

# NEWSLETTER

Aurora Elementary Newsletter

June 2022

June	8	School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	9	ADD: Crayon Colour
	10	PD Day—no classes for students
	16	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	17	Discovery Day for new Kindy students
	20	Special General Meeting
	24	Last day to return all library materials
	28	<b>ADD: Sports Wear Last Day of School</b> Elementary Grand Opening 3:30 p.m. <b>Term 3 (Final) Report Card</b> available after 4:00 p.m. through PowerSchool
30	Uniform Orders due to Top Marks	
August	24	<b>School Resumes for 2022-2023 for Grades 1 to 4</b> Kindergarten students will get a reminder email in August with their first day (staggered entry)

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# SUMMER FUN DAY

Dear Parents,

Summer Fun Day will be on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The day will be full of fun outdoor and indoor activities. The last day of school is an alternate dress day! Students may choose to wear athletic wear. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle as our school only has bottle fill stations at this time. Since we will be outdoors for large parts of the day, students are also encouraged to wear a hat and bring sunscreen.

Some of our outdoor stations involve water and students may get wet. You may wish to send a change of clothes with your child.

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of another great school year!



# Important Reminders

## Report Cards

Don't forget to log on to Powerschool to check the final report card!

**You will need the same log-in information from the beginning of the year that you have been using with each report card.**

Report cards are available online at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28.

## Library Materials

All library materials must be returned to Mrs. Poitras in the Learning Commons the week of June 20—24th.

Replacement fees will be applied to Powerschool for any library books that are not returned by the last day of school (June 28th).

## School Supplies

### Have you ordered your school supplies yet?

Any orders purchased prior to July 31st 2022 will be shipped to the school.

All kits purchased after July 31st 2022 will be automatically shipped to the students home.

## French Play Date & Times

### Enter From Outside Door-Bear Den

**2A** Mon. June 6 Per 4 10:53 am

**2B** Tues. June 7 Per 6 1:00 pm

**2C** Tues. June 7 Per 7 1:51 pm

**2D** Thurs June 9 Per 6 1:00 pm

**3A** Tues, June 7 Per 8 2:30 pm

**3B** Thurs. June 9 Per 8 2:30 pm

**3C** Thurs. June 9 Per 3 10:12 am

**3D** Wed. June 8 Per 4 10:53 am

**4A** Mon. June 6 Per 6 1:00 pm

**4B** Tues. June 7 Per 5 12:19pm

**4C** Mon. June 6 Per 5 12:19pm

**4D** Wed. June 8 Per 5 12:19pm

We welcome our grade 2-4 parents to watch their children perform the annual French play recitals. We are so proud of all the students' hard work!

*Thank you Mme. Marko-Kwasny.*

## Yearbook News

Yearbook orders for this year have closed. If you forgot to order a yearbook, please contact the Elementary office ASAP to put your name on the waitlist for extra copies



Dear Aurora High School Family,

The high school planning continues on pace! We are looking forward to welcoming our grade 9 and 10 students to an Open House in June. We will be able to introduce our teachers, find classrooms, discuss uniforms, and start to feel at home.

We want to assure you that current Aurora students will have priority before we accept new students, so there is no need for K-8 students to do anything now. There is still room for grade 10 students for next year, if you would like to share this information with your friends and family.

**Early Application Link for New Gr. 10 Students  
for 2022/2023: [auroraschool.ca/highschool](https://auroraschool.ca/highschool)**

We would like to thank you for your trust and feedback. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Ms. Harman at [jharman@auroraschool.ca](mailto:jharman@auroraschool.ca). We are excited to create a truly unique program built on the values, philosophy, mission and vision of our 25 year Aurora traditions.



Jacqueline Harman  
**Aurora Academic Charter High School  
Principal**

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"We acknowledge that we are on traditional territories in Alberta of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries."

## Assessment: It's Elementary!

K. Laffin

June 2022

As our school year winds down (*only 19 school days left!*), students are likely thinking about sunshine activities, evening bike rides, summer camps, year-end assessments, and even thinking about next school year!

It is important for all students to balance their activities and school work, during the whole school year, but this is an even more important reminder, as the days get warmer, and the end of the year looms on the horizon. This balance is important, both for their learning and also for their mental/physical health.



One of the best ways to stay on top academically is to READ! Read for information! Read for pure enjoyment! You could pick a family novel to read together over the summer, and then have a sleeping bag drive in movie night to celebrate a great story!

To help children keep their math skills in good shape, check out [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org/)! It is a free resource (with no ads) that is full of wonderful notes, videos, practice, and quizzes, for not only math, but also grammar, science, etc. A few minutes each day practicing math, helps keep those skills sharp!



