

NEWSLETTER

Aurora Elementary Newsletter

October 2019

Fall into Autumn

It's hard to believe that it is October already!

Don't forget to pack warm clothes for morning recess—we still go outside until the temperature goes into the -21°C range.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to stay up-to-date! [@AACSElementary](https://twitter.com/AACSElementary)

While the leaves are turning colour, I hope you're all enjoying the last of the nice weather.



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Important Dates

September	30	Mufti Day: Orange Shirt Day
	7-11	Read In Week
October	7	School Photo Day (G. 1-4, ECS-FM, ECS-AM,
	8	School Photo Day (ECS-FT)
	9	Wear A Word Day(Elementary)
	11	Mufti Day: STORYBOOK character (must bring book)
	14	Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
	16	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Learning Commons
	24 & 25	Professional Development Days (no school)
	31	Mufti Day: Orange and Black (no costumes)
	31	Hot Lunch Day—if you ordered (McDonalds)
November		
	6	School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Learning Commons)
	7	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:50 a.m.(Elementary Gym)
	8	Professional Development Day (no school)
	11	Remembrance Day (no school)
	13 & 14	Picture Re-take Day
	21	Annual General Meeting 7:00 p.m.—all parents should attend
	22	Term 1 Report Card (on-line only at 4:00 p.m.) Mufti Day: \$2 Hoodie Day(Elementary Project) Hot Lunch - if you ordered (Chopped Leaf)
	27	Grade 4 Term 1 Honour Roll Awards Ceremony 2:00pm
	27 & 28	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 p.m.
	29	Day in Lieu (no school)



Internet Safety

We had the Saffron Center come in and give a presentation called "Internet Safety: What happens after I press send?" to our grade 3 and 4 classes. Students learned about gaming safety, website safety, cyber bullying and integrity online.

Our thanks to Mrs. Dias for once again organizing a very important and informative session.

Terry Fox Run Sept. 27



A Toonie for Terry

The Terry Fox Run is a non-competitive event where people get together as individuals, families, and groups to raise money for cancer research in Terry's name. It is a day of celebrating Terry's legacy and helping to keep alive his dream of finding a cure for cancer.

Terry Fox's dream was to run across Canada, to raise money for cancer research. His goal was to run over 8,000 km from the east coast of Canada to the west coast of Canada. He named his run, The Marathon of Hope and started it on April 12, 1980. He ran for 143 days and was then forced to stop because the cancer returned. Now every year, more than 8,000 schools across Canada hold a Terry Fox Run to help Terry's dream for a world without cancer come true.

Instead of a run, we had a Terry Fox Walk in the drizzle! Regardless of the rain, we had a very successful event and raised \$700 for cancer research!

Picture Day

Oct 7: G. 1-4, ECS-FM/AM/PM

Oct 8: ECS-FT



Harriers Run Club

Congratulations



The grade fours have a cross country team in which they are competing with teams from all over the city and surrounding areas. They have raced at Callingwood Park on Sept. 11, Mill Woods Park on Sept. 25

and will be racing at Rundle Park on Oct. 2. They have been practising three days a week at school and some are practising at home as well. They have had great success in both meets. At our last meet, we had Luka Samu place second and David Daniel place fourth out of 255 runners. The boys as a whole placed fifth out of 67 teams. The girls also did well, placing eleventh out of 35 schools. We had Mira Diriba place 25 and Sara Celemin place 33 out of a 160 runners. Congratulations to them and to all of our other runners who contributed to Aurora's success. Keep running and we can't wait to see how the last meet turns out!

Mrs. Ouellette- Grade1 & Mrs. Ouellette- Grade 4

**Hot Lunch Orders
Due October 24**

Healthy Hunger October

The Hot Lunch for October is Chopped Leaf October 31.

Orders are through Healthy Hunger: healthyhunger.ca

Hot Lunches are a fundraiser for the school, as well as fun for the students.

