



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

Oct. 1 Pine Farms Trip all JK, SK and grade 1's

Oct. 2 QSP Magazine Launch Assembly 10:45 a.m. in the gym

Oct. 3 Touchstone Assembly in the gym 8:45 a.m.

Oct. 13 School closed no classes Thanksgiving Day

Oct. 14 Dental Screen 9:00 a.m. JK, SK and Grade 2 students

Oct. 15 Photo Day 8:45 a.m. in the gym

Oct. 27 P.A. Day no classes for students

Oct. 31 Halloween Assembly in the gym p.m.

October 2014

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A Message from your Administration Team

We were very pleased to meet and greet so many of our parents on September 23rd at Meet the Teacher Night. It was great that several families also joined us for a special spaghetti dinner. Thanks to our parents Mrs. Scanga, Mrs. Sproul and Mrs. Kuhn.

Now that October has arrived we continue to focus our energy on student achievement and overall success and well being at school. Over the past few weeks we have had a chance to visit all homeroom and rotary classes and used various other opportunities to meet many new students as well as check on their progress and work habits. Student well-being in a supportive learning environment has been a top priority for all of the staff in September and through the month of October we will be reinforcing some of the important character traits that will allow students to continue to thrive at school; particularly those related to our Touchstone. As a staff we will continue to teach and develop good work habits with a focus on learning skills. These areas will be the basis of our planning efforts on the upcoming P.A. Day on October 27th and the provincial Progress Report that will be sent home in early November. More information will be coming home from the classroom teacher closer to the interview days on November 13th and 14th.

I would like to welcome the parents who were recently elected to the 2014-2015 School Council, particularly their executive and Mrs. Scanga who will serve as the Council Chair this coming year. She is very active in all areas of the school and is an excellent person to contact if you would also like to volunteer at Aurora Senior. The spirit and success of our school depends on parent involvement and engagement in the learning process at home as well.

Mr. Ken Arnott
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EQAO RESULTS

Within schools, EQAO results are used annually to guide school improvement initiatives by helping to identify areas of strength and areas of need to support changes in instructional practices that may be required. The provincial test results can also help schools engage in meaningful discussions about student achievement with their parent community.

Our teachers are always working hard to collaboratively plan curriculum so every student in every classroom is getting a balanced program and is encouraged to reach their potential level of achievement. Over the next several weeks, our leadership team will analyze the EQAO results along with several other sources of data to create goals for our School Improvement Plan with the objective of increasing student achievement. The monthly staff meetings, divisional meetings and PA days throughout the year allow us time to strategically plan for these goals and the steps and resources necessary to reach them. It is apparent that our school as many others, will focus our energy on math instruction and results this year. EQAO school results can be viewed on the EQAO website: www.eqao.com

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!



EXTRA CLOTHING

Occasionally, our primary students may require a change of clothing during the school day as a result of an accident, or if they become wet or dirty after playing outside. To assist the school with

helping your child, please send some extra clothes in a plastic bag with your child's name clearly marked on the outside of the bag, which could be kept in their classroom.

Lunch Drop Off Routine

If you need to drop a lunch off for your child, please bring it to the table outside the main office and be sure to clearly label it with your child's name and teacher's name.



We enjoy celebrating student birthdays in our classrooms. Due to various food allergies, we ask that parents NOT send in food or loot bags for birthdays to share with the class. If you would like to do something special for your child on his/her birthday, please consider having your child share a favourite book, or purchase a book for our classroom libraries or pencils for the class.

At this time of year it is important to remember that the York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0 in accordance with the Ontario Safe Schools Act, includes the following criteria:

A student shall not engage in the following act:

(a) possessing a weapon or replica weapon, including a firearm.

Students celebrating Halloween in costume at our school must comply with the above stated policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. We celebrate a healthy Halloween, so we ask that families do not send in candies or treats for the class. Fruit trays will be provided for classrooms on Halloween.



The Terry Fox walk at GSPS on Friday, September 19th with all students participating was a great experience for all. Donations received from students and staff totalled \$240.35 !!!!!



STAFF PARKING LOT



A friendly reminder to parents that we only have a limited amount of parking

spaces and they are reserved for staff.

An additional parking lane on the east side of George Street was created to allow parents who drive their children to and from school or daycare to park and escort their children to the school entrance.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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

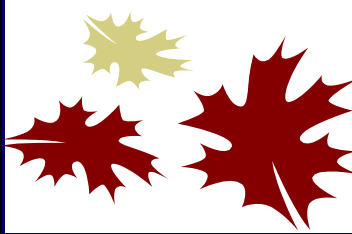
After School Supervision:

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:

October 20, 2014

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

AS & GS School Council News



2014-2015 COUNCIL:

As a result of the School Council meeting and elections held on Sept. 29 the following parents have been named to our Council this year:

Robin Scanga - Chairperson

Janet Tapping- Treasurer

Lisa Sproul, Mariana Badescu, Hatem Kamal, Patricia Gallegos, Tara Foster, Vidya Rao and Cathy Jin.

PRO GRANT (Parents Reaching Out):

We have been approved again this year for the Parent Reaching Out Grant. This is a night at the school where the parent community is invited to come and celebrate our school's cultural diversity. A committee needs to be formed in order to plan the evening and if anyone wishes to be a part of the planning process they are welcome to let the office know or email the Chair for any information at rscanga@rogers.com.

LUNCH PROGRAMS:

Once again our parent volunteers have offered to run the Extreme Pita, Greek Food and Pizza Lunch programs. Extreme Pita has already begun and we have had a great response to it this year. Delicious Greek order forms have just gone out so please be on the look-out for those. Pizza lunches started October 3 at GSPS.

QSP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION / COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:

October 2nd – October 17th

George Street & Aurora Senior families - it is that time again when both of our schools are selling magazines and cookie dough as part of our annual Fall Fundraiser. This important fundraiser helps our schools raise funds to purchase needed items throughout the schools that benefit both students and staff. We hope you will take the time to go through the brochures that went home yesterday and are asking family and friends to purchase items to help support your child's school.

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

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Claudia Fischer
Vice-Principal