

Aurora Frontier K-8

Principal's Letter

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I often comment on how time flies, and yet again I find myself thinking...how time flies! It seems we were just opening the school year and now we're looking face to face at our mid-year break. Wow!

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One of the many benefits of being Principal at Aurora Frontier is the opportunity to see outstanding teaching and learning across our classrooms every day. Whether it is a student learning to make healthy nutrition and exercise choices in PE, or a 2nd grader suddenly reading on grade level after much hard work in Kindergarten and 1st grade, or a middle school student talking about what to study in college, our students take their learning seriously. On that note, let me invite you to join us from 5:00-7:00 on Thursday, January 9th for our *Parent Math, Literacy, and Celebration of Learning* event. You will walk away with a better understanding of what and how your children are learning, as well as helpful hints and activities to help them extend their learning at home.

KINDERGARTEN
READINESS
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Another evening event I would like to invite you to join in is an Internet Safety presentation with Gary Dawson of the District Attorney's Office (*see attached flier*) on Thursday, January 30 from 6:30-8:00 in the library following Parent/Teacher Conferences. Whether your children are at an age where they use cell phones and computers often or whether they will be in the future, this eye-opening presentation will provide you with information and tools on keeping your children safe as they navigate this electronic world. Mark your calendar to join us.

Enjoy time with your family over holiday break.

Respectfully,





Save the Date:
Thursday, January 30
6: 30– 8:00
Aurora Frontier Library

REAL-LIFE INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS (RISK) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wherever children and teens gather, there will be criminals who will try to target vulnerable kids at those locations. Many teenagers are spending more and more time online, whether in online gaming rooms, email, or social networking sites such as Facebook. With the popularity of wireless and mobile technology, the pervasiveness of the internet has given both sexual predators and schoolyard bullies new ways in which to exploit their respective victims.

The District Attorney's Office of the 18th Judicial District offers schools the RISK program to address common-sense approaches to issues involving teens and the internet, including the potential dangers and long-term consequences of online relationships, "sexting," cyberbullying, and child exploitation. **So far over 9,000 parents and teens have been educated by the presentation** since it began. The presentation consists of a 50-minute interactive Powerpoint presentation which includes videos from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Ad Council, and the experiences of prosecutors who have dealt first hand with internet crimes against children to drive home the point that these crimes *really* happen in this area and to teens just like those in the audience.

Also available is a separate presentation for parents and teachers, which provides an equally eye-opening presentation on how sexual predators approach their victims, an overview of online social networking formats including chat, home pages, and Instant Messaging (IM), and a reminder that parenting in cyberspace still requires parenting.

Common themes from both presentations include:

Limiting the amount of personal identifying information posted on a webpage, including name and age (or a screen name that reveals that information), and school or school name (which reveals the approximate age and geographic location of a child);

Emphasizing that once words, or particularly pictures, are posted or sent (even by cell phone), you can never take them back. Pictures can be on the internet circulating *forever*;

To think before you post information—whether about yourself or someone else;

Setting personal pages to "private," as opposed to "public";

Using examples of existing pages of social networking profiles of what *not* to do;

Discussing crimes that teenagers can commit without realizing they are crimes, such as the creation of child pornography (for example, an underage teen taking pictures of herself and sending them to her boyfriend), cyberbullying, and faking Social Networking pages.

To arrange for a RISK presentation at your school, contact: Gary Dawson, Sr. Dep. District Attorney at gdawson@da18.state.co.us

Frontier News

A special thank you to the PTO and all those who participated in this year's Turkey Trot. It was a great community event. Fun, fitness and healthy food is always a winning combination. Congratulations to Julian Torres the winner of the run, and to the Lopez family for their creative stroller decorations!



A special thank you to all those that participated in our giving tree program this year. Many Frontier families will benefit from your kindness and generosity. The Frontier community certainly does know how to demonstrate the true meaning of the season!



Music Notes:



Music Events 2013 – 2014

***All Programs and Concerts are at Frontier K-8 at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted**

February 20, 2014 – 2nd Grade Program

March 20, 2014 – 1st Grade and Kindergarten Program

May 1, 2014 – Middle School Band with the Soaring Singers

May 14, 2014 – Middle School Play

Band Students

Please remember our concert attire is the Frontier Band Polo shirt and black pants or a skirt. Please wear black shoes and socks.

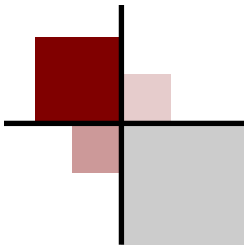
Website

Please check out the music website with information about programs, what we are learning in class, Soaring Singers, band and choir events, etc. Please check it for answers to any questions or for information. I hope it will be helpful!