This term, money will be used for Sports Jerseys to be used by the Running Club and CUBS Leadership group.

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches On-Line—How It Works

STEP 1. REGISTER UNDER STUDENTS & PARENTS

STEP 2. ADD STUDENT OR STUDENTS TO YOUR ACCOUNT

Ordering Your Meals

STEP 1. VIEW UPCOMING ORDERS

STEP 2. SELECT THE ORDER DATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER FOR

STEP 3. SELECT MENU ITEMS

STEP 4. PAY FOR ORDER

**The cut-off date is always 5 days before the 'Fun lunch'.

www.healthyhunger.ca

Yearbook Volunteer Photographers

Do You Like Taking Pictures?

If you love amateur photography, we need your help!

Can you come to a few school events to take photos for the yearbook? Even if you can just come to one, we need your help!

Let us know if you would like more information:
jharman@auroraschool.ca

Oct 7-11 Read-In Week (various times and days)

Oct 11 Storybook Character Day (various times)

Nov 27, Mar 19, June 24 Honour Roll Assemblies
2:20 p.m.

Winter Craft Night

Feb 26 Winter Fun Day (all day)

Apr 8 Pink Shirt Day (various times)

June 25 Summer Fun Day (all day)



Boston Pizza®

School Earnback

Want an easy way to give to the school?

Boston Pizza will make a cash donation to Aurora School of 5% of every receipt turned into the school.

There is a basket outside the Elementary School Office where you can drop off receipts (just tell your server—you will need the itemized receipt, not the credit card one).

Donations will be used to help fund clubs for the students at lunch!

Thank you, Boston Pizza, for an easy fundraiser!



Dale Bischoff

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Superintendents' Square

Our Aurora Annual General Meeting (AGM) for all parents/members will be held on November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm in our Aurora Learning Commons. A key process in the Annual General Meeting is the election of candidates running for the open positions on the Aurora Board of Directors. For this year, we will have 4 Director positions open for election. Please review the Director Nomination Package that will be sent to all parents on October 1, 2019 for further information and details on the process to nominate and run as candidate for the Aurora Board of Directors.

Our AGM is also key in the approval of our Aurora Audited Financial Statement along with the Board Chair Year in Summary Statement.

Do not hesitate to contact our Aurora Board Office at 780 454 1855 for any additional information or supports.

We thank our Aurora Parents for making Aurora a truly inspiring and caring teaching and learning environment for our students.

Dr. Dale Bischoff—Superintendent

Dr. Paul Wozny—Deputy Superintendent



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Waitlist Updates

Parents are responsible for updating the waitlist information for their children each year on Familyzone.

If you have a child on the waitlist, you MUST change their grade EVERY year or you risk being on the wrong list.

Double check that we have your current email address. All interviews are scheduled by email using the address you provide.

Updates must be done by October 31!

The Cold Weather is Coming

As the weather is changing and getting cold, please ensure your children are dressed properly for the day; to ride the school bus, and be outdoors for recess. We send the children outside to minus 21.

Please ensure your child is standing and waiting at the stop before the bus arrives, not waiting in the vehicle. They should have mittens, a hat, snow pants and a jacket.

The bus will leave at the scheduled pick up time if nobody is standing at the stop at the scheduled time. The bus will not stop if they don't see anyone.

Thank you for ensuring your children are properly dressed and waiting for the bus. Safety is our number one priority!

French Help Website

Do you need help with the French homework?

Our wonderful French teacher, Mme Marko-Kwasny, has made videos of all of her lessons so that your child can watch them words and actions at home! (You can too, if you need a little refresher.) Our thanks to Madame!

<https://sites.google.com/a/auroraschool.ca/french-vocabulary/>

Bus Reminder:

Basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, etc are only allowed on the school bus in the students backpack or zippered bag. Grocery bags, or plastic bags are not acceptable. It is a safety issue if the ball get loose on the bus.

