



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 5 classes begin
- Jan. 7 Grow Interactive Presentation JK-3 all day in the gym
- Jan. 9 Grade 2's visit VORC
- Jan. 12 School Council Meeting @ ASPS 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 13 In school artist work shops about Curious George
- Jan. 15 JK-3 all students visit RHPAC to attend presentation of Curious George
- Jan. 16 Kindergarten Registration begins 9:00 a.m. P.A. Day no classes for students
- Jan. 26 Scientist in School program a.m. Mrs. Granger's class

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A Message from your Administration Team

Happy New Year everyone!

2015 is certainly an exciting time for George Street staff and families as we anticipate our long awaited transition to one Kindergarten—Grade 8 school in September. This will allow all of our siblings to attend school together and open up many other learning opportunities and resources for staff and students alike. Although it is only January, the school planning process has started and we are currently tracking enrolment numbers for next year. It is therefore very important to inform us if you know that your child will not be returning to our new school in September. Please advise Mrs. McCarthy in the office. During the month of January students may choose to register for the Grade One French Immersion program at Devin's Drive and we welcome new kindergarten students for 2015-16 as well. Please review more information in this monthly newsletter and feel free to share with friends and neighbours who may not receive our newsletter. More information about these programs is also posted on the YRDSB Board website.

We continue to welcome your thoughts and ideas about your child's well being and their school program. Staff will be involved in professional activities related to planning and assessment over the next few weeks during the P.A. Days on January 16th and February 2nd. The first term report cards will be coming home in the month of February providing communication and an opportunity to discuss student achievement with the teachers and as usual, any parents are welcome to attend the upcoming School Council meeting on Monday night (at Aurora Senior PS).

Just a reminder that the winter months can be quite cold and sometimes we feel it is best to keep students inside for recess activities. On most days however students enjoy playing outside especially when they are properly dressed for the weather. Please continue to send students to school with hats, mittens (gloves) and snow pants. We all need some fresh air and a chance to take an outdoor break.

*Mr. Ken Arnott
Principal*

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**I'm going to
kindergarten!**

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

[*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 \[claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca\]\(mailto:claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca\)](#)

Upcoming Dates—No School

PA Day January 16

PA Day February 2

Family Day February 16

Are You moving?

If you know that your child will not be returning to GSPS in September, please contact the school office at 905 727 4921.

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 member if a problem occurs.





THANK YOU

December was a very exciting month with our Holiday Sing-A-Long and the Hat, Mitten and Food Drive. Donated items were collected by our school community and delivered to the Lions' Club/Salvation Army of Aurora to be distributed to those families in need in our local community.

Thank you to all of our families for your support!



School Council Meeting:

January 12, 2015

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

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SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR:

Mrs. Robin Scanga
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The Ontario Parenting Education Centre's parenting workshop program -- *Parent Talk* -- is being offered again this year in York Region. More information about program location, dates and other details may be obtained through the school office.

BOARD VISION

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

Inspire Learning!

