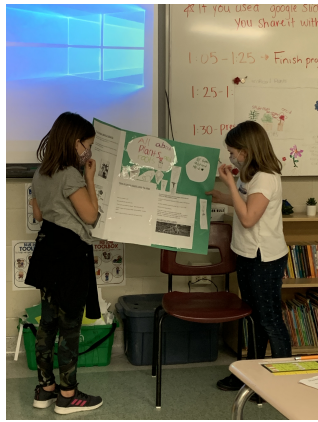


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## What are the Thunderbirds Up To?

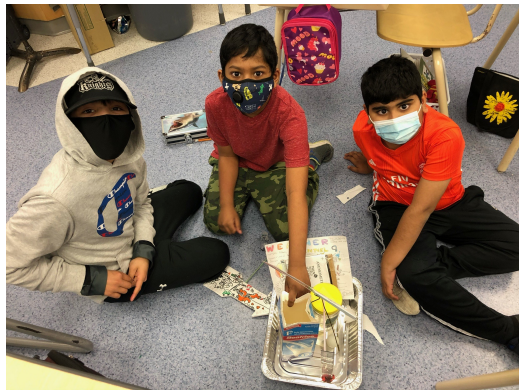
### Grade 4

Grade 4 students developed important numeracy skills like critical thinking and scientific thinking when making observations and recording findings. Teachers also support Listening & Speaking by having the students present to their peers.



### Grade 5

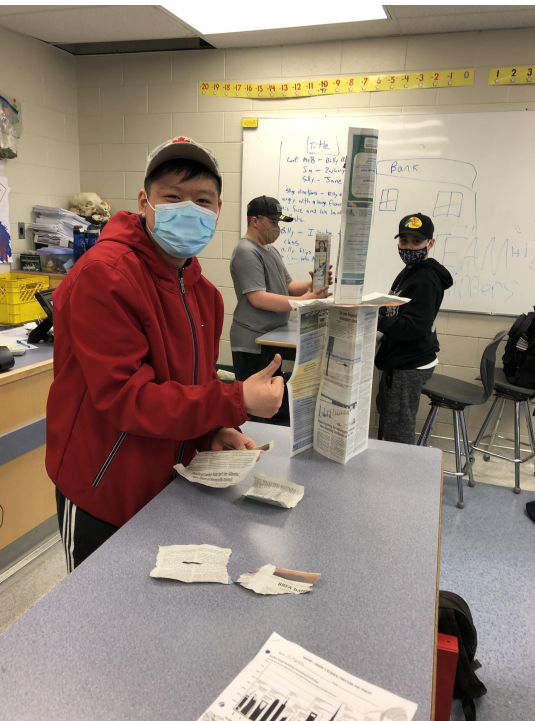
Students in Grade 5 studied weather and climate, pictured here doing a weather station experiment. You can also see their [Kandinsky](#)-inspired abstract art that Grade 5s put on display in their hallway.



### Grade 6

Here you can see students fostering an understanding of FNMI history in Canada, as they learn about the Iroquois Confederacy decision-making model. As well, they explored aerodynamics in science with this amazing experiment!





### Grade 7 and Grade 8

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) is a focus for our junior high students! Studying forces and structures, grade 7s aimed to make the tallest possible towers out of newspaper, while grade 8s worked on their Lego Robotics projects.**



### Confirmed COVID cases at local schools

We have seen a recent increase in COVID-19 cases at area schools, including Aurora. 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 by the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in our geographical area, as we have now had more than one 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

## 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.



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.

Last, we want to thank all the parents for the patience, understanding, and kind words in the face of the distressing news that their child may have been in contact with a positive case. 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: **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 May 26, 2021 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#) !