



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

April 2 Touchstone Assembly

April 3 Good Friday - school closed

April 6 Easter Monday-school closed

April 10 Scientist in School
Mrs. Coschi's class am

April 13 School Council meeting
7:00 pm @ ASPS

April 22 Earth Day

April 29 Jump Rope for Heart
Assembly 10:45 am in the gym

April 2015

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A Message from your Administration Team

*At this time of year, we are in the process of creating a school organization for the 2015-2016 school year. As most of you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education adheres to a hard cap of 20 students in each primary (grades 1–3) classroom. Although limiting class sizes is certainly a positive move, it does introduce a number of challenges. Flexibility is limited and consequently combined classes are continuing to be more prevalent in school organizations. 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 express, **IN WRITING** any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes, we ask that you do so before the **May 15th** deadline.*

*Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow for a variety of abilities, interest and talents of our learners to be successful next year. Teachers work diligently to balance the classrooms in terms of gender, academic ability and social and emotional concerns. Class placement is an important and complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion, so it is imperative that families adhere to the May 15th deadline. **Your input is valuable however should not be considered confirmation of a particular class placement. 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

"At George Street our Healthy Schools Team had a busy and productive month. Students participated in two national campaigns, 4 for Lunch and The Big Crunch. These activities are designed to teach students the importance of healthy eating and lifestyle. Our Student Healthy School Leaders did a great job on promoting and assisting with these events. A big thanks goes out to Lora Georgiou, our parent team member for all her assistance. Next month we look forward to introducing the Play It program."

SAVE THE DATE!



...is coming.....Saturday, May 2nd

The planning and preparation is starting and we need your help. This means that the collection of items or cash for the Classroom Raffle Baskets will be starting soon!

Each classroom has been given a theme for their Raffle Basket. Spring Fair volunteers will be going into classrooms the week of March 2nd to explain each theme to students.

Items will be collected from March 5th to April 17th

If you want to get a head start on items for the Classroom Raffle Basket, themes for each class are below.

Kindergarten (Granger) LET'S PLAY BALL—soccer & basketball, baseball, glove & bat, football, koosh ball, skipper ball
Grade 1/SK (Coschi) SPLISH SPLASH—pool and beach toys, towels, goggles, flippers, pool noodles, etc.
Grade 1/2 (Crimi) FAMILY GAME NIGHT—board games, gift cards for dinner in, etc.
Grade 2/3 (McIvor) CRAFTY KIDS—craft supplies and tools, paper, pencils, beads, paint, craft kits, etc.
Grade 3 (Martinello) NUTS FOR NERF—Nerf products that you can have fun with

BRING IN AN ITEM FOR YOUR CLASS THEME OR DONATE \$5 or \$10
DONATIONS OF \$25 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A TAX RECEIPT
(CHEQUES PREFERRED – PAYABLE TO AURORA SENIOR P.S)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SPRING FAIR

WE ARE GROWING IN SEPTEMBER:

Renovations to Aurora Senior Public School to accommodate George Street PS students have already begun. These renovations will include new Kindergarten classrooms and outdoor play area, as well as Science, Music and Art classroom reconfigurations and renovations to our gym and lunchroom. In September 2015 all students in the George Street PS/Aurora Senior PS boundary from JK to Grade 8 will attend the new and improved Aurora Senior PS. The Board will be deciding on a new school name later this spring. The school community will also be notified of any decision with respect to the George Street building.

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 3 please plan any personal appointments or outside activities to avoid our test dates **MAY 26, 27, 28, 29 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.



Invite your kids into the kitchen

It is never too late to start cooking with your kids! Not only can it be a lot of fun, kids will naturally strengthen their literacy, math and science skills without even realizing it.

Families that spend time cooking together, tend to eat as a family more often. This leads to healthier diets and stronger social and language skills. Teens that eat with their families are less likely to engage in risky health behaviours like skipping breakfast, smoking or substance misuse.

Not sure how or what to cook with your kids? Check out [Cook Up Some Fun!](#) at [york.ca](#) or [www.healthyork.ca/cook-up-some-fun](#) for recipes, cooking tips and fun kitchen activities by age. You can also sign up for our bi-monthly email tips and recipes.



For more information about how you can help your child's school create a healthy school nutrition environment, visit [www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca](#)



1-800-361-5653
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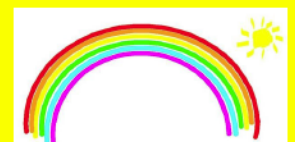
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MOVING ????

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!



School Day Organization

Office Hours:

8:15am-3:45pm

Before School Supervision

8:20-8:35 am

front door locked

8:50 a.m.

Per. 1 8:35-9:15

Per. 2 9:15-9:45

Per. 3 9:45-10:15

RECESS 10:15-10:45

Per. 4 10:45-11:35

Per. 5 11:35-12:25

LUNCH 12:25-1:25

Per. 6 1:25-2:05

Per. 7 2:05-2:35

Per. 8 2:35-3:05

After School Supervision:

3:05-3:20pm

BOARD VISION

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Inspire Learning!



SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR:

Mrs. Robin Scanga
rscanga@rogers.com



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 **George Street** from the account finder. Our group ID is: **3724879**. The school will continue to benefit from all future sales.

SPRING FUNFAIR - SATURDAY MAY 2ND :

Come and join us at this annual school community event. We have inflatable bouncy activities, a bake sale, games, raffle baskets and other special surprises. We need volunteers for the planning committee. Please contact Lisa Sproul at lisa.sproul@yrdsb.ca.

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 at www.georgestreetps.blogspot.com

**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**

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour is the world's largest ,pavement for action on climate change. During Earth Hour, millions of people around the worked turn off their lights and electronic devices to support a future where climate change is no longer a threat. While the actual day of the event is April 22, our school celebrated Earth Hour on March 25 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. So, for that we ask that you turn off lights, computers, and other electronic devices. Un plug and power down! By reducing and conserving our energy use we are helping to reduce the amount of air pollution in Ontario caused by the burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity.