



Please note: Our new website is live! We ask your patience while we content the desktop version. The "mobile device view" will be coming in the near future. To access your child's campus website, go to auroraschool.ca and click on "Middle School" under the "Academics" tab.

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Principal's Update

Greetings to all Aurora families,

Spring Break was a time for renewal and rest as we look forward to the coming warmer weather. It is also the time we look towards planning for next year as surveys, emails, and decisions are being made. There is much happening in the spring so please check your emails often and be aware of time-sensitive issues that will affect your child at school.

We are working towards preparing for Final Exams and we encourage parents to keep an eye on their child's grades and progress on PowerSchool. It is important to contact specific teachers if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress in order to assist their learning as we evaluate student work for final report cards.

Student learning in the classroom is important so it is crucial to have students in the school. Unless there are good reasons, late arrivals in the morning, early departure in the afternoon, or extended family trips during school days make students fall behind or miss out on valuable learning experiences. We are happy that your family chose an academic school like Aurora but that also means a commitment to making sure your child is in the school learning and on time each morning.

Sincerely,

Peter Dang
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDARS

At the January *Meeting of the Board of Directors*, the school calendar for the 2023-2024 year was passed. It can be viewed on our website or by clicking on the following link:

[2023-2024 Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 Calendar](#)

Important Exam Information

Final Exam Absence policy: [AR 6170 Section 2](#)

- Should a student leave early for summer break and miss any Final Exams, the student may NOT write any exams early before departure.
- A missed Final Exam will be given a grade of "UA" (Unable to Assess) and the final course mark will be the average of the three terms.

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs):

Grade 6 students will be writing the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) in the four core subjects at the end of June. They are mandatory tests that we use for final exams. To help prepare grade 6 students and their parents, please look over this guide provided by Alberta Learning: [Grade 6 PAT Parent Guide](#) (there are even some practice questions). Other very useful information about the [Provincial Achievement Tests](#) can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>.

Click [here](#) to access the 2022-2023 General Information Bulletin, or go directly to the Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests ["Quick Facts for Students and Parents/Guardians"](#).

June Final exams schedule:

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 English Language Arts

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M. Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test

Thursday, June 22

9:00 A.M.–9:20 A.M. Grade 6 Mathematics Part A Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Grade 9 Mathematics Part A Provincial Achievement Test

Friday, June 23

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Math

9:00 A.M.–10:10 A.M. Grade 6 Mathematics Part B Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:20 A.M. Grade 9 Mathematics Part B Provincial Achievement Test

Monday, June 26

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Social Studies

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:20 A.M. Grade 9 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Science

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 Science Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M. Grade 9 Science Provincial Achievement Test

SCHOOL NEWS

Edmonton Regional Science Fair: Congratulations to a number of students who competed at the Edmonton Regional Science fair this weekend. Continuing in Aurora's history of excellence, our students won a number of awards, including the top prize - being one of only 8 members of team Edmonton to compete at the national Canada-Wide Science Fair in May. The winners are:

RASC Astronomy Award - Elementary, honourable mention: [Manya Sehgal \(6A\)](#)

E.H. Gowan Physics Award of Excellence - honourable mention: [Mehaan Choudhary \(6A\)](#)

Mathematical/Statistics Award - Elementary, honourable mention: [Mehaan Choudhary \(6A\)](#)

Professional Biologists' Award: [Sherdha Sharma \(6A\)](#)

Grade 5 Divisional - Bronze: [Avianna Shieh \(5A\)](#), [Elizabeth Vandament \(5A\)](#), [Saanvi Koorapaty \(5C\)](#), [Faaliha Popatia \(5A\)](#)

Young Chemist Award: [Avianna Shieh](#), [Elizabeth Vandament & Faaliha Popatia \(5A\)](#), [Saanvi Koorapaty \(5C\)](#)

Young Scientist Award: Saanvi Koorapaty (5C), Faaliha Popatia (5A)

Junior Bronze: Khalisa Mukhi (7A), Jakob & Connor Lishingman (7A)

Junior Silver: Nandika Senthilkumar & Zenia Pereira (8A)

Psychologists' Association of Alberta Behaviour Science Award - honourable mention: Nandika Senthilkumar & Zenia Pereira (8A)

B.K. Sinha Behavioral Sciences Research Award: Khalisa Mukhi (7A)

Fortis Femella Health Sciences Award - honourable mention: Nandika Senthilkumar & Zenia Pereira (8A)

ACPA Alberta Chemist Award - honourable mention: Yug Raval (8A)

ACPA Rick Dillen Memorial Award - honourable mention: Iris Boreyko (8A)

