

**June 20-24, 2022**

**National Indigenous Peoples Day!** Celebrated in Canada every 21st of June, **National Indigenous Peoples Day** is an official [day of celebration](#) to recognize and honour the heritage, cultures and valuable contributions to society by First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Our very own chef-in-residence Angie Tremblay is cooking up a special treat for all students and staff at Aurora with her amazing bannock! We will distribute bannock throughout the day. Note that teachers will not be covering any new materials or writing summative assessments on this day out of respect for families who may be attending celebrations throughout the community!



**Award Winners!** Aurora students participated in the Fall/Winter Indigenous Games through this year, and our Thunderbirds represented well, receiving many medallions from @indigenoussportcouncilofalberta -- check out our website for [a full list of winners!](#)



**Awards Night Monday June 27!** This week, homeroom teachers will be sending messages home to inform students who are being recognized for academic excellence, meritorious attitude & academic effort, outstanding citizenship & school spirit, and terrific sportsmanship & leadership. See [event criteria for this year's awards here](#). The event takes place **Monday June 27 at 6pm**. It is our hope that recognizing excellence in these notable Thunderbirds will encourage others to continue their work toward greatness and success.

**Grade 8 Farewell & Grade 3 Welcome Night!** **Tuesday June 28** is the last day for students and our final farewell event that day! Expect speeches from teachers, complimentary pizza lunch & ice cream sundae bar, and an afternoon of fun for Grade 8s. Also, Vera M Welsh and other grade 3 parents will be invited to bring their child to school that evening for supper and a scavenger hunt from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Drop in any time before 6pm!

**PAT Madness!** Grade 6 students have been writing PATs over the past few weeks, culminating in their final test on Wednesday morning with English Language Arts Part B (the reading comprehension & multiple choice test). A special thanks goes to Grade 6 teachers and our support staff who have helped students prepare for, organize, and feed kids to get their brains ready for performing their best! After this assessment, we are going to let the grade 6s have a little well-deserved fun with ...

**Water Fun Days!** We are again partnering with Vera M Welsh and Lac La Biche county protective services to provide a fire truck and hose for some water fun days! We have built two massive slip & slides -- 1 for Aurora and 1 for Vera students. Weather permitting, we will be soaking everyone on Wednesday and Thursday, **June 22 and 23!** Thank you to Chris Newhook and his team for volunteering their time! **BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, TOWEL, & SWIMSUITS!**

- Grades 5, 6, and homeroom 7C on Wednesday!
- Grades 4, 8, and 7A&B on Thursday!

**Drama & Dinner!** Parents of 4B should have purchased their tickets in <https://nlsd.schoolcashionline.com/> for the evening of June 23!.

**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 **June 26**, October 9 and November 24! All the money raised goes back into our school to benefit our students!

**Girls At Bat!** Girls At Bat is a baseball for development initiative designed to help girls across the country set lofty goals and pursue them with tenacity. Jays Care Foundation and Plan International Canada have partnered to work with communities, schools and non-profit organizations to help increase female participation and retention in sport, using a 8-12 week baseball and/or softball program. #WeAreBlueJays



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

20 Popcorn Chicken, Rice & Vegetables	21 Eggs & Pancakes	22 Grilled Cheese & Fresh Veggies	23 Baked Mac & Cheese & Fresh Veggies	24 Pizza & Fresh Veggies
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**Field Trips!** We still have many field trips and other outdoor learning activities planned for students through the month of June! Don't leave on summer vacation just yet, because we are filling each day through to June 28 with things your child won't want to miss! From visiting the Lac La Biche Mission and the Lac La Biche Museum, to hiking

Churchill, to swimming, and more!! We even had some special visitors this past week as Ms. Lara Birkill brought her trained goats for live performances at Aurora's south field!



**Important Dates** Check out these important dates for Aurora in June:

**Tuesday June 21 - No PAT (National Indigenous Peoples Day)**

**Wednesday June 22 - English Part B PAT**

**Wednesday/Thursday June 22 & 23 - Water Fun Days (weather pending)**

**Monday June 27th- Grade 8 Transition at JAWS**

**Monday June 27th- Awards night @6pm**

**Tuesday June 28th- Grade 8 Farewell (all afternoon)**

**Tuesday June 28th - 4:30-6:00pm - Grade 3 Parent Night & Scavenger Hunt**

**Summer Programs with Lac La Biche County!**

### Teen Leadership and Team Building Camp

After a two year hiatus, we are thrilled to be bringing back the Teen Leadership and Team Building Camp this August! This is a very popular week-long day camp that promotes working together, communication, community development and of course FUN! This year's activities include a trip out to Churchill cabins, water activities, and of course – PAINTBALL! The Teens will also be planning and running a Community Event on the last day of the camp! The camp runs from August 22-26, but people should register soon as it will fill up fast! The cost is \$100 to be paid at the Bold Center (but please let us know if finances are an issue for any families you know and we can figure something out).

### Teen Social Club



Similar to our very popular Teen Chillzones, Teen Social Club will be offering weekly sessions where we will participate in lots of outdoor activities like hiking, water activities and even a trip to the new Kinosoo Aerial park! We will also be doing some beading with the Native Friendship Center and an escape room in Cold lake. (I might be more excited for this summer than the teens are!) Social clubs are free with the exception of Kinosoo Ridge, Escape room and beading where a \$20 fee applies. Again please let us know if finances are an issue for any of the families. I have attached the poster for the social club but here is the list either way. The times will vary depending on the activity but we will post the times closer to the events!

- July 7 – Water activities by the spray park. Canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards for teens to use. Other activities will be provided on shore as well!
- July 14 – Amazing Race in Plamondon. Teens will have to race against other groups to complete as many activities as listed on the Amazing Race Passport. Prizes are available to the groups as well.
- July 21 – Escape Room in Cold lake. 5 different rooms to choose from!
- July 28 – hiking and BBQ in Sir Winston Churchill Park
- August 4 – Indigenous Beading with the Native Friendship Center
- August 11 – Stargazing (More info to be announced later on)
- August 18 – Kinosoo Ridge Aerial park

If you have an event for youth you would like advertised in the [Thunderbird News](#), contact [conal.donovan@nlsd.ab.ca](mailto:conal.donovan@nlsd.ab.ca)