

NEWSLETTER

Aurora Elementary Newsletter

June 2019



4D Enjoys a Special Presentation about Composting

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Important Dates

June	5	School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	7	PD Day—no school for students
	14	Last day to return Library Books
	19	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	26	Honour Roll Assembly for Gr. 4 Students at 2:15 p.m. Bear Den Gym
	27	Last Day of School - Summer Fun Day Mufti Day - Athletic Casual Sportswear Hot Lunch - Booster Juice Term 3 (Final) Report Card available after 4:00 p.m. on-line through PowerSchool
August	22	School Resumes for 2019-2020 for Grades 1 to 4 First Day of Kindergarten is <i>either</i> the 23rd or 24th for a half-day session. A reminder email for Kindergarten first day of school will be sent out at the beginning of August.

Final Exams—9 a.m.

Grade 3

June 6 English

June 13 Math

Grade 4

June 14 English

June 20 Math

Please ensure that your child has a good breakfast and arrives before 9:00 a.m.

Important Announcements

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 only at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

Important Yearbook News

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a 2018/19 yearbook. A tip-in page—a set of sheets for students to collect signatures from their current classmates— will be sent out to students this month.

There is an adhesive strip on the last tip-in page so that it can be glued into the yearbook when it is distributed in the fall.

Our thanks to our photographers and volunteers!

Year End Bus Beacon Collection

Please hand in your child's bus beacon between June 18 - 27 to your bus driver. Beacons must be returned so that we can replace batteries and do any software updates over the summer. You will be able to track your child's bus without the beacon; you just won't get any notification of when they get off or on the bus.



Any beacons that are not returned will be charged \$15.00 to your child's Family Zone account. New beacons will be issued in September and sent home in an envelope for your child.

Bus News for 2019-2020

If you haven't received an email by July 30, please email lweidel@auroraschool on August 1 requesting the information. Please note that it will be sent to the email provided in Family Zone. (Be sure to check your Junk Mail also!)

Time for Fun and Learning

Bonjour!

The grade 2, 3, and 4 students performed their French plays at the beginning of the month. The grade 2 students performed, La poule Maboule, while the grade 3 and 4 students did Le petit chat cherche une famille (the little cat looks for a family). We would like to thank all the guests who came to watch their success! We are so proud of the students' hard work and how much they have learned.

Professional Development

Our teachers spent the May PD day working with each other to review the math curriculum and to assess new students for next year. We also had a presentation by AltView about issues with bullying and LGBTQ youth. We believe no child should ever be bullied or feel unsafe at school.

In June, we are looking forward to the lunch hosted by School Council for Teacher Appreciation. Lunch is Mucho Burrito and it is Mucho Appreciated! Teachers will be completing safety training to make our school a safer place to be. We will also be finishing class lists and working on vertically aligning our math curriculum among the kindergarten to grade four level. Lastly, we will be holding the last round of kindergarten assessments for next year.

It's hard to believe we have only one more PD day left when there is still so much work to be done!

Grade 4 Career Week

We are excited to announce our very first Career Week for the Grade Four students.

We believe that Career Counselling can happen from the youngest ages. We want our Elementary students to begin thinking about their futures.

So far, we have volunteers to speak about careers in nursing, the legal profession, business analysis, non-profit fundraising, accounting, banking, virtual reality computer programming, pharmacy, psychology, accounting, teaching, zoology, engineering, agriculture, dentistry, telecommunications, and social services. Whew!

This amazing event would not be possible without the support of parents and friends. Our thanks to the grade four teachers for organizing this and to everyone who is volunteering their time to help students dream big!

Time for Fun and Learning

Kindergarten learning about ladybugs at the Muttart Conservatory



Our CUBS leadership club is our most popular club in grade four. Students work together on service projects to help other students, the school, and the community. We believe that a focus on helping others reduces bullying and leads to a safe and caring school.

This month, the Cubs leadership club students held a fundraiser to support the Sherbrook community. They sold freezies on two different days during the lunch recess, hosted a movie at lunch in the Bear Den, and led Basketball Boot camps for the younger students.

All together the cubs raised \$170.00! The students of the Cubs leadership club wanted to contribute to and thank the Sherbrooke Community for taking care of the playground, ice rink, and basketball court which they so generously share with our school. The community league will be purchasing new soccer nets with the money raised, which our students enjoy using at recess.

We will be celebrating a successful year end with a pizza party.

Thank you Parent Council for supporting our club!

Parental Involvement

Library Books

The year is winding down, which means it is time to return your library books!

The Learning Commons will stop circulating material as of June 14, 2019, so please ensure all your library books are returned before the last day of school.

Thank you,
Ms. Oh, Library Technician

Summer Fun Day Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to spend some time celebrating the end of the school year?

Volunteers can sign up for just a morning or an afternoon shift or for the whole day. We need volunteers to help run the activity stations in order for the event to be successful.

Sign-up forms were sent home on Friday and are due back ASAP, so that we can match you with a station.

Our thanks to School Council for funding this special event!