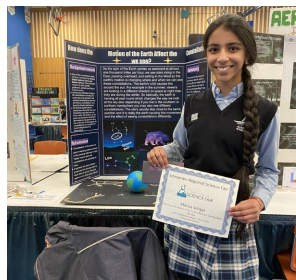
ACPA Rick Dillen Memorial Award: Ishaan Upadhyay (8A)

IEEE Award of Excellence - honourable mention: Jakob & Connor Lishingman (7A)

The Al Rashid Mosque Environmental Science Award - honourable mention: Ishaan Upadhyay (8A)

Mathematical/Statistics Award Junior - honourable mention: Khalisa Mukhi (7A)

Team Edmonton: Nandika Senthilkumar & Zenia Pereira (8A)



Aurora Running Room Games Teams: Congratulations to our Grade 5 & 6 Aurora Running Teams who competed in the Edmonton Finals at the U of A Butterdome on Saturday, March 11th. Athletes earned their spot by winning races at the preliminaries on February 23rd.

The Boys "A" Team placed 14th during the semi finals and the Girls "A" team placed 21st out of over 200 schools! A job well done by all Aurora athletes involved in this competition.

Thank you to our coaches Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Gieni and Ms. Cadrin.



Bears Basketball--Silver Linings: Congratulations to the junior girls basketball team on their silver medal in the premier tier 2 championships. The girls showed hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the season. They represented Aurora and showed true sportsmanship and teamwork all season. Great work!



Space Left For Europe 2024! Attention all students in grades 6-8! There are spaces left on the Europe 2024 trip to Scotland, England and Paris. The trip will take place in March 2024, over Spring Break. **All nformation about dates, costs and itinerary can be found by clicking [here](#).** Please see Miss Wilson at the high school or email mwilson@auroraschool.ca for additional booking information.

2021-2022 YEARBOOK: The 2021-22 yearbooks have arrived! Please come by the office to pick up your copy if you ordered one. Please note that all yearbooks will need to be picked up in person. You may have a friend or relative pick it up for you if you are unavailable to come into the office. No yearbooks will be mailed, outside of extraordinary circumstances.

Also, there are a limited number of extra yearbooks available. If you did not order one last year and you would like to have one, please email Ms. Danyleyko at kdanyleyko@auroraschool.ca for details and payment information.

AURORA MUSIC CLUB: We have almost 60 students wanting to take part in our music club at lunchtime, however, we are very short on instruments. We have created an [Amazon Gift Registry](#) with a list of instruments parents can donate to our program.

If you would like to donate to our music program, simply follow [this link](#), put an instrument in your cart, check out, and the instrument will be delivered directly to the school! We greatly appreciate all donations to this program.

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lund or Mr. Ceilin for further clarification. If you would like a donation receipt, please send your Amazon receipt to mleganchuk@auroraschool.ca and this will be provided during tax season.

HEALTHY HUNGER-HOT LUNCH: [Healthy Hunger](#) is an online fundraiser for the school's Bear Den Leadership Program. It offers a monthly hot lunch opportunity to students who wish to participate. Parents are encouraged to go to healthyhunger.ca to sign up and pay

for the hot lunches.

The next hot lunch date is April 28th. Hot lunch orders should be placed under Aurora Charter **Middle School**. Orders are placed separately from the Elementary and High School, so that means each school may not have a hot lunch on the same day or even from the same vendor. Please visit the [Healthy Hunger](#) website to register your account.

STUDENT AWARDS

The changes to the distribution of Awards in the Middle School are presented below and will supersede any previously published description and criteria for the Awards.

Term Awards will be given as follows for Grade 5 and higher:

- Outstanding Citizenship: One per class and the recipients will be selected by the teachers.
- Diligence: One per class and the recipients will be selected by the teachers.
- Honor Roll: Any student who achieves an average of 80% or higher in the 4 core subjects. Students must not have anything lower than 75% (or a "B") in any subject.
- Honors with Distinction: Any student who achieves an average of 90% or higher in the 4 core subjects. Students must not have anything lower than 75% (or a "B") in any subject.

The following award will be a year-end award only:

- Principal's Award for overall academics, leadership, citizenship, and sportsmanship will be given to one individual in grade 6 only. The recipient will be selected by the teachers of that grade.

Conditions:

- Any student on Extended Leave during that Term is ineligible for an award and Honor Roll in that Term, but is still eligible for awards in the other Terms.
- Any student having an Extended Absence in ANY term is ineligible for the Principal Award if applicable.
- Any student with a "UA" as a report card grade in any subject is ineligible for any awards that term, including Honor Roll, Honors With Distinction, and the Principal's Award if applicable.
- Any student who misses a Final Exam in June is ineligible for the Principal's Award if applicable.
- All awards and Honor Roll is at the discretion and approval of the Principal.

