

**March 1-4, 2021**

## Thunderbirds wore PINK !

Pink Shirt Day took place with students spreading kindness in all kinds of ways. Aside from wearing pink and learning about the origins of the day, teachers used the opportunity to plan classroom activities as universal supports for teaching positive replacement behaviours. Students created messages of hope and kindness to display, and one group of Grade 5 students even started a club for students who feel left out. They have daily meeting times on the playground areas for any students who need a friend to play with. All grade 5s

are welcome whenever they need to stop by and make a new friend!

Grade 5s can see the signs in their hallway for meeting details, and this group of students hopes this idea will spread to other grade cohorts!



## Parent Teacher Interviews and Report Cards

Teachers have been working busily on report cards for the end of Term 2. Parent teacher interviews take place March 16-17, 4:00-7:00pm and will be conducted remotely as we did in the Fall.

Teachers will be sending information about booking timeslots via Google Meet or phone call, based on your preference. It is important to note that regardless of barriers to attendance and in-person learning and transitions between LTA, self-isolation, and being in class, all students are required to meet curricular outcomes in order to progress grade levels. Now is the time to ask your teacher what your child needs to do to be successful in moving forward!

## Parent Feedback Requested!

To help us plan for next year, we want to know what Learning Pathways you want to see offered. Share your stories, join the discussions, or ask questions at [engage.nlpsab.ca](https://engage.nlpsab.ca) and watch for the survey launched on Feb. 20th on the [NLPS website](https://www.nlpsab.ca).

## Confirmed COVID case connected to Aurora Middle School

Please remind your child to follow school rules for masking, distancing, and hand-sanitizing. Students must properly wear masks whenever directed by staff, and students must comply in order to enhance our safety while at school. We have been sending home any students who do not comply with our safety guidelines, as they cannot continue in-person learning at Aurora without complying with our safety rules and staff direction.

As most of you are well aware, our school has been affected again by a recent rise in COVID-19 cases in our geographical area, as we have one confirmed positive case connected to our school. If

you or your child have received a positive test result, contact the school directly and immediately at 780 623 4129; after hours, please email [conal.donovan@nlsd.ab.ca](mailto:conal.donovan@nlsd.ab.ca) so we can begin our safety procedures and communication plan as soon as possible to reduce the spread.

If you hear rumours of a case, please know that every parent of a child identified as a close contact of a positive case is immediately phoned and notified with directions for their child's self-isolation. Following successful connection with all of those families, we then send a notification to the entire school community. If you did not receive a personal phone call from our administration, then your child is NOT a close contact of the positive case. That said, we respect every parent's wishes for their child's safety. If you plan to keep your child home, contact the school about the absence and clarify whether they are ill or are just staying home out of an abundance of caution. Also note that your child's teacher is ready to program for students remotely. Learning Together Everywhere (LTA) is not required, as your Aurora Middle School teacher will use the Google Classroom environment to program for your child as they miss in-class learning. Contact your teacher directly for more information about how you can connect your child from home if you haven't already done so. When a class is directed to self-isolate, the teacher will continue programming for the entire class, providing they are healthy enough to do so.

## Typical Symptoms of COVID-19 Infection

Anyone who has these symptoms **MUST SELF-ISOLATE** for a minimum 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath



Difficulty breathing



Sore throat



Runny nose

[ahs.ca/covid](https://ahs.ca/covid)



Healthy Albertans.  
Healthy Communities.  
Together.



Last, we want to thank all the parents for the patience, understanding, and kind words as we navigate through this. We also appreciate when you book a COVID test immediately, as the sooner we have more information, the better we can plan to protect all our families in Aurora. Go to [AHS's Info for Close Contacts](#) for more information.

**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: **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 March 24, 2021 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#)