



Aurora Elementary School Newsletter

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From Our Principal:

Dear Aurora Parents,

December 22nd will be the end of the second quarter and the first semester. Teachers will be finalizing grades and collecting all homework assignments so that grades can be completed. Report cards will be sent home on January 11th, 2018.

Our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) unit for the month of December focused on “emotion management”. Classroom teachers taught the skills involved with this unit. All SEL units are designed to be grade level appropriate.

January’s SEL focus will be on “solving problems”. This unit will give students more strategies to learn how to problem solve.

Our after school math tutoring is providing second through sixth grade students more confidence and proficiency in math skills. This opportunity is provided by a federal grant written for all JBER elementary schools.

Thanks you for your continued support for our students and school.

Sincerely,

Debra Washington



Each classroom teacher chose some exemplary students to enjoy a special Luncheon with the Principal during their regular lunchtimes. Mrs. Washington enjoys getting to spend time getting to know our students. She provided Domino’s pizza, fresh veggies, cookies, juice, and friendly conversation. A good time was had by all!

- Dec 15 - 80’s Day & Popcorn Friday
- Dec 15 -Band and Orchestra Winter Concert 9:45 am Aurora Gym
- Dec 16 –Lego Robotics Regional Qualifier
- Dec 18-20 –PTA Holiday Store
- Dec 22-Jan 7 –No School, Holiday Break
- Jan 18 –Talent Show Auditions

Service Learning Club:



Nadia, Nurse Amy, and Jennifer make colorful candy cane cookies.



Jadir, Cordrick, Christopher, and Vandon create awesome edible wreath treats.

Last month, Service Learning Club made decorations for the Thanksgiving meal at Beans Café. This month they made some colorful Christmas Cookies to share with our bus drivers and gate guards. Thanks for spreading the holiday cheer, SLC!

Music News:

The **Talent Show** will be February 2nd at 9:45am! Auditions will be January 18th after school so start thinking about and practicing any acts to audition now and over break. Permission slips are due January 12th, the first Friday back to receive an audition time.

There will be no choir practice for the rest of the quarter.

The Sixth grade will be having their **Band and Orchestra Concert** on Friday the 15th at 9:45am in the Aurora Gym.

Miscellaneous News:

- ◆ Parent information about our PEAKS testing can be found at www.asdk12.org/peaks/
- ◆ Our Lego Robotics team will be in the Regional Qualifier Tournament this Saturday. We wish them luck!
- ◆ Chuck E Cheese fundraiser is tonight! See attached flier for information.
- ◆ All candy gram orders need to be received by tomorrow, Friday the 15th.
- ◆ Tomorrow is also PTA popcorn Friday and remember to wear your best 80's themed attire.



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Nurse's Notes:

Just a reminder that if students need over the counter medication at school, they need to be kept in the nurse's office with the appropriate forms; this includes cough drops. If your child needs these medications, a parent must bring them in. Please remember that students **cannot** carry their own medications. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Amy at 742-0308.

Thank you!

Amy Hollon
Amy Hollon,

School Nurse



Beanie Boxes:

Over the last couple of weeks Ms. Foust's first grade class collected donations of important self-care and other items to gift to our homeless in need.

They did all of the work themselves, with just a bit of instruction from Ms. Foust. This included collecting, sorting, and listing the items as well as packing them into boxes that they then decorated with festive holiday designs. Great work kids! Thank you, and thanks to Ms. Foust for teaching them that sharing is caring and that we should help those that need it.



Sharing is Caring!

Right:
Layna and Austin work on labels for the boxes.
Below:
McKenzie packs boxes while Macy marks items off of the checklist.



Aurora PTA December Newsletter



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Candy Grams

There will be four student designs featured this year. Candy Grams are a great way to spread some holiday cheer with friends and classmates. Orders are not just limited to students; please contact the PTA if you would like to send a surprise Candy Gram and personal note to your child.

Candy Gram orders are due by December 15th and will be delivered on the 19th. Each candy gram costs 50¢. Extra order forms are available in the office.

Holiday Store

We are excited to be hosting a holiday store to give our students a fun opportunity to shop this season, from December 18-20th. To ensure that our students have all the shopping help they need, we will need lots of volunteers for this event. Please reach out to us or stop by our bulletin board to sign up for an hour time slot.

Important Dates in December

- December 14 Chuck-E-Cheese Fundraiser
- December 15 Candy Gram Orders Due
- December 15 Fun Friday (80's Theme)
- December 18-20 Holiday Store
- December 19 Candy Gram Delivery
- December 22 No School/End of 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 25-Jan. 5 Winter Break

We encourage you to reach out to us through email, Facebook, or during our monthly meetings, to help us discover new opportunities and experiences for our students and families.

The Aurora PTA is always looking for parent volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer (do not need to be a member of the PTA) please contact us or check out our bulletin board to see the current volunteer needs.

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Event information

LOCATION: Chuck E. Cheese's

TIME: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm

SCHOOL: Aurora Elem

EVENT DATE: Dec. 14th

EVENT ADDRESS: _____

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Holiday Candy Gram

Order Form



This year, the PTA will be handing out Holiday Candy Grams to be delivered to students on December 19th. The Holiday Candy Gram will feature one of four different designs that were created by our very own Aurora students, along with a Holiday Dum-Dum. If you would like to participate, please fill out the following information, along with payment (50 cents each), on or before December 15th. If you are unsure about what class a student is in, just leave it blank and we can figure that out for you! If you would like to send them to the entire class, just indicate that on the form below. We accept cash or check, payable to Aurora Elementary PTA.

From (your child's name): _____

NAME	GRADE	TEACHER

Not enough room? Continue on back!