

January 25-29, 2021

Hands-On Learning at Aurora!

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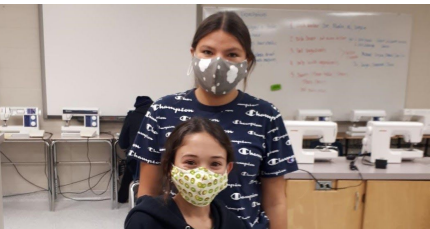
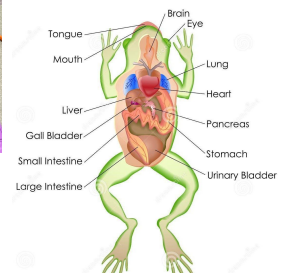
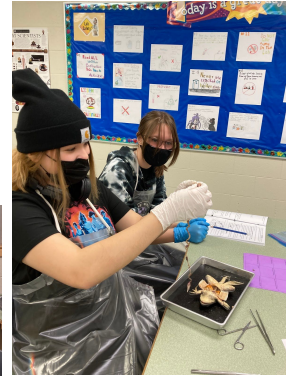
Speaking of masking, our Home Ec classes are very thankful to our generous group of parents of the school council for the addition of several new sewing machines this year. As you can see (to the left) students are learning practical skills as proven by the amazing masks they've been completing. Also in Home Ec, students have been getting lots of practice in the kitchen with some real practical culinary skills! Cooking together as a family at home is a great way to practice these skills and encouraging students to grow their responsibilities around the household.

Our [@AppleSchools](#) initiative for healthy eating and [wellness](#) remains a focus at Aurora. Please put down on your calendar that your child will be participating in [Winter Walk Day](#) on Wednesday February 3, 2021. Staff and students are asked to dress for the elements and strap on a pair of snowshoes for 30 or 45 minutes. This year's Winter Walk Day will consist of a warm-up snowshoe walking trail followed by a game of snowshoe dodgeball. Our school council has generously donated additional snowshoes to get more of us out and active! Teachers will sign up their class for a timeslot and we will have a COVID-safe serving of hot apple cider to end the walk. Please be reminded that schools will be closed from Wednesday February 10 through Monday February 15, inclusive, as teachers attend the annual [Endless Skies Teachers' Convention](#) and the following [Family Day](#) holiday.

Parent Pick-Up Reminder - Safety first! Parents who are picking up students after school at the cafeteria doors must **wait in the queue** for your child's turn to load; our staff want to ensure the safety of students as they load into vehicles. Please **DO NOT park and call your child over** to your vehicle, as that leads to students weaving and crossing between moving vehicles. It might take a few moments to wait for your child in line, but everyone wants to see all kids get home safe!



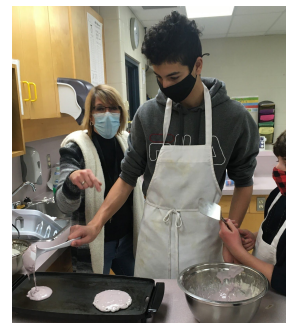
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Food Service at Aurora - All lunch orders must be made by midnight on the **Saturday before** that week of school. Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashonline.com/> to order for lunches or for concession cards. Our breakfast program still runs with all safety precautions in place.

Parent Volunteers Needed! While BINGO operations are temporarily suspended due to the confirmed cases in Lac La Biche County, our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2021 are: **Feb 19, Apr 29, May 16, June 27, and Aug 28!** 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 Sunday night out. Please call or text our amazing and hard-working BINGO Fundraising parent volunteer coordinator Joyce Cloutier at (780) 623-8203 if you are able to volunteer. Our next PAC Meeting is Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#).

