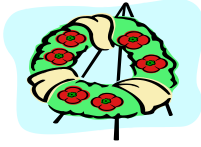


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AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

November shapes up to be a very busy month at school where teachers and students work closely together to set goals about future success and to communicate current progress with each respective parent. It was great to see our students come together for our monthly Touchstone assembly last Friday and to celebrate our first school-wide event; Halloween. We look forward to seeing students and their families at the upcoming MOVIE NIGHT this Friday.

Part of the routine in November is the beginning of the transition of Grade 8s to Grade 9 in High School next year. Wednesday is a special event: Take Your Kid to High School Day and many of our grade 8s will have their first opportunity to learn about High School programs both in the gifted and mainstream at Aurora High, Dr. G.W. Williams SS and Richmond Hill High School.

We would both like to extend a welcome to our parents if you wish to attend our annual Remembrance Day ceremony next Tuesday morning (9:30 appx) at Aurora Senior for both Aurora Senior and George Street Public School. This is a special time for our students to come together and recognize this significant date in our country.

Mr. Ken Arnott

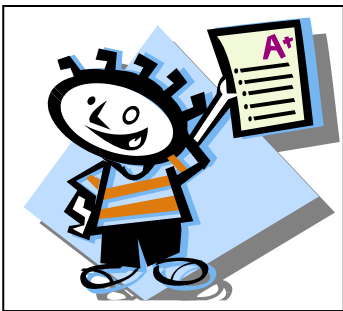
Ms. Claudia Fischer



PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION:

This week you will be receiving an invitation to attend a parent-teacher interview on November 13th or 14th after the fall progress report has been sent home. The purpose of the elementary progress report is to communicate a student's development of learning skills and work habits and general progress while working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations. Please book these interviews as soon as possible.

We feel this is a valuable time to have a constructive dialogue with the teacher related to your child and their program. It is also anticipated that conversations will continue as we monitor the needs and strengths of each student in advance of the achievement *report card* in January. For more details about the conference please review the separate letter that has gone home and the attached sheet; Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to seeing all of our parents next week. Please be reminded that for the purpose of these interviews, Friday, November 14th is a scheduled Professional Activity Day.





BUS TRANSPORTATION:

In November the weather can be snowy and sometimes hazardous. Throughout the winter months, it is sometimes necessary to cancel school buses and very rarely, 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.

There may also be occasions where buses are late for a variety of reasons and delays are inevitable. Parents are advised to wait at the bus stop with their child or just in case, make arrangements so that your child knows what to do/where to go if the bus does not arrive (especially if you leave for work before your child gets on the bus). Bus information with updates are available on www.schoolbuscity.com and public announcements about busing are usually made by various TV and radio stations early in the morning.

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.**

LUNCH SUPERVISORS WANTED

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



IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER 7: ASPS / GSPS MOVIE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 12: PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
NOVEMBER 13/14: PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
NOVEMBER 14: P.A. DAY
NOVEMBER 20: PHOTO RETAKE DAY
NOVEMBER 27: DR. G.W. WILLIAMS SS OPEN HOUSE (new date)

DECEMBER 1: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 2: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

** PLEASE NOTE: this section of the newsletter will include all special events for the school and should be noted on a calendar that you might maintain at home or in your child's school agenda. The monthly newsletters are posted on our website.*



RECESS PLAY:

Students go outside for recess breaks throughout the year and are reminded on colder days about the following things:

- Dress warmly for outdoor recess time (including boots)
- Have a pair of indoor shoes for classes (and gym)
- Proceed cautiously on ice
- Keep snow on the ground – **NO snowballs**
- Seek assistance from a staff supervisor if problems occur

LIBRARY AND LITERACY

The Library continues to be a busy place! In September there were 1167 fiction, and 382 non-fiction books signed out! In October there were 1231 fiction and 302 non-fiction borrowed. What has your child been reading? Many thanks to our group of dedicated parent volunteers who help out in the library!

SNACK BAR

The school snack bar is available to all students during the lunch hour. Healthy snacks include apple juice, frozen yoghurt and cheese strings as well as other choices. Our prices range from .75 cents to \$1.50 therefore students do not need to carry excessive amounts of money with them to school.

HELPFUL DONATIONS

We are currently looking for donations of cribbage boards. If you have one that you could donate for a Cribbage Club or for classroom use at school please send them in to Mrs. Baskin. Thanks for your support!

VOLLEYBALL

Both our Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball teams are looking forward to their upcoming tournaments at Aurora Senior this month. The girls play on November 18th and the boys tournament follows on November 19th. Thanks to our staff coaches Ms. Foran, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Foster and Mr. Ferguson.

FLAG FOOTBALL

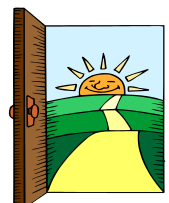
The Aurora Senior co-ed senior flag football team had a very successful season. The team ran the Gerrits offence (introduced by alumnus and current supply teacher Mr. Tim Gerrits). The team played in the regional tournament on October 9th with 24 other teams. Our ASPS squad won their pool after going 3-0 and won a huge comeback game in the quarter-finals. In the semis the team lost a close one in overtime. The students had a great day. Special thanks to Justin Chan and Declan Johnston, two Aurora Senior alumni, for spending their second year coaching with our students.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

This week our grade 8 students will have a chance to visit the High School as part of the provincial Take Your Kid to High School program. Also Mr. Hilmer, the Principal at Dr. G.W. Williams SS will be here on Tuesday night to make a special presentation to students and parents about the Grade 9 Gifted Program for 2015-16.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our students are continually involved with the spirit that is Aurora Senior and have participated in the following leadership opportunities that serve to help others around the school: hot lunch volunteers, office helpers, announcement team, door monitors, tech team, breakfast baskets and various other clubs *around the school*.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL
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MOVIE NIGHT:

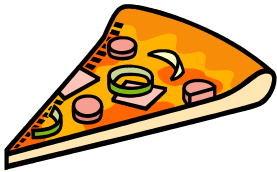
Come and join us for a fun-filled night featuring the LEGO MOVIE this Friday, November 7th – Doors open at 6:30 pm. This is a free school-wide event for both Aurora Senior and George Street Public Schools. Popcorn is included as well.

**Extreme Pita
lunches are on
Tuesdays**

**Delicious Greek
provides lunch on
Wednesdays**

**Pizza Pizza Days
continue on
Thursdays**

...yyyyummy



QSP COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY

All Cookie Dough orders can be picked up on the morning of **Friday, November 14th** in the front foyer of Aurora Senior Public School.



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.

COST SHARING... Once again this year the School Council has allocated funds to help maintain and enhance the technology programs at both schools. The money we forward is also matched by the Board in order to provide more computer equipment for our students this year. Thank you all for your ongoing fundraising efforts.

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2014
AT 7:00 PM
AURORA SENIOR LIBRARY**

