



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

Nov. 7 SK Vision Screening 8:45 a.m.

Nov. 7 Touchstone Assembly in the gym 1:40 p.m.

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day

Nov. 12 Progress Reports go home

Nov. 13 Parent evening Interviews

Nov. 14 Parent interviews a.m. only

Nov. 14 P.A. Day no classes for students
Cookie dough orders can be picked up at Aurora Sr. P.S.

Nov. 19 Photo Re-takes day 8:45 a.m. in the gym
VIP all Grade 3's 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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A Message from your Administration Team

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 last Friday to celebrate our first school-wide theme event; Halloween. We look forward to seeing students and their families at the upcoming MOVIE NIGHT this Friday. Touchstone assemblies are also an excellent opportunity for students to share the good things that are happening at school and a chance to thank others for the work they do to support learning and our positive school climate. Our November Touchstone assembly will be held this Friday afternoon.

We would both like to extend a welcome to our parents and other family members 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. The younger students at George Street will be walking up to Aurora Senior with their teachers shortly after they arrive on Tuesday. This is a special time for our students to come together and recognize this significant date in our country. We also will be providing poppies for the students (available now in the office).

Mr. Ken Arnott

Ms. Claudia Fischer

Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.

ELEMENTARY SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Our school operates a safe arrival program which requires that we check the whereabouts of all students who are absent or late each day. We need your help! If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please call the school office at 905.727.4921 to let us know. Please leave a message on the school answering machine indicating your child's name, grade and his/her teacher's name and the reason for the absence/ late, i.e. illness, appointment, etc. If we cannot locate a student during the arrival in the morning, we will call any emergency contacts listed at the office or if necessary, and according to our Board policy, we then need to notify the police. *We have an answering machine that is on at night and weekends for you to leave a message.*

REPORTING TO THE OFFICE

Please remember that the first place to visit at school is the office. The only way that we can assure the safety of all students is with your full participation! A "Sign-In" sheet is located in the office, and requires all visitors or volunteers to sign in when entering the building. Please sign in at the office and obtain a "Visitor" badge so that you can quickly be identified by staff in the halls. Going directly to your child's classroom only causes confusion in the hallways.

George Street Public School Touchstone

We are George Street Public School

We are ambitious in our learning and we try our very best to achieve our goals. Success is everyone's accomplishment to celebrate.

We take responsibility for our work, our words, and our actions and we try to make good choices.

We encourage one another to learn new and important lessons by taking risks and making mistakes.

We take care of ourselves and respect each other so we can learn, laugh, and live each day to the fullest.

We treat each other fairly, truthfully, and honestly, always remembering how we would like to be treated.

We accept, honour, and celebrate our differences because we know that it's what is on the inside that matters most.

We try to make a difference every day by keeping our school healthy, safe, clean, and happy.

We welcome everyone in our work and play so that everyone feels included and has a role to play.

At George Street Public School , everyone belongs!

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.



November
11th
Remembrance Day Assembly

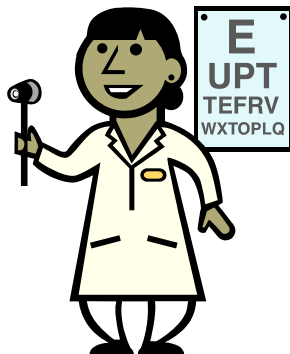
George Street Public School students will all walk over to Aurora Senior Public School to join in the Remembrance Day assembly at 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the gym.



Smile it's
picture day
Photo Re-takes
November 19th
@ 8:45 a.m.

*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

Vision Screening for SK students will be conducted at GSPS on November 7 at 8:45 a.m. by volunteers of the Aurora Lions Club.



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



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:

December 1, 2014

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

AS & GS School Council News



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.

Cookie Dough Orders

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

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR:

Mrs. Robin Scanga
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