

# Aubrey Elementary



**Snow hits Aubrey!**

## Can You Believe It?

It's already the end of term one!

It seems like just yesterday that we were all eagerly anticipating the start of a new school year, and already the first term is over! We can look back with pride on our accomplishments. Our students should be commended for their hard work in academic areas. They have also been having fun participating in many special activities such as the Terry Fox Run, Community Day, Drumming, Tennis Lessons, extracurricular activities, and so much more. Their talents have been showcased at our Remembrance Day assembly, and our school assemblies.

A big thank you goes to our dedicated, hardworking staff for providing wonderful learning opportunities for our students, to our PAC, and the general parent community for supporting our efforts and working with us to provide a variety of experiences for our students. Also, to our fabulous students who have worked so very hard this term.

The staff at Aubrey wish you all a happy, relaxing holiday with your families.

Sincerely, Ms. Merawi



**December 15  
Hot Lunch. New  
date!** Originally  
changed from  
December 16



**Elf Yourself!**  
Students are invited  
to dress up like a  
Christmas elf or (if  
you prefer) wear  
red, green or white  
clothing.



**December 16  
Pancake Breakfast  
& Pyjama Day.  
Winter holidays  
begin!**

## Reporting

Students, parents and teachers often stress about report cards. Teachers often find it difficult to accurately describe a child's progress in an authentic and clear fashion.

A number of teachers at Aubrey are looking at different ways besides traditional report cards to help families and students better understand their learning.

### “What is does it mean to document student work?”

Some teachers are *documenting* students work. This means observing, noting and collecting a child's work at different stages and communicating what happened. *Documentation* can be on a bulletin board, in a binder or perhaps as part of an *eportfolio*.

Some teachers are choosing to use self-assessment to help students reflect about their learning. What did they do well? What was difficult? This “thinking about thinking” is



called meta-cognition and is key to effective learning. It has been shown that students who can self-assess do better at school. Swanson (1990)

These different methods help all of us better understand each child- their strengths, the things they are moving towards and how to best help them. A letter grade or a check mark is easy to understand, but it's simplicity can sometimes limit our deeper understanding of who a child is. We encourage you to take the time to look beyond the letter grades and checks marks. They are just one part of your child's learning journey.

### WET & COLD WEATHER

It's great fun to play outside as long as we are warm. 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.





**January 3** School starts again.



**Week of January 3-9** Zumba (K-3)



**Week of January 12-15** Capoeira (3-7)



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Aubrey working towards being a cashless school. Please help us by using our Burnaby School District's School Cash Online System. This helps us go green, reduces the amount of paperwork and time involved with money collections and provides greater security for parents and for the school, as payments can be tracked, unlike cash.

**Use the school cash online system with these easy steps:**

**Step 1:** Visit <https://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com> (You can also find this link on the front page of our school webpage.)

**Step 2:** Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

**Step 3:** You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND PYJAMA DAY

Thank you in advance to the Aubrey PAC for planning the Annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast to be held on Friday, December 16th. The cost of the Pancake Breakfast is \$3.00 per student. We hope you will be join us for the annual holiday celebration. This is also "Pyjama Day," so pull out your fluffy bathrobe and slippers!