

C'est la rentrée!



Welcome Back!

The staff of Aubrey would like to wish everyone in our school community a warm welcome to the new school year. A sincere welcome is extended to students and parents who are new to Aubrey. We hope your summer was an enjoyable and relaxing one.

Everyone at Aubrey is eager to work with you to make this an exciting and rewarding year for our students. It is our belief that the school and the

School Schedule

8:50 Welcome Bell

8:55 Classes begin

10:25 Recess

10:40 End of recess

12:00 Lunch

12:55 End of lunch bell

1:00 Afternoon classes begin

3:02 Students dismissed

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REMINDER

September 30 is a professional day.

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CHECK OUT!

Our September Calendar is online! Check it out [here!](#)

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home are partners with a common purpose-to provide the best possible educational experiences for the students. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions or issues which concern your son or daughter.

Shairoz Merani-

What is happening this week?

We very excited about our first week! Teachers have met and planned activities to help connect and prepare students for the up-coming school year.

Here are are few highlights:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 The purpose of this day is to welcome students, review the week and take attendance in preparation for final class organization. Students go in for one hour from 9:00-10:00 to meet with their last year's teacher. New students are in the library. Teachers will spend the rest of the day planning.

Wednesday- Friday September 7-9, 2016 Students in grades 1 to 7 report to last year's classrooms at 8:55. (Mrs. Green, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Carlsen/Pastora's students meet in the



undercover area, and new students go to the Library). Students will be organized into family groupings for the next few days, to engage in community building activities. Ms Adam has invited Milton Randall for Drumming Workshops all day on Wednesday. There will be a performance at 2:00 featuring our grades 5, 6 & 7 students. Everyone is invited!

Our new kindergarten students start gradual entry and teachers will be meeting their families for intake interviews. Please refer to the school calendar or check in at the office if you are unsure of your child's schedule.

**“Today is your day.
Your mountain is
waiting so get on your
way.”** – Dr. Seuss

WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHO OUR CHILD'S TEACHER IS?

It takes us a few days to confirm our enrolment numbers before we can place students into their permanent classes for the year. Just like you, we want to have all our students in the best possible learning situation as quickly as we can. We really appreciate your patience, understanding and support as we work through this process. We will have students in their permanent classes as quickly as possible.

West Coast Weather

Mud and slick grounds will soon be a reality around most schools at this time of year, due to the inevitable Fall rain and leaves. Please help your children be prepared for the elements by ensuring they have warm, water resistant coats and hoods or hats to keep dry. You may consider keeping a change of clothes at school for your child. A slip and fall at this time of year adds up to one very wet student!! Thank you in advance for your help in planning ahead for the weather.

Traffic Safety Reminder

We all share a common concern about the safety of our children. Together we can ensure the safety of our children by choosing safety over convenience. The majority of students at Aubrey do not live within walking distance, and this makes traffic extremely busy during the peak periods (8:40 - 8:55 and 3:00 - 3:15). We are grateful to have a couple of wonderful parents helping this year in directing traffic, and we can all do something to help.

Drop off/ Pick up zone:

The drop off zone at Aubrey is located at the west side of Stratford Avenue, south of the driveway to the Staff Only Parking lot. Parking is not permitted in this zone during peak times.

Please move up as much as you can and leave area as soon as you have dropped off. There is no stopping in cone marked areas. Please continue on and circle the block instead of slowing down and waiting for a spot to open. Please do not double park. If your child needs to be walked to class please park where parking is allowed and NOT at the drop off/Pick up zone. Parking is available at Kensington Complex and on the following streets:

- Aubrey and Charles Street, Dunlop and Fell Avenue, Curtis and the south area of Stratford.

What you can do to help:

- Respect the volunteers directing traffic and listen to their directions - they are out there trying to help traffic flow more freely, and to ensure that our students are safe

- Drop off early (before 8:40) and pick up later (after 3:10)
- Please do not linger in the Drop off/Pick up Zone during peak times; we need the traffic to keep moving and not be blocked by idle vehicles.
- The Staff Parking lot is strictly for staff - please do not drop off or pick up there.
- All children must use the crosswalk (Parents are asked to use the crosswalk as models of good examples); Jaywalking is extremely dangerous, especially at peak periods
- Please do not use driveways to turn around
- U-Turns are unsafe and illegal in the school zone, please refrain from doing this
- Walk to school whenever possible or park a block away and walk the rest of the way.
- Slow down and watch out for children and adults crossing at crosswalk
- If your child is young and needs your help, park and walk half a block
- If your children are older, meet them by areas where parking is allowed

Please Note: Traffic rules around Aubrey are not set by the school, parents or the principal.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome our new staff members!

- Ms Lindsay Detarjany Resource, NIS
- Ms Lisa Parsonson ELL, Head Teacher
- Ms Liz McKay, Office Support Clerk
- Ms Anna Maria Mirando, FRIMM
- Lara Gillen, FRIMM, Intermediate
- Ms Jennifer Barker, FRIMM Intermediate
- Ms Aubrey Dillon
- Ms Vicky Malito, English Intermediate

Facility Update:

Aubrey has been a very busy place over the summer, with crews working on our roof, replacing the flooring in one classroom and our main entry way, and working on the large heating and ventilation upgrade. Work on the heating and ventilation upgrade is not complete, and will need to continue into the beginning of the school year. While this will cause some minor disruptions and aesthetic issues, keeping things safe and functional will be a priority. It will all be worth it in the end, when we are warm and cozy during the winter months!



Medical Alert

We seek to provide a level of supervision and care that will secure the safety and well-being of students with medical issues. A Medical Alert Condition is one which is diagnosed by a physician, and is a potentially life threatening condition such as Diabetes, Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis (history of severe allergic response which requires planned support), severe Asthma, or other conditions which may require emergency care and/or the administration of medication as determined in consultation with parents/physicians and the school. Accurate medical information is of extreme importance. Please inform the school of any of the above conditions.

Several Aubrey students & staff have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts, nuts and their byproducts. Please join us in committing to doing everything possible to protect these students by refraining from sending foods to school that contain peanuts, nuts and/or their by-products if there is an anaphylactic student in your child(ren)'s classroom; reminding your child(ren) to wash their hands carefully after eating; and not using these products in any treats you may send into the classroom over the year. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we endeavor to make our school a safe environment for all!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We understand that parents are eager to purchase school supplies while they are still on sale. A number of teachers at Aubrey will collect a fee from parents to buy bulk supplies for the class. Others will be requesting that parents purchase items on a supply list. Once your child has been assigned to a classroom, you will receive more detailed information. Included on the supply list will be a school agenda which we pre-ordered for students last year. This is an excellent way to help students learn to manage their time and also support communication between home and school.