



# George Street News

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## Upcoming Dates

Feb. 4 Code Club 3:05-4:05p.m.

Feb. 6 Touchstone Assembly

Feb. 9 School Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. at ASPS  
Dairy Presentations to all  
classes

Feb. 10 Earth Rangers Show  
1:30-2:30 pm

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 Family Day school  
closed

Feb. 18 Report Cards go  
home

February 2015

[www.georgestreet.ps.yrdsb.ca](http://www.georgestreet.ps.yrdsb.ca)

## A Message from your Administration Team

This month all parents will receive the first of two formal report cards. The purpose of the two provincial report cards is to communicate how well your child has achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject at the end of a period of learning (Term One and the end of the year in June). The teachers will consider the quality of all evidence for evaluation that has been collected over time using a variety of methods such as: assignments, presentations, other evaluations and tests. From that evidence of achievement that is available and using their professional judgement to interpret this evidence, teachers will assign a mark for each overall expectation for a subject with either a letter grade or percentage mark. It is important that you review the marks and comments along with the subject expectations with your child when they receive their report card in 2 weeks. To provide feedback, you and your child have the option to comment and return the report card using the cut-off sections on page 3 and 4 of the report card or simply by contacting the teacher. Please remember that students on rotary have different teachers reporting on different subjects related to their academic progress.

For more information about the reporting process you may wish to review Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools (Grades 1-12) go to:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growSuccess.pdf>

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## Renaming Aurora Senior for September

A survey was sent via email to our George Street parents last week asking for your feedback on the proposed names for the school renaming. We will no longer be just a senior school next year as we grow to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 8 students, including classes from George Street Public School. Please reply to the email by simply selecting one of the four possible names: **Wellington Public School, Red Willow Creek Public School, Macchell's Corners Public School or Aurora Village Public School.**

Your responses will be tallied and presented to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming meeting. Thank you.

## CODE CLUB

Last month your child had the unique opportunity to participate in “The Hour of Code”. This was a simple exercise that allowed your child to experience an introduction to computer science. The students gave strong positive feedback about this event and they expressed a desire to continue with this learning experience. I’m excited to see that we will be starting a “Code Club” after school starting February 4<sup>th</sup>.

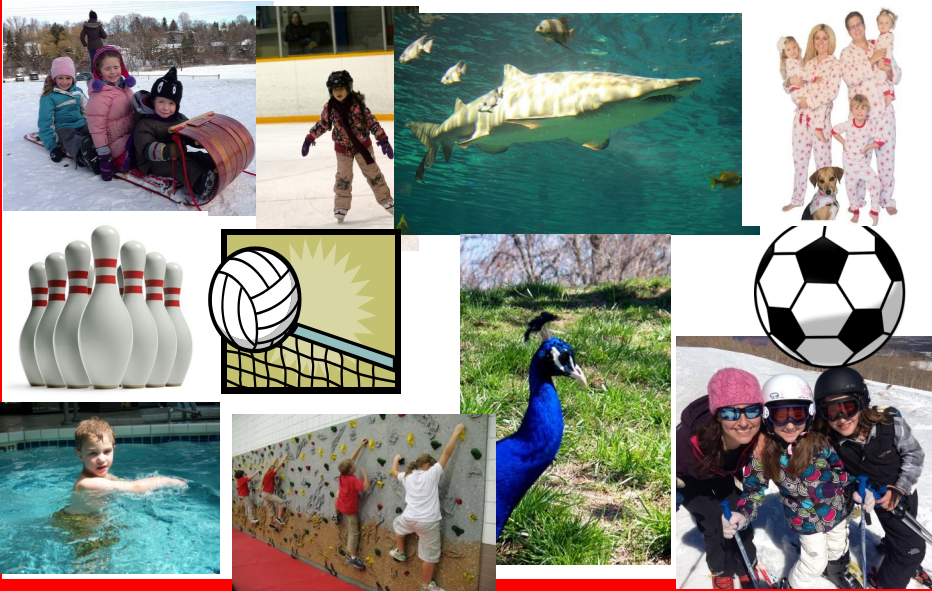
This program will be an introduction to the fundamentals of computer science including conditionals, algorithms, binary code, debugging and the societal impacts of computing. Due to limited space grade 3 students will be chosen by lottery to participate in this afterschool program. It will run from 3:05 to 4:05 every Wednesday. Students are expected to be picked up punctually at 4:05 as there is no supervision available after that time. This is a sequenced hands on inquiry based learning experience that requires consistent attendance. Make up sessions will not be available. Therefore attendance is essential.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS:

Kindergarten registrations for the 2015-16 school year will continue through the spring. Registration forms are available on YRDSB’s website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://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. Kindergarten programs begin at Aurora Senior next year. French Immersion registrations at our designated FI school (Devin’s Drive) will continue until February 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently gathering our enrolment numbers for 2015-16. If you plan to move before September please contact the office and let us know. This information is helpful to our planning. Please check *School Locator* on the Board website for more information.

## FAMILY DAY .....Family Day Monday, February 16th school closed



## Valentine's Day

George Street P.S. continues to support healthy eating. Fresh cut up fruit will be provided for students to make fruit shish kabobs on Friday, February 13th. Please do not send the following items to school with students on Valentine's Day.

**chocolate  
candies**

**cakes or cookies**

**Exchanging of valentine  
cards is always welcome!**

**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 Meeting:**

February 9, 2015

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

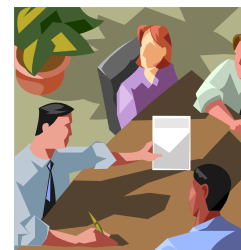
The upcoming Agenda items include:

Treasurer's Report

Regional Parent Symposium

Spring Fair planning

George Street celebration



**SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR:**

Mrs. Robin Scanga

rscanga@rogers.com

**PARENT EVENING WORKSHOPS:**

Please mark March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:30 in the library at Aurora Senior. More information will be coming in March.

**SPRING FUNFAIR:**

Save the date: SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015... inflatable bouncy activities, bake sale, games 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 Robin Scanga at the email address above. Thank you

**GEORGE STREET 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, artifacts, pictures or other related memorabilia please contact us.

**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 select **George Street** from the account finder so that the school will receive the benefit of your order. Our group ID is: **3724879** .

**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.

**Please be prompt.**