Extended Absence Policy and how it affects Awards Eligibility:

An Extended Absence is a non-medical absence from school for 5 or more consecutive school days (family holiday, visits, funeral, weddings, other events, etc.). The parents are to first contact the principal well before the trip to discuss this. An Extended Absence form will be provided to the student only after the parents discuss this with the principal. Extended Absences have academic consequences for the student as indicated in policy [AR 6130 Section G](#) and [AR 6170 Section 1](#).

Awards Ceremony:

- The Term 2 Awards Ceremony took place virtually on April 6th.
- Honor Roll, Honors with Distinction, Academic, and Character Awards recipients' names are posted below and on the wall outside the office.
- **Congratulations to all students who earned a Term 2 Award!**

Grade 5 Citizenship Awards

5A



Amira Singh

5B



Raizel Taggar

5C



Pevlyne Arora

5D



Ivy Maguire

Grade 6 Citizenship Awards

6A



Aania Gandhi

6B



Jessica Shiferaw

6C



Heyabel Michael

6D



Haimendeep Parihar

Grade 7 Citizenship Awards

7A



Sina Solomon

7B



Yedidia Teare

7C



Alysha Gill

7D



Juhith Moduga

Grade 8 Citizenship Awards

8A



Keziah Anil

8B



Afan Khan

8C



Lexi Wong

8D



Lidia Tekie

Grade 5 Diligence Awards

5A



Faaliha Popatia

5B



Trystan Tse

5C



Aliya Bist

5D



Saman Jalal

Grade 6 Diligence Awards

6A



Simon Ho

6B



Kedus Dawit

6C



Renee Le

6D



Rebecca Yehyes

Grade 7 Diligence Awards

7A



Maryam Islam

7B



Deborah Balico

7C



Pratik Aryal

7D



Harleen Parihar

Grade 8 Diligence Awards

8A



Jiten Thapar

8B



Harnimrit Sidhu

8C



Alyssa Mawani

8D



Eordea Lushkja

Grade 5 Honours With Distinction Recipients

Qaim Bandali	5A	Sophia Arun	5B	Armann Grewal	5C
Alex Deng	5A				
Reya Pirani	5A				
Faaliha Popatia	5A				
Banvir Sandhar	5A				
Avianna Shieh	5A				
Amira Singh	5A				
Elizabeth Vandament	5A				
Caidence Wong	5A				

Grade 6 Honours with Distinction Recipients

Paulos Argaw	6A	Xyriel Galisa	6D
Mehann Choudhary	6A	Grace Haile	6D
Simon Ho	6A		
Hilaal Noor	6A		
Manya Sehçal	6A		
Adrianna Yue	6A		

Grade 7 Honours with Distinction Recipients

Parth Bhana	7A	Kyle Anchoris	7B	Jieya Capistrano	7D
Aileen Brar	7A	Mira Diriba	7B	Elstin Vuong	7D
Simran Dhiman	7A	Japleen Joshi	7B		
Khushi Gill	7A	Aikampreet Pawar	7B		
Kwadwo Gyimah	7A	Hammanjot Sandhu	7B		
Maryam Islam	7A	Sena Seto	7B		
Luke Kachmar	7A				
Horeb Kusmu	7A				
Connor Lishingman	7A				
Jakob Lishingman	7A				
Abiah Mariyam John	7A				
Khalisa Mukhi	7A				
Eric Nguyen	7A				
Mukti Patel	7A				
Guntaj Purba	7A				
Karthi Senthilkumar	7A				
Eliana Seyoum	7A				

Grade 8 Honours with Distinction Recipients

Allyna Collis	8A	Sravya Padarthy	8B	Lamees Jaber	8C	Eordea Lushkja	8D
Abigail Day	8A	Lakshya Paruchuri	8B	Jeet Mistry	8C	Omera Seid	8D
Gurbaaz Dhaliwal	8A	Harnimrit Sidhu	8B	Jyoti Mistry	8C		
Isaan Upadhyay	8A			Divit Shrestha	8C		
				Lexi Wong	8C		

Grade 5 Honours Recipients

Prahas Bolla	5A	Marcus Chan	5B	Pevlyne Arora	5C	Yisak Daniel	5D
Abigail Ghebremariam	5A	Ajeet Mannan	5B	Erioluwa Dayo-Ojeleye	5C	Saman Jalal	5D
Amelia Milhousen	5A	Talyah Mohamed-Standing	5B	Saanvi Koorapaty	5C	Kavi Jhaj	5D
Isaiah Oppong	5A	Trystan Tse	5B	Amatullah Raji	5C	Nurayah Karmali	5D
Navraj Sandhu	5A			Dishita Srivastav	5C		
Jovan Sidhu	5A			Grace Worssa	5C		
Nehemiah Tilahun	5A			Zerubbabel Zewda	5C		
Angel Upadhyay	5A						

