



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

Sept. 8 & 9 Junglesport

Sept. 12 Book of Forms due
Sept. 12 Bus Safety program
JK—3 9:45—11:50 a.m.

Sept. 19 Terry Fox Run
11:45—12:25 p.m.

Sept. 22 P.A. Day school
closed no classes for students

Sept. 23 Meet the teacher
night/Spaghetti Dinner at
Aurora Senior

Sept. 29 School Council
meeting 7:00 p.m. @ ASPS

September 2014

www.georgestreet.ps.yrdsb.ca

A Message from your Administration Team

Dear Families:

I am pleased to be returning to Aurora and becoming the Principal at both Aurora Senior and George Street Public Schools. I have heard wonderful things about the staff, students and community and have already had opportunities to connect and plan with the staff and meet some of you and your students. I look forward to working with all of you in the new school year.

York Region is my home however in my career I have had a variety of experiences working for two other school Boards in the GTA: Durham and Scarborough. Most recently last year I was a member of the Administrative Team at Huron Heights SS in Newmarket and the year prior to that, I served provincially as the President of the Ontario Principals' Council. In 2011-2012 I was the Principal at Northern Lights PS and from 2004-2011; the Principal at Aurora Heights where I enjoyed many exciting and rewarding years in the neighbouring community. I also have a great advantage in that Ms. Claudia Fischer will continue this year as our Vice Principal and my admin partner. She offers tremendous insight and enthusiasm to both schools.

Although I believe that I am somewhat familiar with the community, I welcome the opportunity to get to know you and share time with the students in the learning environment as they return to school this month. Setting goals that enhance student success in the coming year is an important part of my role at ASPS and GSPS as well as supporting our transition to one school in September 2015. I hope that you are able to get involved and support the learning as well and I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events such as the Terry Fox Run, Meet the Teacher Night on September 24th or at our School Council meeting on Monday, September 29th at 7 pm in the library at Aurora Senior Public School.

Please take the time to review all of the information about the school, the Board and the expectations and routines early in September. Questions may also be answered by accessing the school website as we will be adding updates this month and I encourage you to communicate positively with your child's teachers throughout the year.

Welcome back and have a successful 2014-15.

Ken Arnott

JK – Grade 1 Helpful Tips for Parents/Guardians

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.

Introduce yourself to other parents and students at the stop. This helps students gain confidence as they come to recognize familiar faces at their bus stop location.

As a reminder, JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person.

Keep your phone records and emergency contact numbers up to date with the school office. STS receives this information electronically through the school.

Write down the bus company and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.

Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.



Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

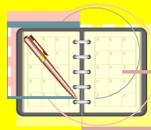
To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Safety Week

September 29- October 3rd is Safety Week at our school. We will share important information and remind students that week about allergies and other health issues such as bus safety and fire safety. We will also practice a **LOCK DOWN** drill at that time. More specific information will be shared with students and parents.

Agenda's

The Student Agenda serves as a useful way for teachers and parents/guardians to communicate and are available for purchase at a cost of \$4.60 cash or cheque (payable to George Street Public School.)



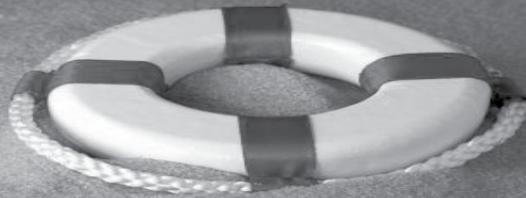
MEDICATION

Parents/guardians, it is your responsibility to administer medication. Treatment regimes should be adjusted to avoid administration of medication during school hours. When this is not possible, you may request the assistance of school personnel. Medication forms are available at the office.



Please help us by saving your magazine orders and renewals for our Magazine Fundraising Program

S.O.S.!



(SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS)

OUR FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING SOON - AND THIS YEAR IT IS BIGGER AND BETTER! INTRODUCING MAGAZINES & MEMORIES - NEW THIS YEAR – PHOTO PRODUCTS!

Each year, we hold our magazine subscription fundraiser to raise money to benefit our students while also encouraging more at home reading. The success of the program depends on your participation.

“To Remember This” – New this year! Make your own photo keepsakes! Choose from cards, calendars, stickers, posters, photo books, chore charts, and more! You can create your own keepsake, share your keepsake online, or give as gifts. You make the memories and this program helps you keep them!

Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale. It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives any profit from your order.

If you are anxious to renew before the official campaign begins, you can support us today by shopping online! It's easy . . . visit www.QSP.ca! **All early orders will count towards your child's rewards.**

Think ahead of photo invitations, holiday cards, etc., you may need. Order now and create them when you need them.

Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year!
Each issue acts as a reminder of your thoughtfulness!

Order a subscription for your child! Children love receiving mail and it's proven that reading print material benefits children far greater than reading material online.

Let friends and family know about our upcoming fundraiser. Send them an email using the email service at www.QSP.ca and your child will receive a thank you reward

Thank you in advance for your support.

We count on your participation!

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 News

School Council Meeting:

September 29, 2014

at 7:00 p.m. at Aurora Sr. P.S.



Welcome back! Our first Council Meeting of 2014-15 will be held on Monday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the ASPS Library. Elections will take place at the meeting for this year's new council members. Council meets about once a month in the evening for a couple of hours. Nomination forms are available in the office and at the "Meet the Teacher" Spaghetti dinner on September 23rd. For further information, please contact Robin Scanga rscanga@rogers.com. We encourage you to consider getting involved. This year will be an exciting year with the schools amalgamation of the two schools. As well it's a great way to learn about what's going on at ASPS and GSPS.



The Terry Fox walk will take place at GSPS with all students participating on Friday, September 19th from 11:45 –12:25.

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.

