

March 14-18, 2022

Fundraiser Fun at Aurora!



Growing Smiles
FUNDRAISING

This year at AMS, we are excited to announce a Spring fundraiser that will arrive just in time for Mother's Day! We will be selling [a variety of beautiful plants](#), which are included on Aurora's [Growing Smiles website](#) or on the Order Forms going home with your students this week and included at the end of this newsletter. Fundraising is always a vital part of ensuring the students have the best opportunities possible. The money raised is used to help cover costs for programs,

equipment, resources, and extracurricular activities. Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while choosing to support a healthy fundraiser. Please ensure customers make cheques payable to Aurora Middle School, or they can order using a credit card directly from [Aurora's Growing smiles website](#). Please sell only to your family, friends and close neighbours. (Parents may take order forms to work to collect sales if desired). *We do not endorse young students soliciting door-to-door sales for safety reasons.* If students are selling within their neighbourhood they should always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please contact: erin.shulko@nlsd.ab.ca if you have any questions! These amazing plants are supplied by [DeVry Greenhouses](#).

March 14th - The fundraiser officially begins.

April 8th - All money and order forms must be returned to the school.

May 2nd 3:30-6pm - Pick up date/time from school for orders.

Badminton season has begun!

Our staff and parent volunteers wrapped up basketball season last week and dove right into badminton! Here's the finalized practice schedule for 2022!

Grade 4's Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch with Ms C Moghrabi, Ms Delaire, Ms Ulliac;

Grade 5s Tuesdays and Thursday with Ms Franke and Mrs Downes;

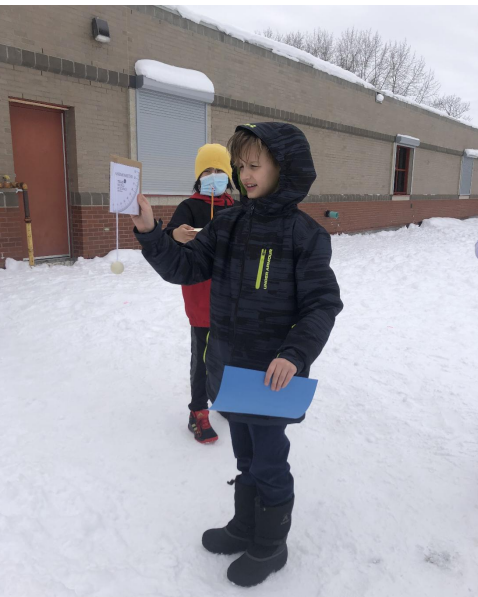
Grade 6's Mondays and Thursdays with Ms C Moghrabi;

Grade 7's Mondays and Wednesdays with Ms Shulko; and

Grade 8's Wednesdays and Fridays with Mr Mah

CASINO & BINGO WORKERS NEEDED!

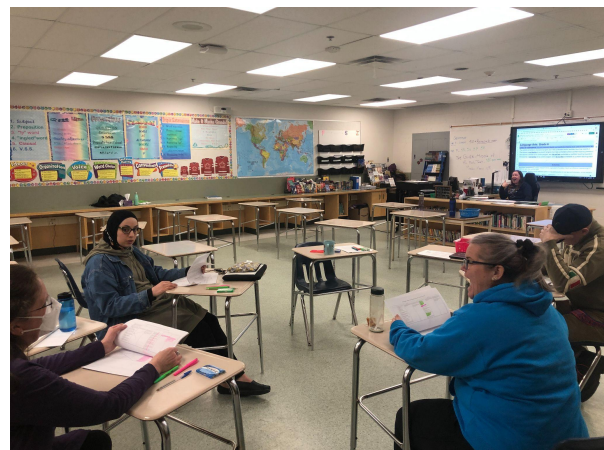
Please help our fundraising committee! Parents [sent this letter home](#) requesting assistance because our casino dates fall on the **Canada Day long weekend**, and we really need firm volunteer commitment on such a busy holiday weekend in order to ensure we can adequately fill all the positions. Also -- our future dates for BINGO workers are **April 28**, May 15, June 26, October 9 and November 24! All the money raised goes back into our school to benefit our students! To volunteer please use the



[online sign-up](#) tool at or call or text Joyce Cloutier at (780) 623-8203. The BINGO hall concession is now open and we are pleased to be able to offer volunteers a free meal while they are working. The shift runs from 5pm to about 9pm and we require three people for each shift. The bingo hall provides a bingo advisor for every shift that guides volunteers through their duties, so no previous bingo experience is necessary. Come on out for an evening of good food and great people!

