

October 4, 2021

Aurora Athletics bring the Thunder!

Aurora Thunderbirds had a fantastic showing at the past few weeks of LSAA competition! Congrats to Jorja Finnestad on her third place finish in Intermediate Mountain Biking, and the 7-8 Boys Volleyball team who bested Ecole Plamondon in exhibition play. Our cross-country runners all had great finish times! Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers of these events! As we know parents cannot attend as spectators, we wanted to give you a glimpse of the awesome opportunities made possible by staff and community volunteers. Without their time and

terrific programs we are lucky to provide our students! We encourage all Thunderbirds to look to these student athletes as good role models! Getting outdoors and staying active is part of Aurora Middle School's School Plan to improve mental health and wellness!

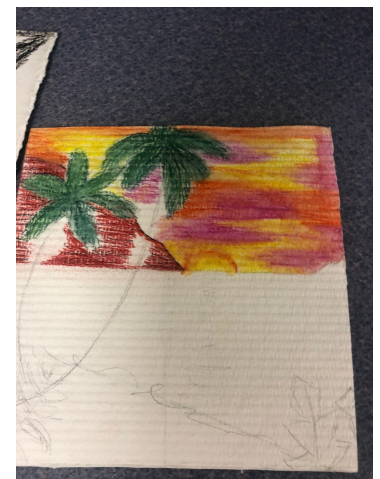
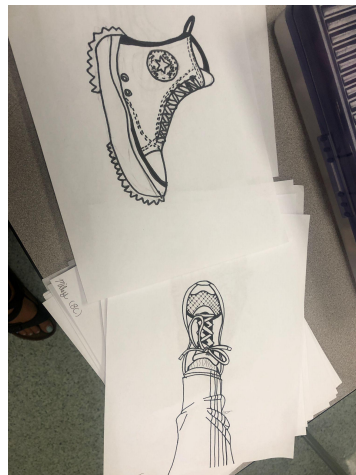
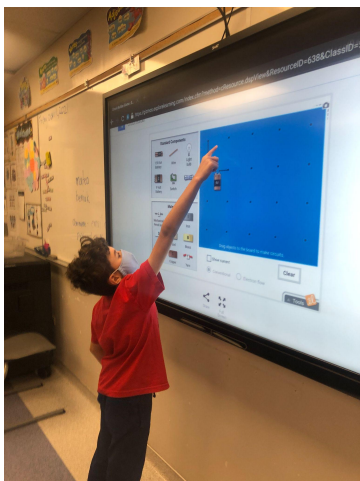


APPLE Schools Update

Aurora Middle School's *Classroom Fruit Bins* program recently received generous donations from our Parent Council of \$500, and of \$1000 from local Councillor Charlyn Moore and daughter Danica. Charlyn is a member of Aurora's PAC and school council, who are all supporters of "choose-often" snacks provided in classrooms and work to support our school goal of improving mental health and wellness for our students and their families. *Classroom Fruit Bins* has been a highly successful program at Aurora Middle School which was spearheaded through the [APPLE Schools](#) project that has been in place for the last 5 years. Funding ran out at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Teachers in the school feel that this program is definitely one of the most impactful projects improving the healthy living of their students. As of Tuesday, September 28, 2021 classrooms have been stocked with fruit from Britton's Your Independent Grocer. Aurora is continuing to seek out community support to offset the cost for classroom fruit bins. Thank you again for your generous support of our Thunderbirds!



Learning made fun! To the left, you can see Thunderbirds are making good use of our new interactive SMART TVs that were installed over the summer. The student here is exploring [Explore Learning's Gizmos](#) science and math virtual labs. Students continue to get hand-on learning opportunities like the science lab below, and you can also see some of the excellent artwork our talented Thunderbirds are producing in our fine arts classes.



Important Dates! Please note that there is **no school** on Friday October 8, though parents may be contacted to come in to review Individualized Support Plans for their child on that day. Our picture day with Lifetouch is scheduled for October 19 ! Stay tuned for details!

PAC Meetings: For those parents who can't attend our monthly PAC meetings, we will be posting minutes and next meeting's agenda on our website. Our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2021 are: **Nov 25, and Dec 19!** 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. Note that the BINGO hall now requires proof of vaccination for all attendees and volunteers. 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 October 20 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#) and in-person at the school !