*Setting goals and planning is the key to a fun-filled spring, with an eye on learning. Create a calendar that includes daily activity - put activity stickers on each day for sports and other activities! Create a "bucket-list" of spring and summer activities to do together with family and friends! Enjoy the summer - and remember to keep your brains and bodies moving!*



# Updates

Please join us for our monthly virtual meeting on **June 8, 2022 @ 6:00pm.**

You can find the link to the meeting [HERE](#) or find it on the auroraschool.ca site under the **PARENTS** tab and click on **SCHOOL COUNCIL**.

\*Agendas are updated online before the meeting.

## UNIFORMS

If you are in need of some uniform pieces, please email [schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca](mailto:schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca) and we will look to see what is available from our lost and found.

**Wishing all of the Aurora Families a Very Safe and have an Excellent Summer!**

**Thank you for all of your support over the year!**

**Please consider joining the School Council and AFS next year! We need parental support for upcoming events!**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at:

[schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca](mailto:schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca)



please join us on Facebook  
**"Aurora School Council"**

# AACS Board of Directors

## Board Meetings

Board meetings are held online at 7:00 p.m. each month during the school year. Anyone who has a student registered at the school is welcome to attend.

## Superintendent's Corner

Dear Aurora families,

What a year it has been! The COVID-19 pandemic challenged us to provide a stable, caring learning environment for your children, and, with your help and the hard work of our teachers and support staff, we enter the last month of this school year in good shape and have a number of events and initiatives to look forward to.



By now, you should have received an email invitation to a Special General Meeting, being hosted by our Board of Directors, to take place on Monday, June 20th. At this meeting, we will discuss intended changes to the Charter Document and highlight information about our upcoming high school program.

If you have any questions about the high school, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jacquie Harman, principal, at [jharman@auroraschool.ca](mailto:jharman@auroraschool.ca). She is working diligently to ensure that our high school continues the tradition of "The best choice for highly structured and enhanced academics" for our students.

And finally, after two years of waiting, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our new elementary school entrance. We are hoping that all families will join us at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, for a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate. We have invited dignitaries to the event, and we are thankful for this opportunity for our school community to come together after such a long time.

Let's have a wonderful June,

Ian Gray  
Superintendent

## Contact Us

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## Mrs. Healy's Musings

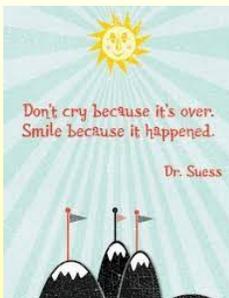


As our school year wraps up, I want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, parents and guardians. The past two years have presented us with many challenges and opportunities. We have ensured that learning loss due to Covid was addressed by applying for learning loss grants this year and providing extra in class and pull out for students. Our students received support from the Student Learning Support team in the areas of speech and language, occupational therapy and counseling. The support will continue for students that require it in the next year as well. We are enjoying air conditioning this year in the classroom which has provided regulated temperatures as the days become warmer. Thank-you to the Board and staff who made this happen.

Parents often ask how they can continue to support their child during the summer. Research has shown that some students do experience some learning loss during the summer break, mostly in reading and mathematics. How do parents help their child maintain growth gained in the school year and sustain good academic habits? Here are some suggestions.

- Check out the services and programs offered at your local Edmonton Public Library [Edmonton Public Library events](#)
- Review math facts and practice math problem solving skills <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/math-resources-for-parents/>
- <https://www.k5learning.com/free-math-worksheets/math-drills/addition-facts/horizontal-sums-to-5>. Has free math worksheets to print. Has advertising on the website.
- Raz Kids Reading Program - sign into Raz Kids to read and answer questions to test understanding. This subscription is provided by the school.
- Students in Gr 1- Gr 4 have access to the site all summer. Students know their username and password. Classroom teachers also have access to this information if your child has forgotten.
- [Raz-Kids](#)
- Bookstores have grade specific workbooks to purchase for students to practice skills.
- [Summer Starts at EPL | Edmonton Public Library](#) 9 week reading program starts June 25.
- Centre for Family Literacy- free resources for parents
- <https://famlit.ca/resources/>

Thank you parents for completing the annual survey in May. Your comments and honest feedback were greatly appreciated. The survey results indicate 92% of parents are very satisfied or satisfied with the program and teaching quality at Aurora. We continue to look for opportunities to improve and value the parent partnership to achieve our Education Plan goals.



As this is our last Newsletter for the school year, I want to wish all our families a wonderful summer break. If you're traveling, have a safe journey!



