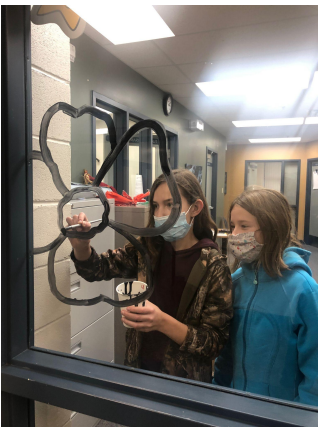


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Remembrance Day at Aurora

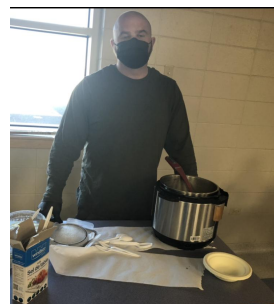
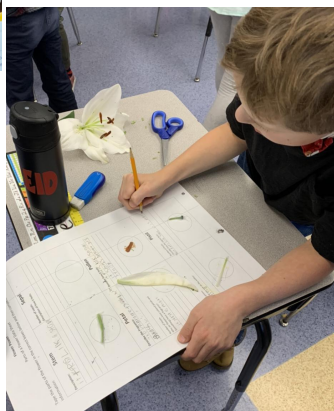
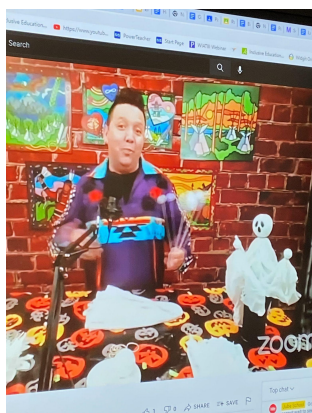
Our school will recognize Remembrance Day on Wednesday November 10th, with a virtual ceremony starting after morning recess. Thank you to all the students who contributed to the production with vocal performances and artwork. There is no school on Thursday November 11th and Friday November 12th. Thank you to 6C for decorating the school with images of remembrance!



Citizenship Growth! Aurora Thunderbirds noticed lots of litter around the playground between our school and our neighbors at Vera. Student volunteers took garbage bags and gloves to tidy things up. Developing citizenship and a sense of community belonging and responsibility are key strategies in Aurora's school plan and a main focus of middle school philosophy. Ask your child what they've done to help others recently!



Hands-On Learning! Students in Ms. Tarrabain's grade 5 class made their own puppets with Lance Cardinal, the famous Indigenous artist over a Zoom call. Ms. Moghrabi's grade 4 class dissected lilies as part of their science unit. Mr. Lyons demonstrated how to skin a beaver, followed by taste-testing beaver stew and beaver tail. Ms. Yaworksi's class experimented with hot air balloon designs in an aerodynamics lesson. Learning comes alive at Aurora!





Winter Fundraisers! Looking for some wonderful winter greenery? Our Growing Smiles Winter Fundraiser is now available for purchase [here!](#) Orders are due Nov 9 ! After that, we will also be having a vegetable fundraiser with [Sand Springs Ranch](#) -- details will come later this week!

Reminders! Many students are arriving at school without masks and without warm outdoor gear. Please send your child prepared for cold weather outside and continued masking inside!

Important Dates! **Photo retake day** is November 15! **Parent Teacher Interviews** (PTIs) will take place on November 23rd and 24th for Aurora Middle School. We are running blended PTIs this year, with grades 4 through 6 homeroom teachers hosting remote Google Meet (or phone call) interviews at scheduled times like last year, and with grade 7 and 8 teachers hosting in-person PTIs at school with enhanced measures in place. In-person interviews would allow Grade 7-8 parents to seek out the core subject teacher or teachers they need to speak with, rather than the homeroom teacher alone, who may not be able to adequately speak to the concerns in another core subject area. We will have teachers send home information with more details. Thank you for your patience as we try to best serve students and their families while respecting the ongoing challenges of school operations mid-pandemic.

Call for Coaches / Volunteers As volleyball season comes to an end, we are starting to plan for basketball. If any parent or community volunteers have interest in helping out, contact wayne.mah@nlsd.ab.ca -- No experience is necessary as Mr. Mah would be glad to help provide training. Practices will be twice a week from 3:30-5pm. There may be two additional evening games that will be done at approximately 6pm, and at least two weekend games. The season begins in December continuing through early March. We are still looking for coaches for Grade 8 girls and Grade 8 boys, and for Grade 7 boys, and for 4/5/6 Girls. We would also take additional helpers for all teams. Please read the [Junior High LSAA basketball rules](#) (pages 26-28).

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 2021-2 are: **Nov 25, Dec 19, Jan 21, Feb 18, Apr 28, May 15, June 26, & Aug 27!** At this time, there is no concession available due to provincial restrictions. The shift runs from 5pm to about 9pm and we require three people to work the shift. 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 Nov 17 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#) and in-person at the school !