



George Street News

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Upcoming Dates

May 1 Student Classroom
Placement Requests due to

Principal
Hillary House presentation
Mrs. Coschi's class 10:45-
12:00 p.m.

May 5 Jump Rope for Heart
Launch Assembly 9:00 a.m.

May 6 Family Health & Well-
ness @ ASPS 6:00-8:30 p.m.

May 9 Touchstone Assembly
1:30 pm in the gym

May 11 Mother's Day

May 13 Grade 3's visit ASPS
9-10:30 a.m.

School Council Meeting @
ASPS 7:00 pm

May 14 Dress Loud Day

May 15 All grade 2 & 3's visit

Georgina Pioneer Village

May 19 Victoria Day school
closed

May 21 Jump Rope for Heart
1:30 p.m.

May 22 Alt JK/SK class Jump
Rope for Heart 1:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Orientation

6:30-7:30 pm

May 31 Spring Fair 11:00-
3:00 pm

May 2014

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A Message from your Administration Team

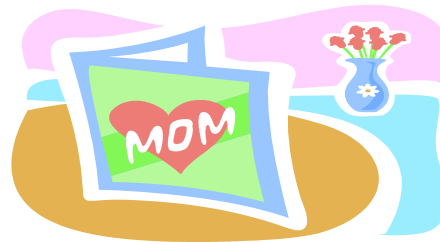
Spring is here and the next couple of months look to be very busy at Aurora Senior and George Street with many academic, athletic and social activities being planned for the remaining months of school - Gr. 4 Orientation Day, EQAO, Welcome to Kindergarten, Track and Field, Jump Rope for Heart, Scientists in the School, Field Trips and Grade 8 Graduation – just to name a few.

The School Council and the Aurora Senior and George Street staff are looking forward to a wonderful community event which will take place on **Saturday, May 31st**. We hope to see all of you at our annual **Spring Fair**. Your entire family is invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and food. The festivities will begin at 11:00 am at Aurora Senior and will conclude by 3:00 pm. This year we are excited to also have a Talent Show that will take place at 12:00 pm. Look for a Spring Fair package to come home later this month detailing the events of the day.

The annual **EQAO tests for the Grade 3 and 6 students** are scheduled to be held during the weeks of **May 27th to June 6th**. It would be greatly appreciated if you do not schedule any medical appointments during that time. Detailed information pertaining to those grades will be sent directly to those parents concerned. This assessment allows your child to demonstrate his or her skills and knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics. The results are used to improve student achievement and learning. Although the students in grades 3 and 6 participate in the assessment, please know that the EQAO is an assessment of learning of the Ontario Curriculum Expectations from grades K – 3 (for the grade 3 students) and the learning of the Ontario Curriculum Expectations from grades 4 – 6 (for the grade 6 students).

And last but not least.....

**We would like to wish all of our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day
on Sunday, May 11th.**



June 26th, 2014 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All students have received a copy of the *2013-14 Learning Calendar*. Please note that on **Thursday, June 26th, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning. Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. More details will follow.

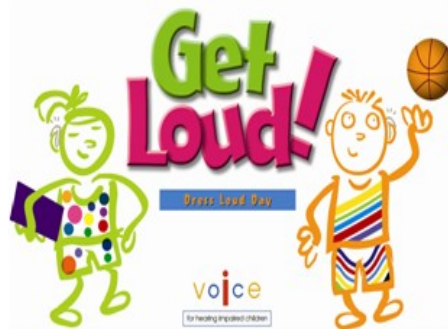


Are You Moving?

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



GSPS students sing Puff the Magic Dragon on stage at the Celebration of the Arts Thursday, April 24, 2014.



We look forward to having you **GET LOUD** with us!

ABOUT DRESS LOUD DAY!

May 14, 2014

What is it? Dress Loud Day is an opportunity to educate and create awareness to students and educators on children with hearing loss and how they can learn to listen, speak, and attend mainstream schools. Dress Loud Day is about generating awareness on how the needs of children with hearing loss can be met and how ideal listening environments can be created in the classroom. Participants donate a toonie (or more) and wear their loudest, wildest, wackiest shirts, ties, or other clothing.

Spring Clothing

Happy Spring, With our change in season comes lots of rain and mud. Please send in a change of clothes (pants and socks especially) to be left in your child's backpack. In the event that you child gets wet during outdoor playtime, then he/she will have something dry to wear for the rest of the day.

School Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians

Between May 20 and June 2, we will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys provide the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Grade 3 students visit ASPS

On Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from 9:00 - 10:30 am the Grade 3 students of GSPS will visit ASPS. Parents are invited to drop their children off and meet and talk with other parents whose children will attend ASPS in September. Students will be dismissed from the gym at 10:30 am to return to their home schools.



Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted for the 2014-2015 school year.

If parents know of any families in the neighbourhood with pre-school children, who will begin JK or SK next year, please make these families aware of the registration dates. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, 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.

The following original documents: birth certificate or immigration status and proof of residency are required at the time of registration for child and parent/guardian. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

World Classroom

STUDENT PROGRAM



Join the many YRDSB students and families who have participated in the World Classroom Program since it began in 2005.

Since then local teachers, students and their families have had the opportunity to learn about another country and culture and made life-long friendships by hosting an international student in their schools and homes.

Host families receive \$225 per week to cover the cost of hosting a visiting student.

We are expecting a group from China, arriving October 4th and departing October 31st, consisting of 25 students attending Grade 5 and are looking for:

- a 4 week commitment from schools and host families
- boys and girls in grades 4 and 5

To find out more, call or email Jennifer: 905 884 2046 ext.254
homestay@yrdsb.ca

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!



Character Matters!

For May we will be highlighting Initiative

We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

School Council News

School Council Meeting:

May 13, 2014

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



ECO-LITTERLESS SCHOOLS



The
Easter
Bunny
visits
GSPS



Students filled eggs with a variety of dried fruits for a nutritious and healthy treat.





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER SPRING FAIR 2014



The GSPS/ASPS Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Aurora Senior Public School. All proceeds will go towards Technology and an Electronic Score Board for the gym. With many new and exciting events, this year's Spring Fair promises to be an amazing community event.

Thank you to our event coordinators! We are still looking for a few more coordinators to oversee two vacant events. Please see below.

Events:

Food Coordinator: Jackie Venneri	Bake Sale Coordinator: Cari Magdar	Talent Show Coordinator: Mariana Badescu
Inflatables Coordinator: Lisa Sproul	Grab Bags Coordinator: Tara Foster	Raffle Baskets Coordinator: Kim Koteff
"Minute-to-Win-It!" Coordinator: Robin Scanga	George Street Junior Games Coordinator: VACANT	Beauty Boutique Coordinator: VACANT

We require many volunteers to help with many of the events for the Spring Fair. We are looking for volunteers to commit to an event for one hour. High school students will earn volunteer hours.

If interested, please complete the portion below and return to your child's teacher by May 2 OR contact:
Lisa Sproul at lisa.sproul@edu.on.ca

----- Cut and return bottom half to school if you are able to volunteer. -----

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I would like to volunteer during the following hour(s) on the day of the Fair:

- 11 – 12 12 – 1 1 – 2 2 – 3

If you have a specific talent (i.e. face painting, hair wraps), or particular interest in doing something, please indicate below:

I would be willing to help with the set-up or clean-up of the Fair at the following times:

- Friday: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Saturday: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
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**Let's work together to make the 2014
GSPS and ASPS Spring Fair the best yet!**

Family Movie Night at GSPS

A wonderful time was had by all ! !!!
The movie FROZEN was enjoyed by many families from both GSPS and ASPS. Congratulations to Alexandra Boyd of ASPS who was the lucky winner of the movie FROZEN.



ATTENTION PARENTS!

A NEW Magazine Sale Is Coming Fall 2014! MAGAZINES AND MEMORIES!

Coming Fall 2014, we will have our annual Magazine Subscription Program (including more digital magazines!) and also an opportunity to purchase Personalized Photo Memory Products including Photo Books, Labels, Cards, Calendars, Posters, Notepads and more!

You'll experience super easy upload and design of your products on-line with delivery right to your home. If you plan to design your own photo products this year, please order through our fundraiser and you'll support our school at the same time.

If you are eager to renew your subscriptions before the official campaign begins,

you can support our students at any time by shopping on-line!

Just visit www.QSP.ca and search for our school name.

(If you renew with the publishers directly the school does not receive profits.)

Questions? QSP Customer service is always available at 1-800-667-2536

Students and Staff were busy outside during the afternoon of Wednesday, April 23 participating in **Pitch-in Canada** in our school yard!



ME TO WE May 7th at Newmarket High School

The Newmarket network of school councils has booked Me To We speaker Molly Burke for an event on May 7th at Newmarket High School.

Molly has a very inspirational story. Her bio is at <http://www.metowe.com/speakers-bureau/view-all-speakers/molly-burke/>

She was featured by Chatelaine, which inspired us to contact her. That story is here at <http://www.chatelaine.com/living/real-life-stories/blind-and-bullied-teenage-activist-molly-burke-shares-her-inspirational-story/>

Parents, students 12+ or staff that might be interested, please contact <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/clearmeadow.ps/Documents/Me%20to%20We%20Presentation%20with%20Molly%20Burke.pdf>

Payment can be forwarded via inter-office mail to Clearmeadow PS or contact the office at 905-868-8081. Tickets can be reserved for pick-up at the door provided payment is received in advance.



