

AUBREY NEWS

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Pink Day

Pink Day is on February 22. We encourage everyone to wear something pink to symbolize that we, as a society, are committed to working toward a kind, empathetic, respectful, bully-free and discrimination free world.

FSA's

Each year, in January and February, students in Grades 4, 7 and 10 take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), an assessment of reading comprehension, writing and numeracy (using math skills). The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and parents or guardians track how well students are learning core academic skills. The information will be used by the Ministry of Education and by schools in planning for improvement.

Integrating Technology

In the past fifteen years, for better or for worse, technology has become more and more integrated into our daily lives. This means that at the school level, we are learning both to teach how



Keva Challenges-200 planks, How Wide Can You Go?

to use a particular application or device and also how to use it safely, artfully and with integrity. We have many great questions such as how does one sift through information to find valid and non- biased news? Or which device or application works best to communicate our learning? How does one effectively tell a story using multiple medias? How do we share our ideas publicly, in safe respectful ways? These are some of the questions that we





School Programs at Aubrey-Parks & Rec

There are a number of after school programs and community events in the neighbourhood! Information is posted on the community bulletin board outside the office and includes brochures from the Burnaby Parks and Recreation in regards to various after school programs.

Student Illness

Flu season is definitely in full swing, and we have had unusually high rates of student and staff absences. Please help prevent the spread of illnesses by keeping your sick child at home. If your child starts feeling ill during the school day, we will contact you to arrange for pick-up. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to allow a sick child to remain at school. If your child is ill, or will be late, please contact the office at 604.664.8595 leaving the child's name, division and grade and illness.

(teachers, parents and students) are considering.

Recently the staff created a multi-year Technology Plan to help us look ahead and consider students changing learning needs. We considered particular technology tools, but also discussed our own learning and what we need to effectively teach things like computer coding, interactive presentations, robotics, movie-making and design.

We will be sharing the plan with the PAC shortly so that families can also be part of this exciting conversation.

Lisa Parsonson, Head Teacher



Welcome

to our new secretary, Mrs. Niona Dente. She is just coming back from maternity leave and before this came from Alpha Secondary. Next time you are in the school, come and say hello!

Great News! As part of the new educational funding allocation, Aubrey Elementary has received .6 funding allocation. We have hired **Ms Clare McGivern** (who currently works 1 day a week in Ms Bodin's class.) Ms McGivern, is an experienced teacher who speaks both English and French. She will be working in a variety of classrooms to support students and help implement the new curriculum.