

September 28- October 2, 2020



## Orange Shirt Day - September 30



On Wednesday September 30, each of our schools and offices will recognise Orange Shirt Day and the impact of Residential Schools. Orange Shirt Day is a time to remember the inhumane and prejudicial treatment of First Nations children who were forced to attend Residential Schools. When Phyllis Webstad was just six years old, she was taken from her home and boarded at St. Joseph's Mission, a residential school just south of Williams Lake, British Columbia. Her experience has led to the national recognition of the orange shirt as a symbol of remembrance. Held annually in September shortly after students return to school, we use this day to remind ourselves that

each and every child matters. We show that as students, staff, and community members, that we are stronger together when we stand against racism and prejudice. We come together in a spirit of reconciliation in order to provide excellent, equitable education for all students so that they may learn and excel in all aspects of life. For more about Phyllis's story, check out this [YouTube video](#).

## Terry Fox Run - Sep 30!

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, our school is participating in the Terry Fox School Run. We are proudly committed to raising much-needed funds for cancer research. Please consider supporting our efforts for this very worthwhile cause. We are not taking cash from students this year as a safety precaution, but you can donate on behalf of Aurora Middle School at <http://www.terryfox.ca/AuroraMiddle>



## Grade 6 PATs for 2020-21

While the Provincial Achievement Tests provide valuable information about how students are doing and areas we can improve, they can also be a source of anxiety for students, staff and parents. With the division's commitment to improving student mental

health and wellness, it was recommended that the division opt out of PAT's for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board approved that recommendation.

### **Volunteers Needed: Casino Workers for Oct 15-16! Bingo Oct 16!**

Looking for a fun, two-day getaway? Look no further! The Aurora Thunder Parent Fundraising society is looking for casino volunteers to spend an exciting two days in Fort McMurray working at the Boomtown Casino to benefit the students of our school! The casino is scheduled for Thursday October 15 and Friday October 16. All meals are provided while working your casino shifts and your travel costs and hotel accommodations will also be free of charge! Support our students and have a paid vacation too! Please call or text Joyce Cloutier at (780)623-8203 if you are able to volunteer.



Are your Friday nights lacking excitement? How about volunteering at the Lac La Biche Bingo hall? The Aurora Thunder Parent Fundraising society is hosting a bingo on Friday October 16. Enjoy a free meal while watching the bingo action and helping out the students of our school! The shift runs from 5pm to about 9pm and we require three people to work the shift. Free food and wonderful people make for a great Friday night out. Please call or text Joyce Cloutier at (780)623-8203 if you are able to volunteer.

### **Pre-Order Lunch and Snack Cards - Saturday Night**

All lunch orders must be made by midnight on the **Saturday before** that week of school. Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to order for lunches or for concession cards. We aren't using any physical cards for our 'concession cards', so note that each **Tuesday morning**, any funds you've added to your child will be added to your child's card in the cafeteria. The snack list should be now online and will be updated accordingly. If you need to register for this service, Please Register Online:

Step 1: Go to School Cash Online

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, log in and add each of your children to your household account. To do this, you need your student's last name and Alberta Student Number (ASN), which is listed on their report card and on PowerSchool (in the upper left hand corner of the screen).

Step 4: If you want to receive email notifications when new fees are added, please ensure the notification box is checked in the Manage Your Notifications section. If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand area of the screen.