**What's Up
in Space?**



ATTENTION ALL COSMIC KIDS!
Enter the amazing
AstroNuts STEM Contest
and present it to hundreds of kids at the 3rd annual Whats Up in Space Camp.

IT'S EASY

- Open to all elementary school kids grades K-8
- ...kids projects are judged into grade level categories
- ...grade K to 1/ grade 2 to 3/ grade 4 to 6/ grade 7 to 8



THE RULES

- *Choose a STEM subject (Science/ Technology/ Engineering/ Math)
- *Then create your project based on the theme of the Space Camp event "Whats up in Space"
- *You can enter as a team (3 kids per team max) or individually
- *You can enter through your school or independently.
- *Register by emailing ray@astronutskidsspaceclub.com and including your name, contact e-mail and brief description of your project.
- *when you arrive onsite your name is checked off and you go to the judging area
- *registration fee is \$5 for individual entry/ \$15 for team entry (max 3)
...please pay registration fee upon arrival
- *the maximum time to present your project to the judges is 5 minutes
- *please nothing combustable/ flammable and no larger than a surface area of 3 square feet

STEM SUBJECT POINTERS...

- Science: drawings/ posters/ play-do/ biological/ environmental...space theme
 - Technology: can use tech to showcase your project (i movie, iPAD etc) ...space theme
 - Engineering: moon base/ planetary rover etc...space themes
 - Math: the height or width of your structure/ or "space math" formulas etc...space themes
- REMEMBER!...BE CREATIVE * HAVE FUN * USE YOUR IMAGINATION!**



Date: Sunday May 4th
Time: arrive with projects at 11:00 am sharp
Judging starts at 11:15 am
Winners announced 12:30pm
"Space Camp" presentations from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Medical Arts Building
581 Davis Drive, Newmarket
Main lecture hall, 6th floor





THE ASTRONUTS KIDS' SPACE CLUB PRESENTS
The Third Annual
What's Up in Space Camp
and AstroNuts STEM Contest!



Sunday, May 4th 2014
12 noon to 5:00pm

MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
581 DAVIS DRIVE
MAIN LECTURE HALL, 6TH FLOOR
NEWMARKET, ONTARIO
 (ACROSS THE STREET FROM
 SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL)

with a loonie going to the
 Southlake Regional Hospital
 Foundation,
 Cancer research

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ADMISSION

ATTENTION
KIDS GRADES
K-8!

Enter your Astro-
Nuts STEM Contest
project and win a
prize!



See scale models of rovers, rockets,
satellites and Star Wars™ stuff!

Guests

- ★ A Chris Hadfield "Video Welcome!"
- ★ Skype with astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason
- ★ Bob McDonald, CBC "Quirks and Quarks" space expert!
- ★ FLL (First Lego League) Championship Team demo
- ★ Watch a helio-drone and space rover demo
- ★ The Amazing Astronomy team from York U. Observatory
- ★ Meet a real Rocket Scientist!
- ★ Meet Star Wars™ Storm Troopers!
- ★ PLUS lotsa space giveaways, activities and FUN!

Check out our website for more information!
astronutskidsspaceclub.com

Contact: ray@astronutskidsspaceclub.com



FIGHT THE BITE!

Protecting Yourself Against Rabies

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus that affects warm blooded animals, including humans. Once symptoms of rabies appear, rabies is almost always fatal in animals and humans. The rabies virus is spread by contact with saliva from an infected animal, generally from a bite, lick or scratch.

There are many ways to protect yourself and your family from rabies:

If you are an animal owner, keep your pet's vaccinations up to date. Dogs and cats three months of age or older are legally required to be immunized yearly against rabies

If you are bitten immediately wash the wound or exposed surface with soap and water, remove any clothing that may have been contaminated and seek medical advice as soon as Possible

Report all animal bite or scratch exposures to York Region Community and Health Services
Teach your children to stay away from all unfamiliar animals and to immediately tell an adult if they have been bitten or scratched by an animal

If you are travelling abroad, avoid contact with wild animals and be especially careful around cats and dogs in developing countries

For health-related information call York Region *Health Connection*
at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit
www.york.ca/healthyschools





FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tuesday May 6th 6-8:30

Mark your CALENDARS!!!!@ Aurora Senior Public School



Join ASPS and GSPS for a free, fun and informative evening as we explore Health and Wellness for your family
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Aurora Senior Public School
125 Wellington St. West, Aurora