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AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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FROM THE OFFICE...

At the YRDSB Board meeting in February 2013, Trustees approved the decision to proceed with the design for renovations to Aurora Senior PS to accommodate George Street PS students. These renovations will include new Kindergarten classrooms and outdoor play area, as well as Science and Art classroom reconfigurations. These renovations will be completed for September 2015, at which time all students in the George Street PS/Aurora Senior PS boundary from JK to Grade 8 will attend Aurora Senior PS. Renovations to the lower floor will begin in March. All classes have been moved out of that area. During the summer we also expect renovations to be completed in our lunch room and the gymnasium.

Our local Trustee, Peter Adams-Luchowski, has received the feedback regarding the renaming of Aurora Senior Public School since it will become a JK-8 school in September 2015. The new school name will next be proposed to the Board of Trustees for approval; anticipated in April 2015.

At this point, Trustees have not yet discussed or made decisions about possible future uses of the George Street building. The school community will be notified of any decision with respect to the George Street building.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Mr. Ken Arnott
Principal

Ms. Claudia Fischer
Vice-Principal

WELCOME TO A NEW STAFF MEMBER:

Mrs. Johnson had to leave a little bit earlier than expected as she awaits the arrival of a new family member. We would like to introduce **Ms. laboni** who will be taking over the teaching responsibilities in the Grade 4 Gifted class until the end of June.



THANK YOU MS. SACKE

March 9th will be Ms. Sacke's last day helping as our acting EOAA in the office. Many of you had a chance to meet her or speak with her on the phone over the past month. We would like to thank her and wish Ms. Sacke well at her next school. Mrs. Ieraci will be returning from her leave on Tuesday March 10th. Welcome back.



INCLEMENT WEATHER and BUS TRANSPORTATION:

Even as spring approaches weather and driving conditions can still be hazardous. This winter we have already experienced a number of bus route delays. 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. Just a helpful reminder too: students dropped off before 8:40 are not yet supervised. Please time your arrival when our staff supervision begins outside at 8:40 am. Parents are encouraged to check www.schoolbuscity.com "Late Bus Report" to see if their children's buses are delayed.

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

Thank you to all of our students for their positive reflections and thoughts that were shared during anti-bullying week this past month. Stay tuned for the spring Together We're Better Conference.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- MARCH 12: STUDENT ELECTIVES (am)
- MARCH 13: P.A. DAY
- MARCH 16 -20: MARCH BREAK
- MARCH 25: HEART AND STROKE ASSEMBLY
- MARCH 31: PARENT EVENING WORKSHOPS

- APRIL 3-6: EASTER WEEKEND
- APRIL 13: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- MAY 2: SPRING FAIR
- MAY 23: GEORGE STREET CELEBRATION



LOST AND FOUND

There are lots of winter clothing items in our lost and found. All items are now on display in the hall. Please have your child check the lost and found on a regular basis. One shoe or one glove cannot be donated but belongs to someone.

HEAD LICE:

Head Lice are tiny (3mm long) wingless insects with flattened bodies that will cling to hair and live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. They often resemble dandruff but they do not shed the hair without being pulled loose. If you find your child scratching please check for head lice. If found, please treat your child and notify the school to help us prevent any spread of pediculosis. They are a nuisance but do not cause illness. We may also schedule a visit from the LICE LADY in the spring.



BASKETBALL TEAMS: BIG congratulations going out to Intermediate Girls Basketball team for their determination and drive to continue to grow as players. The girls' gave it their all this season and could not catch a break when it came to the big games. We lost in the final at the Fossil Hill Invitational Tournament to a team we had previously defeated that night. Our team dominated the round robin at the Area Tournament, although fell short in the finals. Once again, losing to a team we beat in round robin, this time by one point. I am privileged to have coached and learned from the following team members; Abby, Amanda, Anchie, Anna, Bethany, Hema, Katie, Lindsay, McKenna, Nelani, Sarah.

Congratulations also to the Intermediate Boys' Basketball team for their hard work and team effort this season. The boys came 3rd in our pool at the Area Tournament. We greatly improved our skills and plays from exhibition games and I am proud of all the effort each member contributed to the team. The team members were: Walker, Peyton, Owen, Ben. B, Ben. L, Julian, Sear, Wolfgang, Jake, James, Jordan, and Malcolm. Well done!!!

INTERMEDIATE TRIPS COMING THIS SPRING : Plans are taking place for some special outings this spring for both our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. Our Grade 7 students will be spending a full day in downtown Toronto visiting various sites and taking in a Blue Jay game during the evening. The date for this trip is Tuesday, May 5th.

Our Grade 8 students are scheduled to attend a 3 day overnight program at Camp Couchiching. This has been a very popular trip in the past providing excellent outdoor education instruction and many lasting memories for this group before they graduate. The trip dates are May 27-29th. We will be sending home a letter with more details about the program and the cost. A deposit will be due before the end of March.

2014-2015 YEARBOOK: Take Your Memories Home – Buy a Yearbook! The students of ASPS are creating a fabulous yearbook to capture the wonderful moments of this year that can be treasured for years to come. The books will be produced in full colour and are on sale now for \$20.00. Order forms are available through your teacher or pick them up at the office. Let the memories live on. If for some reason you do not want your child's picture used in the yearbook please advise the classroom teacher or the office.

HEART AND STROKE ASSEMBLY: Are you ready to be JUMPCREDIBLE?? We're skipping for a great cause! The Heart & Stroke Foundation will be coming to host our Kick Off Jump Rope for Heart Assembly on Tuesday March 24, 2015. We will be starting our fundraising shortly after March Break and you will be receiving more information after the assembly! Stay tuned...

CHESS TOURNAMENT: The Aurora Senior chess club had an amazing showing at the Aurora Optimist Chess tournament on Thursday, Feb. 26th. Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 5 - Justin, 1st place; Kevin, 2nd place; Michael 3rd place

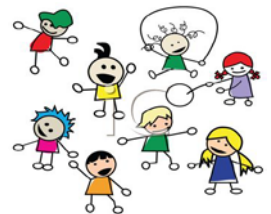
Grade 6 - Phillip, 1st place; Joey, 4th place

Grade 7 - Eric, 1st place; Matthew, 2nd place

Grade 8 - Brett, 1st place - winning every single one of his matches Richard, 4th place; Allen, 5th place

Because of our strong individual performances, we captured the junior and intermediate pennants for best overall! We would like to thank all of those students who participated, you did a fantastic job!

BAND PRACTICES: Grade 7 and 8 Band members continue to practice during lunch recess each Monday. New members are always welcome. We look forward to hearing them in the spring.



AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL
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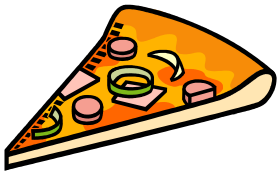
LUNCH ORDERS:

The deadline for the last Exteme Pita order has past but we can still take orders. Please see the office if you need a form.

Delicious Greek lunches will end on Wednesday March 11th. The new and last forms have been sent out. Return date is March 6th.

Pizza Pizza Days continue on each Thursday as usual

THE FINAL ORDER FORMS are available. Please order soon.



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.

GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

The next meeting of the parent grad committee will be held on Monday, April 13th from 6:00 – 7:00 in the library. All interested Grade 8 parents who would like to assist on the evening of grad are invited to attend. So far the proposed ideas include a formal ceremony at Aurora High School followed by a trip downtown for an Island boat cruise. Please send in your survey feedback to help with our planning.

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, game, raffle baskets 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 Lisa Sproul at lisa.sproul@yrdsb.ca. 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, artefacts, pictures or other related memorabilia please contact us.

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY April 13, 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**

