

December 4th, 2017



Aurora Middle School

A Great Middle School Experience!

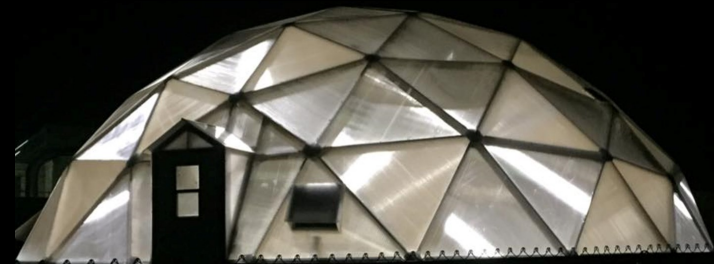
December 2017



Principals Message

Wow! It's hard to believe that December is already here. We have had a great few months so far and are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. We thank all of the parents and guardians who attended our Parent Teacher Interview evenings last month. Your involvement in your child's education is very important! We are busy planning for our grade 4 & 5 Christmas concert that takes place on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:45 pm. We invite all friends and family to join us. The staff and students have a couple more weeks of prepping and rehearsing to make sure that we can put on the best possible show for you. We are also planning to continue the tradition of hosting a fine arts evening event in late January that we encourage you to attend! As the principal of Aurora Middle School I have the privilege of interacting with students, parents and staff and observing the activities that take place here on a daily basis. The interactions I observe between students, parents and staff are very positive, which tells me that Aurora is a very healthy place for all of us. I really do wish you all the best as we enter December and the Christmas holiday season.

Our Growing Dome is almost ready for our students. The services are almost all hooked up now and we are currently installing the raised beds. We hope to have students using this new facility in the new year. Soon our students will be harvesting herbs, fruits and vegetables in their specimen gardens. They will have opportunities to experiment with solar power, seasonal cycles, techniques for organic gardening, fish production and seed saving. As our school focuses on healthier lunches and health education, our Growing Dome greenhouse should be a central focus for fresh organic salad bars and learning about organic gardening. More importantly, we hope this living classroom instills a greater sense of respect for our environment and earth amongst our future generations.



Dates To Remember



- Dec 7th - Lion King Presentation @ JAWS
- Dec. 19th - Christmas Concert –1:45 pm start
- Dec 21st - Last day before Christmas Holidays
- Dec. 21st - Student Council Christmas Event
- Jan. 8th - Classes Resume



Christmas Concert

Aurora Middle School presents

"A Canadian Cultural Celebration"

on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:45 pm.

The concert will feature Christmas songs, skits as well as some traditional Pow Wow dancing & jiggling.

The concert will feature music from our student choir, handbells group, grade 7 & 8 band, as well as other classes and individual students.

Come out and join us for an afternoon filled with smiles and joy as our students entertain you with their Canadian Cultural Celebration of music and dance.

Parent Council Corner

We hope that all students and staff have had a positive experience over the first 3 months of the school year. Our goal is to give your children a safe and fun year. We hold monthly meetings where we share information about the school, the activities taking place here at the school as well as make suggestions for possible improvements. Our main goal is to support our school and our students to ensure that their experience here is a good one. We regularly get involved and help with the Student Council School Spirit activities however we can. We also have a fundraising society that helps provide services and resources to the students. We need your help and encourage you to give your support to fundraising and other school activities that require parent involvement. The next meeting will be on Wed, January 31st at 6:30 pm in the school conference room. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month and anyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Wishing all students, parents and staff A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

School Council Executive & Aurora Thunder
Parent Fundraising Society Executive:
Chair – Susanne Onciul-Pich
Vice Chair - Sandra Fortier
Secretary – Cindy Kruk
Treasurer – Angele Kaufman



Lest we Forget

Students, staff and special guests were treated to an amazing Remembrance Day Ceremony here at Aurora Middle School on Thursday November 9th. Parents, staff and guests were very impressed with the quality of the program and how incredibly respectful the students were. The ceremony included several guest speakers and guests including: Local Veteran Comrade Wally Sinclair, Private Glen Meyer, Elder in residence Dianne Ludwig, President of the Metis Nation Alberta Region 1 Dianne Scoville, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Allison Moore, the 2995 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Captain Alida Ryan, Master Corporal Christopher Osborne, the Lac La Biche Fire Department and several community members. The helicopter used to transport guests to our ceremony was definitely a highlight for students! We were very proud of the several student performances that were performed at the ceremony. As



usual our fine arts programs treated the audience of over 500 to both musical and visual performances put on by our grade 7 & 8 Concert band, our Lightning Bells handbells group, the Aurora Choir, and our gr 6 glee class.



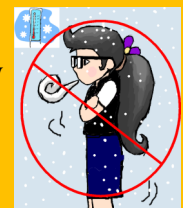
Transportation Tidbits

WHAT DOES OUR FAMILY DO IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUS TRANSPORTATION?



- If you are unsure if buses are running check the NLSD website for current updates. An APP can also be downloaded to alert you of bus route changes.
- It is the Parents final decision if you want to have your child go to school on the bus. Schools are almost always open.
- Have a PLAN B for your child if the bus does not run (ie. where do they go/can they get back in house/who do they call)
- Always dress for the weather.

Visit www.nlsd.ab.ca for route info.



Aurora Sports News

We have completed volleyball here at the school for the season.



A huge thank you to our volleyball coaches for volunteering their time and the great job that they did with our students. The coaches were very pleased with the season and thank the participants for their effort and commitment. It was great to see the players having fun, and at the same time demonstrating tremendous growth and development during this season. Again, a very special thank you to Mrs. Shulko, Mr. Curtis Cadieux, Mr. Nashim, Ms. Keough, Ms. Delorme, Mr. Kevin Biollo, and Mr. Webster for donating their very valuable time, skill and knowledge as our 2017 volleyball coaches.



A big congratulations to our grade 7 and 8 boys volleyball team for winning the Nov 18, 2017 LSAA Volleyball Districts. We were one of the few schools that did not have any grade nine players, but we were still able to win this event. The organizers complemented our team for displaying good sportsmanship and behavior throughout this district competition.

J.A. Williams presents
The Lion King
Student Drama Performance



the afternoon. The cost of the performance will be paid by the Parent Council, Student Council and the school.

As always their support allows us to achieve our goals of providing the students of Aurora Middle School

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A huge thank you to all parents who help in any-way - your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our students have been invited to attend the Lion King drama that JA Williams High School is putting on at Portage College on December 6, 7 & 8th. Half of our classes will attend in the morning and the other half in



Basketball season has begun and we have had a great turnout of student athletes!

Grade 7-8 girls basketball with Coach Kevin Kuraitis, every Monday and Thursday, 3:30-5 pm, Dec -March

Grade 7-8 boys basketball with Coach Mr. Mah every Wednesday, from 3:30-5 pm (in month of December)

And then every Wednesday, 5:00- 6:15 p.m and every Friday, 3:30- 4:45 p.m, from January to March.

Gr 4- 6 boys basketball with Mr. Przybylski or Mr. Mah, every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5 p.m - January to March

Gr 4-6 girls basketball With Mr. Mah, every Wednesday, 3:30-5:00p.m - January to March



A very special thank you to all of our coaches!