



George Street News



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Upcoming Dates

Dec. 1– 12 New Hats, Mitens & food drive to help families in our community

Dec. 5 Touchstone Assembly in the gym

Dec. 16 Hot Dog lunch provided by School Council & Pajama Day

Dec. 17 Holiday singing 10:45

Dec. 18 Holiday singing 1:25

Dec. 19 Last day of school

Dec. 22—Jan. 2 School closed

Jan. 5 School open
Classes begin

December 2014

www.georgestreet.ps.yrdsb.ca

A Message from your Administration Team

We sincerely hope that the student progress reports and subsequent parent-teacher interviews were beneficial as we plan for future success in the coming months. If you were unable to attend in November and have not already spoken with your child's teacher for an update, please do so at your earliest convenience. It is also helpful if you would kindly return the feedback (signature) sheet and the report card envelope if you have not already done so; they are used again at the end of each term. A more formal report card will be coming home for each student in February (Term One). That will also be the time to re-evaluate your child's academic and social well-being at home and discuss some of the goals that the teacher shared with you last month.

At George Street we welcome diversity and recognize different cultures as many of our families celebrate Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. On behalf of the staff we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful and safe holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Mr. Ken Arnott

Ms. Claudia Fischer



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Devins Drive Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Devins Drive Public School to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Cyberbullying Awareness

The Government of Ontario has designated the week of November 17 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. During this week, schools across York Region will be focused on addressing cyberbullying. York Region District School Board has been working collaboratively with York Regional Police and the York Catholic District School Board to develop resources to support school-wide cyberbullying awareness initiatives.

Cyberbullying is the use of electronic devices and or the internet to threaten, embarrass, socially exclude and harass. Cyberbullying can occur through various forms of social media, including: texting, email, chats, websites, instant messaging, cell phones and through pictures/video clips. Cyberbullying is often aggressive behaviour that can be intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect. It may include: mocking, insults, threats, racist, homophobic comments, gossiping, spreading of rumours, excluding, humiliating and shunning.

How to tell if your child is being cyberbullied?

Computer avoidance, Computer obsession, Change in behaviour at home, Change in behaviour at school/school avoidance

Kids will either want to be on the computer to see if anything else is being written for others to see or not want to be on the computer at all May experience nightmares

source: YRP.ca

If you'd like to learn more, watch our [Change The Culture of Cyberbullying](#) video on the Board's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/YRDSBMedia>. Join us in saying **#yeswewill** change the culture of cyberbullying through your favourite social media tools.



National Anthem: O CANADA

Every morning, we begin our day with O Canada. All students and staff stand still to give honour to our great country. We ask our parents and visitors to participate with us by standing still for our National Anthem. We are all role models for our children.

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

To All Parents/Guardians:

Ensuring the safety of our students is our priority. Our Safe Arrival Program is in place so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students. **It is for this reason that we ask all parents to inform their child's school of their child's absence, including snow days.** Where it is possible, we ask that this be done in advance. Call the school and leave a message on the answering machine or with the school secretary at 905-727-4921.

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home at end of school day 3:05 p.m.

Hat, Mitten and Food Drive



After the amazing success of last year's food, hat and mitten drive, we will again be calling on our very supportive community to help families in need. These items will be collected by the students at George Street and then distributed to families in our community by the combined support of the Lions Club and Salvation Army. Donations for teenagers are always needed. How about a movie pass or a gift voucher as a donation? The hat and mitten tree and "food gift boxes" will be located in the front foyer of both schools. We will also be accepting cash donations to purchase food gift certificates.

The food drive will run from **December 1st to December 12th**, so please be generous and help make this holiday season a happy one for all!

Thank you for your support!



[*If you wish to be removed from the distribution list for Aurora Senior and George Street emails, please reply to this email or if you have someone you know who wishes to be added to the email distribution list, please email me directly at \[claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca\]\(mailto:claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca\)](#)



Our collection of *Lost and Found* items is growing.

Please check, or encourage your children to check, for lost items on display in the hallway outside of the office.

Unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to a charity by December 18th.





School Council Meeting:

January 12 , 2015

at 7:00 p.m. in the Aurora Sr. P.S. Library

AS & GS School Council News



COUNCIL FUNDRAISING...

Thanks to our community's efforts in fundraising, we have been able to purchase or support the following between both schools:

iRovers

Document Cameras

Computer cart

Library and Media Resources

Reading programs

LCD Projectors

Ipads

Scientist in the School presentations

GROW Interactive presentation

These are great enhancements to our regular program at Aurora Senior and George Street.



Need a last minute holiday gift idea?

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING!

*Order a magazine subscription for someone special
this holiday season!*



Simply go to www.QSP.ca and start shopping.

Use the Account Finder to select George Street and find our Group Online ID is 3724879 to support our school and children.

Remember, you can order a magazine for anyone who lives in Canada.

It's cheaper than wrapping and mailing a gift and it lasts all year long!

Magazines make wonderful Birthday, Hanukah and Christmas Gifts!

*Many magazines purchased through our recent fundraiser will begin to arrive in the next several weeks, but some subscriptions due to publishing schedules may take longer to start. If you have questions, please contact QSP Customer Service at
1-800-667-253*

100% Satisfaction Guarantee!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN!

Congratulations George Street! We sold over \$2500 worth of magazine subscriptions and cookie dough orders. Thank you to all of our students and families for participating and supporting our QSP/Cookie Dough fundraiser this year.

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!

