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# AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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## FROM THE OFFICE...

*The countdown is on.... In September 2015 all students in the George Street PS and Aurora Senior PS boundary from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will attend the new and improved Aurora Senior PS. in September. What a great day we had this past weekend hosting our annual Spring Fair. This event was a strong reflection on the level of support offered by our parent community which will also grow next year. Thank you to all those who volunteered and who attended with their families. The School Council and staff are very pleased with the results.*

*Just a reminder from our last newsletter, at this time we are in the process of creating a school organization for the 2015-2016 school year. We recognize that parents/guardians may have new and/or important information to share about their child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact upon class placement decisions. If you wish to share any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes in all divisions, we ask that you do so in writing and submit to the office before **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.*

***Your input is valuable however should not be considered confirmation of a particular class placement. That decision remains with the school administration. Because of changing enrolment patterns in the spring and summer months, final class placement will not be shared until the first day of school in September.***

*Mr. Ken Arnott  
Principal*

*Ms. Claudia Fischer  
Vice-Principal*

## WE ARE WELLINGTON:



The new school name was recently approved at the YRDSB Board meeting. Next year we will be proudly known as **Wellington Public School**. Thank you to all the parents and students who responded to our survey. Our next step as we transition to Wellington PS is to establish a mascot. The students at both schools will be involved in this exciting campaign. We hope to have our mascot ready to go for September and of course, provide an opportunity for students to purchase spirit wear with the new logo. Renovations to Aurora Senior Public will continue over the summer both inside and outside. There are lots of exciting things coming together in our new school community. **We ARE WELLINGTON!**

## 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.

\*This spring members of our Student Council will be spending time sharing activities with George Street students and some will also be attending the Together We're Better Conference.

### ASPS SHIRTS for Sale

We have a variety of used school shirts that will no longer be needed next year. The jerseys will be sold after Track and Field finishes in June however we have a limited supply of long-sleeved volleyball uniforms that students may purchase FOR ONLY \$2.00



## EQAO – GRADE 6:

Each spring the *Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)* administers annual testing in both Math and Language with all Grade 3 and 6 students across the province. These tests occur in each elementary school from May 25 to June 4, 2015. It is important that all of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 children are at school and properly prepared to do their best during this testing period. Each test session will be approximately one hour in length with extra time available if needed.

If you have a child in Grade 6 please plan any personal appointments or outside activities to avoid our test dates **MAY 25, 26, 27, 28 and JUNE 1 and 2** inclusive. Speak to the classroom teacher if you have any questions or think there may be any conflicts. Attendance and proper rest will be highly beneficial during the two week testing period. Letters regarding any students who receive special accommodations for the test have gone home recently.

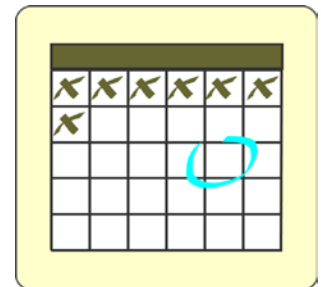
## MOVING????

We have started planning for the 2015/2016 school year. Our school organization of classes 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:

- MAY 6: CARIBOU MATH CONTEST
- MAY 8: STEVEN CHAPELLE PRESENTATION
- MAY 12: ARTS NIGHT
- MAY 13: GAUSS MATH
- MAY 18: VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY**
- MAY 20: HEP B / HPV Health Clinics
- MAY 21: TRACK AND FIELD DAY
- MAY 23: GEORGE STREET CELEBRATION
- MAY 25, 26, 27 & 28: EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING
- JUNE 1 & 2: EQAO TESTING CONTINUES
- JUNE 5: P.A. DAY**



## ARTS NIGHT:

Parents are welcome to come out on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> to see and hear the various student art presentations at Aurora Senior. Visual Arts from our Junior and Intermediate Division students will be on display for a gallery walk, drama plays will be presented and music will fill the hallways. Please join us for Arts Night: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAMS:** Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team on their 3rd place finish in the Area Tournament this year. The girls fought hard and improved drastically from the beginning of the season. I am honoured to have coached these individuals. The team finished 1st place at the Clearmeadow Invitational Basketball Tournament. Thank you to our assistant coach Lindsay and to the parents that took time to provide transportation to and from events. Keep your heads held high girls.



