
AUBREY UPDATES

Happy Autumn



September started out well at our school. Students are settled, staff are excited about the year ahead, and the weather is still beautiful. Our students are spending lots of time outdoors for Daily Physical Activity time and exploring our wonderful outdoors.

If you wish to ever meet to discuss any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are happy to meet at a mutually convenient time. I am usually available throughout the day. Please talk with your child's teacher (after school, by telephone, or by writing a note in your child's planner) to set up a time to meet, keeping in mind that it is not a good time to be doing this while students are in the classroom. It is important to us that parents feel welcome in the school. For the sake of student safety, we ask that you check at the office before you proceed to a classroom during school hours.

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Best wishes,

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Making Learning Visible

A number of classrooms are exploring ways to make *Learning More Visible* for students and their families. But what does *Making Learning Visible* mean?

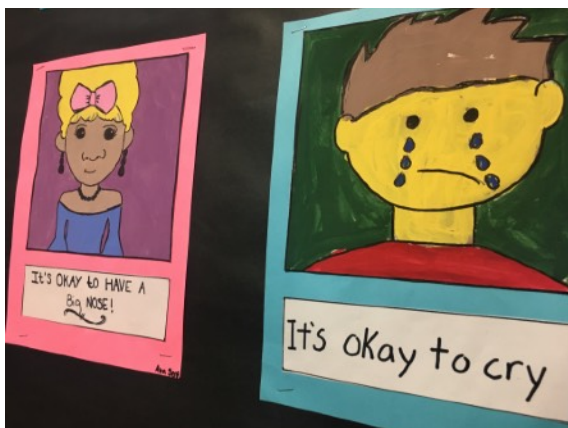
It's a term that's been around for a long time. Basically it is a process to look, listen and document in order to understand students' thinking. We are trying to "see" students' learning processes in order to support and deepen their learning experiences.

At Aubrey, numerous teachers at the school are trying to integrate different technologies to capture students' learning process. This may include video, photography, blogs and students' portfolios. We are using our professional development days this year, as well as some time during of staff meetings to focus on this theme. Some of us are also attending a district professional development series with B.C. educator and researcher Sharon Jeroski called Communicating Student Learning, that explores this idea.



Portraits created by
Students in Mme
Bodin and Ms
McGivern's class.

How can the nature of learning as a process be made visible—and in a way that serves the student as much as those around them?



We are excited and want to hear from you as we share our learning with you.

Signed,

Aubrey Teachers

Attendance

If your child will be late or absent, please call the school at 604-296-9001 and leave the following information on voicemail—it is on 24 hours:

- Child's name
- Teacher's name
- Division
- Reason for absence/late

School Schedule

- 8:50—Welcome Bell
- 8:55—Classes Start
- 10:25—Recess
- 10:40—End of Recess Bell
- 12:00—Lunch
- 12:55—End of Lunch Bell
- 1:00—Classes Start
- 3:02—Students Dismissed

SOME HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

School Snacks and Lunches

A healthy snack and healthy lunch are very important for students of all ages.

Please ensure to pack easy to open containers and all utensils needed for your child's snack or lunch. *There are no utensils available to provide to students.*

If you are delivering lunch for your child, please leave it at the office and we will call the child to pick it up at the beginning of lunch.

Wet Weather

Mud and slick grounds seem to be the norm around most schools at this time of year, due to fall rain and leaves. Please help your child be prepared for the elements by ensuring your

children 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.

Medical Alert Conditions

We seek to provide a level of supervision and care that will secure the safety and wellbeing 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.

Nut Aware School

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!

Calendar Information

Please check out the Aubrey Calendar on the school website for upcoming events, holiday dates, etc. Please check at least once a week, as we will be updating the calendar regularly as teachers book field trips and other special events.

Upcoming Newsletters and Listserve

Communication is of utmost importance, and we work hard to keep families up to date with relevant information. District information, newsletters, and updates will sometimes be emailed out to families via our listserve system. There is a Consent to Send Commercial Electronic messages Form included in the student package requesting your current email address and authorization to receive emails from the Burnaby School District. Relevant information will also be posted on our school website, and families are asked to check the website periodically, as electronic communication can be unreliable, school emails can end up in Junk Folders, and so on.

Online Payment for School Fees

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. With a few clicks, you can pay for your child's hot lunches, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online.

The link for the online system is available on the Aubrey website, or go [here](#). Then, just click on "Get Started Today" and follow the steps. If you need help registering for the system, please contact the school office.

****Please note:** The preferred method of payment for Aubrey Elementary is through the SchoolCash online system.