LOST & FOUND

We already have a large number of clothing items in our BLUE lost and found boxes.

Please take the time to look through these boxes for any clothing your child has misplaced.



School Council & Fundraising Society

We had our **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** in which our new Executives were elected.

Congratulations to the New Executive Committee for School Council:

Jacqueline Kossick – Chair
Bharat Kathpal – Co-Chair
Debbie Millar – Secretary

And the newest member to the Aurora Fundraising Society:

Jacqueline Kossick - President

For our out going members Ellen Fung and Senait Salih –

Thank you for all of your help and contributions over the years, School Council would not have been the same with out all of your hard work and dedication.

Our **MONTHLY** meetings are on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of every month.
These are a great way to stay in the loop, share feedback, and meet other parents!

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6 pm in the Learning Commons.

Main topic for discussion: Review and Approve Fund Request Guidelines

Please check the school **website** under **"School Council"** tab for the most updated information and our meeting minutes, including a link to join the meeting online (<https://meet.google.com/agj-dfvh-mpw>)

Agendas for the upcoming meetings will be emailed a couple of days before. If you are unable to attend but would like to send us feedback, information or if you have questions, please email us at schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca or fundraising@auroraschool.ca



Do you have a **Facebook** account? Put in a request to join our group "**Aurora School Council**" for reminders.



Do you have a **twitter** account? Follow us [@aacsSchCouncil](https://twitter.com/aacsSchCouncil).

Fundraising Information:

The money raised from fundraisers help fund special events for our children like:

Clubs

Summer Fun Day

Winter Craft Night

Winter Carnival

Artists in Residence



We would like to welcome back the IN DEY GO Harvest Bundle and Beef Jerky. The information packages should have already gone home, if you did not get the information please email us at schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca.

Orders are due no later than **October 15, 2019.**

Thank you for all of your support!

mabel's labels

Go to the website: campaign.mabelslabels.com and select our school **Aurora Academic Charter School (Edmonton).**

Coupon Books

We are still accepting money for the ADmazing Coupon Books until October 18, 2019. If you have not placed your order yet, please do so ASAP.

Cerebral Palsy clothes bin

The next time you have clothes you no longer need, please bring to the school and drop them off in the bin that is **located in the back parking lot.**

Ms. Harman's Musing

Diligence, Respect, Cooperation, Attendance, and Accountability

Healthy Treats

We've been having fun celebrating birthdays as we get back into the swing of things.

We ask that birthday treats be kept small, as little tummies and minds have trouble with too much sugar. If you are going to send a treat, please think more timbit / mini-cupcake / cookie size. Full-size doughnuts and cupcakes are too big for little hands and mouths. We are also unable to serve full-size cakes or lunches as it takes too much time to cut and serve. Please save those special treats for their birthday parties at home.

Strange as it may seem to us adults, children love fruit and veggie platters just as much as sugary treats. They are excited by the specialness of the snack! Treat bags are also an excellent choice as students can take them home to enjoy.

As generous as the offer is, we cannot host pizza parties or McDonald's lunches for children's birthdays due to allergy concerns. We have these special events once per month so that each parent can decide whether to order the lunch for their own child. It is too much to expect a 5 year old to turn down a special surprise lunch—but their mom or dad may not want them to partake for a variety of reasons.

We are trying to be more Allergy Aware, and birthday treats are one the things which are difficult to monitor. If your child has a serious allergy, make sure you have spoken to the teacher, updated familyzone, and trained your child on administering their own epipen. We also have a medication policy you can talk to me about; just give me a call or make an appointment to chat.

Students should have their own epipen on them at all times—Amazon.ca sells belly pouches so that students can wear them under their clothes. Keeping an epipen in the teacher's desk only works in the classroom. Please ensure your child has their epipen with them on the bus and the playground.

We used the September PD day to train most staff on up-to-date CPR and Epipen procedures. We want to keep your children safe!

Kind regards,

J. Harman

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