Hands On Learning! Our staff makes efforts to bring curriculum alive by having students interact with curriculum with their eyes, ears, hands, and their hearts! That’s how to build authentic understanding and nourish the curiosity that guides their learning as they grow into young adults. Here at Aurora, students don’t just memorize a definition and regurgitate it back onto a quiz -- they experiment, interact with it, and practice real-life applications. Left,

grade 5 students measure the wind with a home-made [anemometer](#) in their ‘Weather Watch’ Science unit, where they learn to describe and demonstrate methods for measuring wind speed and for finding wind direction. And speaking of curricular learning -- despite the unexpected [ministerial announcement](#) on that same day, teachers took Thursday to dive deep into the draft curriculum to explore content, instructional strategies, assessment, and resources for incoming curriculum implementation (right).



Lunch Menu!

14 - Shepherd’s Pie	15 - Chicken Noodle Soup n Bannock	16 - Perogies and Veggies	17 - Grilled Cheese & Veggies	18 - Chicken Nuggets & Baked Fries
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Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to pre-purchase hot lunch items!

Parent Teacher Interviews! Tuesday March 22 - Wednesday March 23 from 4:30pm-7:30pm!

Our grade 4 through 6 teachers will be contacting parents with the choice between an in-person or remote scheduled interview time (held in their classrooms). Grade 7 and 8 subject area teachers will be available in the gym from 4:30pm-7:30pm on a first-come-first-serve basis. Refreshments provided as you wait to see your child’s teachers!

2022 Spring Order Form

Aurora Middle School

Orders Due: April 8, 2022

Plant Pick-up: May 2, 2022 3:30-6pm



\$35

12" Premium Hanging Baskets
Our improved flower mixes are sure to be a big hit! These hanging baskets can be exposed to full sun with the best flowering and trailing plants. There are a variety of mixes/colours.



\$35

12" Premium Patio Planters
All planters include an assortment of our top performing plant collections. Planters can be exposed to full sun areas. Perfect for creating a spring patio or backyard paradise.



\$40

12" Rose Patio Planters
Introducing the popular patio and garden rose! This perennial will add colour year after year. Please note that colours cannot be selected. May receive light pink, dark pink, white, or yellow.



\$25

11" Strawberry Basket
A kid favourite! Enjoy fresh strawberries all summer long. Ever bearing strawberries with different coloured blossoms in white or pink. Beautiful and delicious!



\$35

10-pack 4" Succulents
Fast-growing in popularity, succulents are versatile & low maintenance. Ideal as house decor and gifts! This 10-pack offers excellent variety and textures from the echeveria, sedum, sedeveria and senecio families. Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



\$32

10-pack 4" Herbs
An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties include:
-Basil (Sweet) -Mint Mojito
-Basil (Thai) -Peppermint
-Thyme -Oregano
-Chives Onion -Parsley
-Chives Garlic -Rosemary
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



\$32

10-pack 4" Veggies
Grow your own food this year in a garden or planter box! Varieties include:
-Tomatoes x 4 -Cucumber
-Zucchini -Peppers x 2
-Kale -Romaine
Duplicates & substitutes may occur.



\$35

10-pack 4" Zonal Geraniums
These easy to grow bedding plants add vibrant colour to your garden. Resistant to pests such as deer/rabbits.
Colours: Red, White, Pink
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat



\$35

10-pack 4" Wave Petunias
The popular cascading Wave petunias bring eye-catching colour to gardens, planter boxes and hanging baskets.
Colours: Purple, White, Pink
Cannot mix & match colours in a flat



\$30

10-pack 4" Marigolds
Marigolds add a pop of colour and brightness to enjoy all season. Excellent companion plants for many vegetables!
Colours: Orange



\$15

Premium Soil 30 L
A bag of organic potting soil, perfect for filling containers. This hearty mix helps plants grow to their full potential. Enriched with: compost, kelp, fish meal, peat moss, glacial rock dust, & rice hulls.



\$17

Fertilizer Shaker 1.8 kg
Enhance your garden with an easy to use fertilizer shaker. Made with organic granular help this blend is great for both flowers and veggies.