**Mrs. M. Smith**  
**Asst. Principal**



*I've had an amazing first year at Aurora Academic Charter School! Thank you to the students for their hard work and beautiful smiles each day. Thank you to the parents for being so welcoming and being amazing partners in your child's education. I have been impressed with the quality of education our teachers deliver every day. The school is infused with a family atmosphere and I love working with the students and staff every-day.*

*Next year, we will be continuing to offer support for students with our Student Learning Supports team. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please look for information at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year on how to request a referral. Also, be on the look out for information regarding your child's Canadian Achievement Test (CAT4) scores towards the end of June. We will also be sharing resources to help you understand the results of standardized testing.*

*I want to wish you and your family a safe summer, full of memories and fun. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michelle Smith*  
*Assistant Principal*

# Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

June 2022



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of school-age children and youth.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

## Lunch & Learns 12:00 – 1:00 pm

### *Understanding Anxiety Series*

#### **Part 4: Overcoming Avoidance**

Wednesday, May 4

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### **Mindfulness**

*Benefits for the Whole Family*

Part 1: Thursday, June 2

Part 2: Monday, June 6

### **Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health**

Part 1: Wednesday, June 8

Part 2: Wednesday, June 15

## Caregiver Education Sessions 6:00 – 7:30 pm

### **Substance Use**

*A Harm Reduction Approach*

Wednesday, June 1

### **Understanding Autism**

Thursday, June 9

### **Junior-High Jitters**

*Transitioning to the Teenage Years*

Wednesday, June 15

## Parent Feedback:

"I thought the session was great. Loved the variety: videos, interspersed with comments from the group and polls. Really interactive and engaging!"

"Thank you for hosting these sessions!"

## Sessions at a Glance



AMH Education Services  
Addiction & Mental Health  
Edmonton Zone

For more information, visit [www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)

# Caregiver Education Sessions

June 2022



These free 90 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members with introductory information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth.

## Registration

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

[www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca)

## Parent Feedback:

“The format enables parents to privately, interactively engage with the content. A great format for adult learners. Thanks so much!”

“Thank you so much! This was a very easy to understand session with valuable information. I look forward to the other sessions.”

“Enjoyed the presentation. Thank you.”

## Substance Use

### A Harm Reduction Approach

The experience of substance use is different for each person. Learn about some common substances used by youth, the spectrum of use, and the science behind addiction. Discover the basic principles of harm reduction and why it is beneficial for those who use substances. Learn strategies to support youth who may be using substances through courageous conversations and harm reduction strategies.

**Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12 for adults only

## Understanding Autism

In this introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), participants will learn how ASD affects the way children and adolescents interpret and interact with the rest of the world and the people in it. Once we understand the core characteristics of ASD, we will then discuss strategies to support our child's wellness.

**Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

For caregivers of children and youth grades K-9; for adults only.

## Junior-High Jitters

### Transitioning to the Teenage Years

Is your child going into grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? This session will provide information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. Strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness will be discussed.

**Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

For caregivers and pre-teens (grades 6-8) to attend together.



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# Lunch & Learn Webinars

June 2022



These free 60 minute sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, and community members with information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. When topics are presented as a series, participants can attend one or all sessions.

## Anxiety – Part 4: Overcoming Avoidance

In this session, we will conclude our Understanding Anxiety series by looking at how avoidance of stressors can increase our child's stress responses. By encouraging our children to face manageable stressors, caregivers can help their child foster effective coping skills. You are welcome to attend this session even if you were not able to attend the previous sessions in this series.

**Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of children and youth grades K-12; for adults only.

## Mindfulness

### Benefits for the Whole Family

In these sessions, we will explore mindfulness as an evidence-based way of supporting empathy, optimism, attention, and self-regulation skills in our families.

**Part 1: Thursday, June 2, 2022**

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

**Part 2: Monday, June 6, 2022**

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

## Registration:

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## Parent Feedback:

“I love these lunch and learn sessions when I can fit them in.”

“Just a big thank you. Virtual delivery and one hour over lunch time made this possible.”

“Great resource to share with families we are supporting.”



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## Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health

These sessions will look at the importance of good sleep quantity and quality for overall health, the factors that interfere with sleep, and sleep scheduling. We will look at healthy sleep hygiene strategies and sleep environments that can prepare our children for a good night's sleep.

### Part 1: Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

### Part 2: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

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## Parent Feedback:

“Great you guys do this. Beneficial topics. Well presented.”

“The length of this was perfect and had some great key takeaways for me to use moving forward.”

“I thought the session was great. Loved the variety: videos, interspersed with comments from the group and polls. Really interactive and engaging.”

“Keep them coming!”



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