

**May 16-19, 2022**

**Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) Wednesday!** Aurora's grade 6 students will write their English Language Arts Part A, which includes two writing assignments -- one narrative writing piece (a story) and one functional writing piece (informational text, like a news article). We will take great care of your child; we will make sure they have a healthy snack and lots of encouragement and reassurance. We ask that parents help their child by ensuring a good night's rest and helping them through any worry. It's just an assessment to see where we are at and where we need to go next. Test anxiety is real -- so help them remember this PAT is just a snapshot of their learning so far, and teachers use a wide range of tools to collect a body of evidence and measure success. The information helps our school plan going forward, so we do want them to try their best, but feel reassured that it's nothing to worry about at all.

**May Long Weekend!** Aurora wishes you a safe and happy May Long Weekend, as there is no school Friday May 20 and Monday May 23! Enjoy some nice Spring weather and time connecting with family and friends!

**Track & Field Week!** Your child has been hard at work in PE classes learning about the various events of track & field. Monday marks our field events day at Aurora, and we are excited to take your child to the Bold Center to use the magnificent track facility on Tuesday. If we get rained out, we will rebook to Wednesday and Thursday. If it's just a sprinkle, we will likely tough it out and try to get everyone a chance at their chosen events. Many of you already submitted the permission slip for our trip to the Bold Center, but it's not too late to [download it here and send it in signed!](#) Wards takes place after the May long weekend, with Districts on the last day of May.

**Stream of Dreams!** Aurora Middle School will be participating in LICA's Stream of Dreams - Fish on Fences program May 30th to June 3rd. Stream of Dreams is an eco-education program that teaches entire schools and their communities about their local watershed, streams, rivers, and the ocean. They promote behavioural change to conserve and protect water, empower youth to make positive environmental impacts, and create a community art legacy. It's science, it's art, and it's fun! Every student and staff member at Aurora Middle School will learn about their local watershed and will receive simple instructions about how to work with the paint and then get to paint a fish for the mural. LLB Kinsmen Club is sponsoring the project. The mural will be created on the fence between Aurora and Vera facing the road by LICA members and parent volunteers on the 3rd.



**Communication Survey** Teachers at Aurora have various ways of communicating to parents -- from School Messenger, Google Classroom, direct emails, and newsletters of varying frequency. Each week, *The Thunderbird News* shares info about whole-school upcoming events and important information for parents, including celebrations of good things happening at Aurora. We want to hear from parents on how to best serve your needs and improve our communication with home. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey found [here](#).

**BINGO WORKERS NEEDED!** If you're unfamiliar with working a bingo, the shift starts at the Lac La Biche bingo hall at 5pm and runs until around 9pm. There is an advisor present that explains what your duties are, so no previous experience is necessary. The concession is up and running and each volunteer has a meal allowance they can use while on shift. 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! Our future dates for BINGO workers are May 15, June 26, October 9 and November 24! All the money raised goes back into our school to benefit our students!

**Lunch Menu!** Go to <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> to pre-purchase hot lunch items!

16 Hamburger, Tater-Tot Casserole	17 Hashbrown, Beef Sausage & Veggie Casserole	18 Pancakes & Eggs	19 Sloppy Joes & Fresh Veggies	20 No School
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