VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST/TEA:

As part of year end celebrations we would like to invite any parents who volunteered for us this year in areas such as Study Hall, driving sports teams, assisting with field trips and other events to a casual volunteer breakfast. This get together will be held in the library between 7:30 and 8:30 am on Wednesday, June 17th. See you there.

QSP FUNDRAISING:

YOU CAN ORDER MAGAZINES ONLINE

ANYTIME: 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.

Thank you everyone! A big thank you to this year's Council members for taking time out of their schedules to make a difference in the children's school experience. Think of all that you have done: Spring Fair, fundraising, special lunches, library volunteers, support for programs just to name a few. We are looking forward to another great year in the fall.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEXT YEAR: We will be looking for new council members next year as we become Wellington Public School. Please keep a look out for the information about joining School Council coming in September. It should certainly be a busy and exciting year in our new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school.

LAST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY June 8, 2015
AT 7:00 pm - AURORA SENIOR LIBRARY

- **Annual report**
- **Financial update**
- **Admin report**
- **Thank you/appreciations**