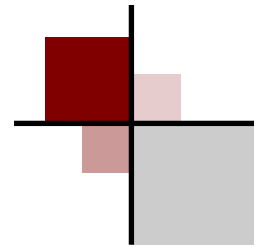
<https://sites.google.com/a/aurorak12.org/aurora-frontier-music/home>

Congratulations to the 3rd and 4th graders on a fabulous performance in November!





Health News



Health Highlights:

Influenza and the Flu vaccine:

The Flu season is fast approaching. According to the Center for Disease Control, **on average of 20,000 children under the age of 5 years are hospitalized for flu related complications.** Children are especially susceptible to the Flu due to their immature immune systems and lack of understanding about disease transmission. Those children most at risk for complications include children between 6 months and 5 years old and those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, seizures and diabetes. Infants under 6 months are not able to be immunized. For children who are afraid of needles, there is an excellent alternative in the nasal spray vaccination. Since the vaccine requires 2 weeks for a good immune response, now is an excellent time to consider getting vaccinated especially if you'll be traveling over the holidays. Your child's doctor and Flu.gov are great resources to help you decide what is best for your family.

Peanut and Nut Allergies:

Aurora Frontier is seeing an increasing number of our students with life threatening peanut and tree nut allergies. Please pay careful attention to food that is sent to the classroom. Nut free foods that are manufactured in buildings that process nut containing foods can be enough to start a reaction. Please read labels not only for contents but also for manufacturer details. A *NUT FREE* table is available in the cafeteria. We all appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Sick Child Reminder:

As we approach the cold and flu season, please remember that in order to return to school, a child must be FEVER FREE without fever reducing medicine and NO VOMITING for 24 hours. This is a district policy with the intention to allow the ill child time to recover and to help reduce the spread of illness. Please call me with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Break: December 20, 2013 - January 5th, 2014

First Day Back: January 6, 2014

Have a safe and happy winter break!

Parent Math, Literacy, and Celebration of Learning Event:

January 9th, 2014 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Internet Safety:

January 30, 2014 6:30 - 8:00 PM

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Volleyball: Wednesday: January 8th
Saturday: January 11th
Tuesday: January 14th



Tournament Schedule:

C Team: TBD
Quarter Finals: Saturday January 18, 2014
Finals: Saturday January 25, 2014



Boys Basketball: Practice Starts January 27th

CLUB NEWS

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SCRABBLE CLUB

Scrabble club will be starting in late January. Please look for flyers and permission slips located in each of the communities after the break.

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*“Paving the Road to College... Every Aurora Frontier
Student Proficient or Beyond by 8th Grade”*

**We're on the web at
[www.aps.k12.co.us/frontier!](http://www.aps.k12.co.us/frontier)**

Aurora Public Schools Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in August 2014?

YES? This family-friendly workshop provides information about how parents can help ease the transition and work with their child before making the move to the “Big School” This session will be presented on 3 different dates. Space is limited, so please RSVP.

Option #1

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014

Time: 4:30—5:45

Location: Meadowood Child Development Center (South Aurora)
3333 S Norfolk Way 80013

Call to Register: 303-400-0863

Option #2

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Time: 6:00—7:15

Location: Laredo Child Development Center (Northeast Aurora)

Call to Register: 303-363-0484

Option #3

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2014

Time: 5:30 - 6:45

Location: Jamaica Child Development Center (Northwest Aurora)
800 Jamaica Street 80011

Call to Register: 303-364-8126

*Childcare will be provided by qualified staff for children 3 to 7 years old.
When calling to register, please provide the number of adults attending and the number of
children (ages 3-7) attending.
Healthy snacks will also be served.*

Register before January 8, 2014

Aurora Public Schools

Preparance para Kindergarten



Tiene usted un hijo/a que empezara el Kínder en Agosto 2014?

Si? Este es un amigable taller familiar que provee información soe como los padres pueden ayudar con la transición y trabajar con su hijo/a antes de hace el cambio a la "Escuela grande." Esta sesión le presenta con 3 fechas diferentes. El espacio es limitado por favor reserve su lugar.

Opción #1

Fecha: Jueves, Enero 16, 2014

Hora: 4:30 - 5:45

Ubicación: Meadowood Child Development Center (South Aurora)
3333 S. Norfolk Way 80013

Llame para registrarse: 303-400-0863

Opción #2

Fecha: Martes, Enero 21, 2014

Hora: 6:00 -7:15

Ubicación: Laredo Child Development Center (Northeast Aurora)
1420 Laredo Street 80011

Llame para registrarse: 303-363-0484

Opción #3

Fecha: Jueves, Enero 30, 2014

Hora: 5:30 - 6:45

Ubicación: Jamaica Child Development Center (Northwest Aurora)
800 Jamaia Street 80011

Llame para registrarse: 303-364-8126

Cuidado para menores será dado por personal calificado para niños entre 3 a 7 años de edad. Cuando llame para registrarse, por favor de indicar cuantos adultos asistirán y también cuantos niños (3-7) llevara.

Regístrese antes de Enero 8, 2014