

February 7-11, 2022



Intra-School competition resumes! We are excited to announce that Northern Lights Public Schools met last week with our neighboring school jurisdictions to reassess student participation in sports tournaments and games. In January all three school divisions had agreed to follow the recommendation in the new Guidance for Schools (K-12) and School Buses to limit extracurricular sport tournaments and inter-school games temporarily. Starting on Thursday, February 10, students in grades 7 to 12 in all three school divisions will return to competition. This includes inter-school games and tournaments. A tentative return to competition for students in grades 4 to 6 has been set for February 22, 2022. Games and tournaments hosted within the three school divisions will not be open to spectators at this time. This is the procedure that has been in place since the start of the 2021-2022 school year. All Aurora Middle School students have returned to in-person learning for now, and we are seeing fewer new cases of COVID, so we are happy to resume practices and ready students for enhanced extracurricular involvement!

WINTER WALK DAY was postponed -- to THIS WEDNESDAY Feb 9! Please Send Thunderbirds Dressed for the Weather!

Many Thunderbirds are arriving without warm enough outside gear for recess! Please ensure your child is ready for the weather before leaving for school. We need to send kids outside to stay active and get fresh air, as it improves their performance in class! Our [@AppleSchools](#) initiative for healthy eating and [wellness](#) remains a focus at Aurora. Because of cold weather last week, your child will be participating in [Winter Walk Day](#) on **Wednesday February 9, 2022**. Staff and students are asked to dress for the elements and strap on a pair of snowshoes for 30 or 45 minutes. 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.



BINGO WORKERS NEEDED! (and PAC Meeting info): Our future dates for BINGO worker days in 2022 are: Feb 18, Apr 28, May 15, June 26, Oct 9, & Nov 24! If you could please help me to spread the word that would be much appreciated. Our fantastic PAC parent volunteer coordinator Joyce Cloutier has created an online signup for the Aurora BINGOS. If you can help, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAE29A6FBC61-amsbingo>

This signup tool asks for the volunteer's email but it does not display on the list; it is used by the website to email out a reminder two days before the event. As the organizer, Mrs. Cloutier receives email updates whenever someone edits or deletes their signup, so we will still be able to maintain a timely and accurate count of our volunteer situation. If you would rather not use this too, you can still call or text our amazing and hard-working BINGO Fundraising parent volunteer coordinator Joyce Cloutier at (780) 623-8203 directly to sign up. 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. Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 23 at 6:30pm via [Google Meet](#) ! At this time we are conducting the meeting remotely only.

Lunch Menu!

Feb 7 - Chicken Alfredo	Feb 8 - Pancakes n Scrambled Eggs	Feb 9 - Alphabet Soup n Bannock	Feb 10 - Lasagna n Garlic Toast	Feb 11 - Chicken nuggets n Baked Fries
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Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashonline.com/> to pre-purchase hot lunch items!

Teacher Convention There will be no school from Wednesday Feb 16 through Monday Feb 21, inclusive. After Family Day, we return to regular classes on Tuesday Feb 22, 2022. Teachers will engage in remote learning opportunities, including keynote speakers astronaut and author, Col. Chris Hadfield and teacher and social media star Mr. Joe Dombrowski.