In honour of St. Jean Baptiste Day on Thursday, June 21st, the French Alliance is hosting a free "Make Music Edmonton Festival," on 124 Street.

Make Music Edmonton follows a French tradition called "Fête de la Musique". It began in Paris many years ago, and ever since musicians offer free music on the streets every summer solstice. This popular event promotes live music, both amateur and professional, of all styles and genres. The Make Music day is as often as possible an outdoor event taking place in streets, squares, etc...



There will be food trucks and more: street performances, giveaways, activities for all ages, local artists, patios and dancing in the street! Visit <http://makemusic-edmonton.ca/> for more information.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who returned your Parent Survey. We received almost 200 completed surveys! These survey's will help us determine how well we are meeting our charter goals and how we might improve our school. Thank you for spending your time completing our survey and for all of your input, it is greatly appreciated.

There's still time left to turn yours in! Please send it to the Elementary Office ASAP!

Parental Involvement

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

- Helped with a field trip?
- Come to School Council?
- Helped with Art Projects?
- Volunteered at lunch?
- Volunteered with the class?
- Done one of the million other things we love?

You're invited!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

**STOP BY THE BOOTH AT SUMMER FUN DAY FOR
YOUR THANK YOU COOKIES AND CARD!**

AACS Board of Directors

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Academic Charter School Learning Commons. Anyone who has a student registered at the school is welcome to attend.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Aurora Superintendent Team



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Thank you students, parents, staff and community volunteers for the superb 2018/19 school year! Our students continue to distinguish our school and learning community with hard work, effort, ethical citizenship and achievement. We are so proud of our students and their many accomplishments during the school year.

It is truly an honour to work and serve with our exemplary Aurora team. We wish all students, parents, and staff a successful and rewarding finish to the school year and all the best for summer holidays with family and friends.

Sincerely

Dr. Dale Bischoff & Dr. Paul Wozny

School Improvement

Air Quality Updates

In August last year, we created an Air Index Quality Procedure to keep the kids inside when the levels of smoke were unsafe. We were one of the first districts to do so, but could see that it would be important. We got advice from Alberta Health Services to create a policy, and kept the children indoors a few recesses in the fall.

Other districts made policies after we did, and we have decided to be more conservative and change our procedures, now that we have more information to work with.

Moving forward, we will keep the students inside if the Air Quality Index at the Woodcroft Monitoring Station (our closest one) hits a 7 or higher.

At level 5, windows will be closed except for air conditioners. Teachers will need to confer with the Principal before taking their students outside.

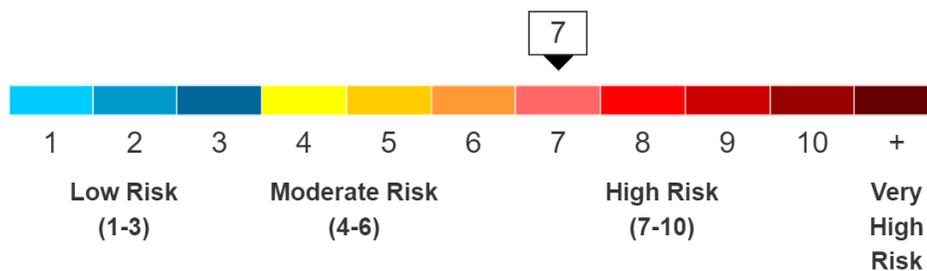
During all air quality warnings, we will continue to follow our practice of going outside before every recess to ensure the conditions are safe when the index is at a 5 or 6—regardless of the fact that the readings say it is only a moderate level.

The teacher in charge of a field trip will confer with the Principal before leaving. Activities may be moved inside, postponed, or cancelled. Teachers are also empowered to decide to cut short a field trip and come back to the school should they ever find conditions unsafe. We may not be able to give refunds as the bus and event may have already been paid for.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our children!

Watch the Air Quality Index Here:

Woodcroft Station



At-Risk Population:

- Reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also take it easy.
- [Find out if you are at risk](#)

General Population:

- Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.

Mrs. Harman's Musings



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Diligence, Respect, Cooperation, Attendance, and Accountability

June is a special month. We are finishing one year, but already beginning the next. This month, we are welcoming our new kindergarten parents and students at Kindergarten Discovery Day.

Building on our successes the last two years, all kindergarten parents will be joining us in the Learning Commons to meet representatives from the Board, School Council, Transportation, and Administration.

The main point of this time is to help new parents learn about the Aurora system so they and their children can be comfortable and successful, as well as having a chance for all parents—new and returning—to meet the other parents in their children's class. Even if you are a proud Aurora Alumni parent who has 5 children in the school, you still need to know this new cohort of parents if you are to have someone you can text in the middle of the night when your child forgot his homework or you are desperate for the spelling words!

We are so thankful to our speakers and to our new parents for taking on their new role as a member of our Aurora Family!

To all our parents who joined us on this educational journey this year, I hope that you'll come up to say hello and share your experiences that you had this year. We are always looking to grow and improve, as well as to celebrate our successes.

Welcome Home!

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