


October 2017

Principal's Message

Happy Halloween to each of you! Our students are very excited about Halloween and we look forward to a fun day. Halloween is a great time to dress up and have a little fun. We ask that parents please make sure that their children avoid bringing candy to school – excess sugar and school are not a good mix! We also ask parents to make sure that student costumes are appropriate for school and that they are modest. I am hoping you have a great Halloween, Stay safe!



 Our Remembrance Day ceremony will take place on November 9th at 10:45. Our school community is invited to attend the ceremony with us here at the school.

I would also like to confirm for you that Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for November 21st and 22nd from 4:15 until 7:15 PM. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions about these meetings.

Aurora Middle School is very fortunate to have a very supportive School Council. We truly appreciate all of the support they provide to our staff and students. If you are interested in learning more about how you can be involved in our School Council please read the "Parent Council Corner" article in this newsletter.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Report Cards will be sent home with students on Nov 20th. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the school on Tuesday Nov 21st and Wednesday Nov 22nd from 4:15 until 7:15 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You Parent Council

A huge thank you to our School Council and our Aurora Thunder Parent Fundraising Society Executive for purchasing team jerseys for our girls' volleyball team this year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and has a very positive impact for our students.



Dates To Remember



- Oct. 25 - Parent Council Meeting (6:30 @ school)
- Oct. 27 - Earth Rangers visits Aurora
- Oct. 31- Halloween activities in the afternoon
- Nov. 3 - Student photo re-takes
- Nov. 5 - Daylight savings - set clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 9 - Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:45)
- Nov. 10- Family Friday- No School
- Nov. 21 & 22 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 24 - No School for Students

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Aurora Middle School will hold its Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9th at 10:45 am. Our student choir, handbells group, glee group, as well as our band students will be performing at the ceremony. We are also expecting a veteran from the local Legion to join us for our ceremony. We welcome parents and guardians to join us for this event.



Parent Council Corner

Lest We Forget

We are hoping that your child's first couple of months at Aurora Middle School have gone well. Our Aurora Middle School Parent Council is here to help support our school and our students. We need your help and encourage you to give your support to fundraising and other school activities that require parent involvement. Our goal is to give your children a safe and fun year. We have most of our positions filled but are still looking for a Casino/Bingo rep. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 25th at 6:30 pm in the school conference room. Hope to see you there.

School Council Executive & Aurora Thunder Parent Fundraising Society Executive:

Chair – Susanne Onciul-Pich

Vice Chair - Sandra Fortier

Secretary – Cindy Kruk

Treasurer – Angele Kaufman

Wishing All Students,

Staff & Families A Safe & Happy Halloween



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TIDBITS...

With colder weather coming please ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Parkas, boots, mitts, hats, (insulated pants for smaller ones). Bus drivers ARE required to remind students to have warm clothes to ride the bus.

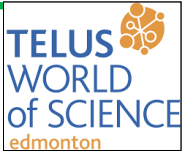
Please make sure that you know your child's route or bus number, have your bus driver's phone number handy for questions and have a plan "B" for you child if the bus does not show up by pick up time. Please remember that you can check the transportation website for route cancellations or delays. Save the website

<http://www.nlsd.ab.ca/Transportation.php>



Thank You Lac La Biche Elks No. 470

The Lac La Biche Elks Lodge is well known for their continued support in our community. Aurora Middle School Students and staff send out a big thank you to the Lac La Biche Elks No. 470 for their generous donation of \$500 to our student volleyball teams. Their continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated by all!



Telus World of Science is visiting Aurora Middle School from October 24th to 26th. Using Alberta's science curriculum as their guide, Science in Motion provides a variety of exciting science programs, activities, experiments and demonstrations to students - making science fun, dynamic and easy to understand.

HALLOWEEN AT AURORA

Halloween is a highlight for many of our students and we are looking forward to a fun day. We have regular classes scheduled in the morning with the Halloween activities starting after lunch. Our preference is that students get dressed into their costumes at noon hour if possible, but we are not opposed to students coming dressed in the morning if their elaborate costumes or makeup require them to do so.

We begin the afternoon activities with a classroom Frankenstein/Scare Crow Challenge followed by the traditional Pumpkin Lighting Festival in the gymnasium. After the jack-o'-lantern lighting students will have the opportunity to show off their costumes on our Black Cat Catwalk as part of a costume parade. The grade 4 & 5 students will then head off to their classrooms for individual class parties while the grade 6-8 students will either attend a dance, watch a movie or use the computers in the computer lab. Students need to bring in their carved pumpkins in the morning with a battery operated light and their names written on the pumpkin. Looking forward to a fun day and we encourage all students and staff to show their school spirit by participating in school council events! **HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!**

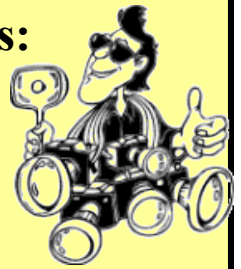


Lifetouch Photo Retakes:

Wednesday November 3rd, 2017

Starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding your photo, please call the toll free number on the back of the photo package.



Student Leadership News

Aurora Middle School Leadership group is proud to announce the beginning of its annual food drive **NO MORE HOLIDAY HUNGER.** Working with the LLB Food Bank, we have recognized the following food list as a need in our community:

Rice	condensed soups	cold cereal
hot cereal	canned vegetables	canned beans
syrup	pasta	pasta sauce
jam	canned meats	peanut butter
macaroni and cheese and any hygiene products		

Our drive will run from November 1st to November 30th. Please send donations with your child, and we will have boxes set up at Parent Teacher Interviews. In addition to a food drive AMS Leadership strives to create change not just locally, but nationally and internationally. Students on Halloween will have an opportunity to take some spooky pictures for \$2.00 and all profits will be donated to a national or international cause.



Lost & Found

Please talk to your children about checking our lost and found coat rack located in the front hallway outside the office area. There are already approximately 25 coats and hoodies waiting to be claimed, along with a few lunch kits, water bottles, etc ! Parents are welcome to look through the lost & found for their children's belongings.



This month, students are learning about bone health through a campaign called Bone Bounce Blitz.

Here is a summary of the learnings Building and maintaining healthy bones should continue throughout a person's life. Bones play many important roles in the body: support, protect organs, help muscles work, and store calcium. Building better bone health is not just about the foods we eat. Adding weight bearing exercises that involve jumping and running helps build strong bones.

Reminder: Morning Fitness Break - our gym will be open each morning at 8:30 am for a 15-20 min fitness activity.