Grade 6 Honours Recipients

Seerat Bajwa	6A	Kedus Dawit	6B	Noor Brar	6C	Noah Begna	6D
Aania Gandhi	6A	Katie Duong	6B	Kaylee Kwan	6C	Haimendeep Parihar	6D
Ellda Gebrebrhan	6A	Hewan Haileyosef	6B	Renee Le	6C	Kiyan Rayani	6D
Rahcy Gebrekidan	6A	Suhani Mehta	6B	Hayabel Michael	6C	Avah Zaver	6D
Elinor Hirpa	6A	Prabhveer Mohar	6B	Brendon Nguyen	6C		
Yonis Hirsi	6A	Gurleen Shoker	6B	Jonathan Woldegiorgis	6C		
Prableen Maan	6A	Abigail Tilahun	6B				
Sam Nouzari	6A	Noah Tu	6B				
Aashi Prajapati	6A						
Aishreen Sandhu	6A						
Radhika Sharma	6A						
Sherdha Sharma	6A						
Omar Yousaf	6A						

Grade 7 Honours Recipients

Efrata Abebe	7A	Deborah Balico	7B	Robby Dhillon	7C	Ava Grewal	7D
Alexander Day	7A	Aikamjot Dhillon	7B	Alysha Gill	7C	Nikayla Li	7D
Nathan Liew	7A	Keziah Oppong	7B	Toluwanimi Omage	7C	Harleen Parihar	7D
Rohin Sandher	7A	Muskaan Pereira	7B			Raj Pathak	7D
Sina Solomon	7A					Aditi Pokharel	7D
						Javinu Rodrigo	7D

Grade 8 Honours Recipients

Petros Argaw	8A	Gurbani Gill	8B	Dominion Amenaghawan	8C	Sidar Ates	8D
Nolawi Berhane	8A	Bethany Hirpa	8B	Yuvraj Hunjan	8C	Sharshaad Bariana	8D
Essey Berhe	8A	Afan Khan	8B	Alyssa Mawani	8C	Ashleen Jhaj	8D
Iris Boreyko	8A	Calvin Kong	8B	Isra Nazarali	8C	Zoey Kresowaty	8D
Kennedy Leong	8A	Eesha Mistry	8B	Yug Raval	8C	Evan Le	8D
Garv Nijhawan	8A	Reet Nirman	8B	Kaylie Wong	8C		
Jeremiah Oppong II	8A	Pearl Pastakiya	8B				
Zenia Pereira	8A	Keeratbir Sandhu	8B				
Jaimin Prajapati	8A						
Krishna Rawat	8A						
Nandika Senthilkumar	8A						
Yuvraj Sidhu	8A						
Jiten Thapar	8A						
Ashley Wang	8A						

ALTERNATIVE DRESS DAYS (ADD)

Wednesday, May 3 – **Hats on for Mental Health (casual)**

Friday, June 2 – Casual or Pride Awareness (**Any colors on the Progressive Rainbow Flag**)

Wednesday, June 28 – **Casual or Summer colors**

- **No inappropriate wording, imagery, or symbols for a school setting.**
- **Students not participating *MUST* be in uniform.**
- **The theme (color) must be visible on the top, be apparent on the piece of clothing, and cannot be covered.**
- **Theme apparent accessories do *NOT* qualify.**
- **Pants/bottoms must match the solid theme color or be solid black bottoms, blue jeans or uniform pants.**

PARENT INFORMATION

PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN PACKING YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH:

If possible, **avoid any glass containers**, as a number of them are getting broken. This presents a danger of cuts/injury during the clean-up, as well as leaves your child without a lunch to eat should the contents become contaminated with glass. Also, please remember to **pack reusable or disposable utensils** if they are bringing food which requires utensils.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

Parents, please remember to notify the school if your child will be absent or late on any given day. You can leave a voice message at the school 24/7, or you can email Mrs. Bali at sbali@auroraschool.ca. **ABSENCES CANNOT BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL BY STUDENTS.**

AURORA IS A PEANUT "AWARE" SCHOOL:

Please note that Aurora is a peanut "aware" school. If possible, **avoid sending anything that may contain nuts in your child's lunch.** We appreciate your cooperation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6.....Term 2 Awards Ceremony (2:20pm--Virtual)

April 7.....Good Friday (No School)

April 9.....Easter Sunday

April 10.....Easter Monday (No School)

April 12.....Grade 6 Immunizations--Round 2

April 17.....Bear Den (Compressed AM Schedule)

April 17.....Board of Directors Meeting (7:00pm--Virtual)

April 21.....Grade 6 TWOSE Sleepover

April 26.....Grade 6 Alberta Legislature Field Trip

April 28.....Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch (Edo Japan)

May 3.....Bear Den (Compressed AM Schedule)

May 3.....ADD: Hats on for Mental Health (Casual)



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