Congratulations to the Junior Boys' Basketball team for their hard work and team effort this season. The boys' worked so hard and really came together as a team. They attended practice four times a week and were always eager to play, making their passion for the game so clear. The team members were: Dylan, Wes, Jayden, Tyler, Austin, Cameron, Owen, Jin, Rin, Billy, Chris, Ben, Joey, Leo, Andreas & Ryan. We greatly improved our skills and plays from exhibition games and I am so proud of all the effort.

**BADMINTON:** Hooray for the members of our intermediate badminton team. This is a difficult team to join with over a hundred athletes participating in try-outs. The area tournament is on May 12th. Mr. Foster wishes our competitors good luck.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** Aurora Senior, you were Jumpcredible!!! Did you know that we raised more than \$1500 at our Jump Rope for Heart event! This means... that we will be having a hat day as we hit the first incentive of our school wide goal. Thank you so much for your awesome fundraising efforts! You should feel very proud to know that you are helping to save people's lives!"



**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:** Congratulations to our students who placed in the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Poster Contest: Junior Colour Poster Section: Rachel placed 1st and Sunny placed 2nd. Junior Black & White Poster Section: Paula placed 1st and Daniel placed 2nd. Intermediate Colour Poster Section: Cindy placed 2nd. Paula's poster has been forward to the provincial level for judging.

**SCIENCE CHALLENGE:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Michael Smith Science Challenge back in February. The Michael Smith Science Challenge is a national competition written by students in Grade 10 Science or lower. It emphasizes logical thinking, and covers material in the science curriculum common to all provinces. A **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to Richard who scored in the top 10% Canada wide.



**DENIM DAY:** Wear pink or wear jeans it doesn't matter. The CURE Foundation for breast cancer is raising money and awareness and we invite you to show your support. Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> is the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of **National Denim Day**. Your support will help ensure that not one life is lost to breast cancer due to a lack of funding. Any donations would be most appreciated from those who are wearing denim next week.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** The Track and Field Day for our Junior and Intermediate students is scheduled for Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Students are expected to participate in 2 field events and 2 track events as part of their Phys. Ed. program. 1500m distance running and High Jump try outs will be held on another day. Parent volunteers are welcome to help us on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Ms. Crawford.



# AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS!

SCHOOL COUNCIL  
CHAIR:

*Mrs. Robin Scanga*  
*rscanga@rogers.com*

## LUNCH ORDERS:

The deadline for Delicious Greek, Pita and Pizza lunches has past for the remainder of this year however we can accommodate extra orders if necessary. Forms are available in the office.

**PLEASE  
REMEMBER THAT  
TICKETS ARE  
ISSUED EACH  
LUNCH TIME FOR  
PIZZA PIZZA and  
should not vary  
from the pre-  
ordered list.**



## STUDENT/PARENT WORKSHOPS:

As part of our Parents Reaching Out initiative, speaker Steven Chapelle will be coming to our school on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to speak with students during the school day. Parents who are available are most welcome to attend this important presentation as well.

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## GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

Looking ahead, the Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and will include a formal ceremony at Aurora High School. Because of our plans to travel downtown for an island boat cruise with the graduates, the start time of the ceremony will be earlier than usual and will begin at 5:30 pm on that day.

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## 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](http://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.

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## SPRING FUNFAIR:

The Council would like to offer A HUGE thank you to all the parent and staff volunteers for this year's Spring Fair. It was a fabulous day and we couldn't do it without all your help! When we all put forth a little bit of our time it adds up to great things! An even bigger thank you to all families that came out and enjoyed the day with your families. The Spring Fair is our school's biggest fundraiser and know that every penny spent that day goes right back into your children's school to enrich their learning and overall experiences. We also extend our appreciation to local community sponsors of this event and have included a special thank you to those sponsors.

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## GEORGE STREET P.S. CELEBRATION:

**SATURDAY MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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. You may also find more information on our new blog: ***georgestreetps.blogspot.com***.

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

