

# Aurora Quest Courier

## AURORA QUEST K-8

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### MISSION

To inspire and empower our unique students to develop and apply their high potential within a rigorous and supportive community.

### VISION

To be an exemplary school that develops creative and innovative thinkers and leaders who are driven by our guiding principles, and seek opportunities to extend and apply their learning beyond the walls of our school.

## Dates to Remember

### AUGUST

- Aug 10 Teacher Workday  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition, 9:00 am – 11:30
- Aug 11, 12 District Elementary Literacy Testing Days, Grades 1-3, by appointment
- Aug 11 First Day of School, 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade New Parent Night, 5:00 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:00 pm
- Aug 12 No Late Start – Classes begin at 7:45 am
- Aug 13 First Day of School, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Aug 17 K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade New Parent Night, 5:00 pm  
K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:00 pm
- Aug 18 First Day of School, Kindergarten  
New Parent Tea, 7:30 am  
Accountability Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm  
PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Aug 20 Volunteer Dessert Night, 6:00 pm
- Aug 25 Quest Skate City Night, 6:00 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4 Regular School Day at Quest
- Sept 7 LABOR DAY- NO CLASSES
- Sept 8 Accountability Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm  
PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Sept 10 Picture Day
- Sept 16 K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8 pm
- Sept 18 District In-service Day – NO CLASSES
- Sept 23 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8 pm
- Sept 24 K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences 3-8 pm
- Sept 29 Track Awards Night, 6:00 pm

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS



We will hold **two** Back-to-School nights. Parents with students entering 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend on August 11<sup>th</sup> and parents of K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see the schedule outlined below.

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - August 11<sup>th</sup>

#### 5:00-5:30 Gym

Administrator presentations for NEW middle school level families

#### 5:30 to 6:00 Main Lobby

*Meet, Greet and Mingle* with parents of returning students

#### 6:00-7:30

Join returning middle school parents and students for Back-to-School night classroom presentations.

### K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades - August 17<sup>th</sup>

#### 5:00-5:30 Gym

Administrator presentations for NEW Elementary Level families

#### 5:30 to 6:00 Main Lobby

*Meet, Greet and Mingle* with parents of returning students

#### 6:00-7:30

Join returning elementary parents and students for Back-to-School night classroom presentations.

**Note: Parking during Quest parent events can be challenging. Please allow plenty of time to arrive and find a parking space. If our lot is full, parking on the paved streets surrounding Quest is allowed, and the Transportation Department's employee parking lot is also available for you to park in.**

## **Elementary Professional Release Dates on the District Calendar**

Aurora Quest and other K-8 schools in the district will **NOT** participate in the early release days for elementary level students that are listed on the Aurora Public Schools District Calendar (Sept 4, Nov 16, Jan 4 and Apr 22). We will have regular school on those dates, including normal Aurora Quest K8 bus service.

## **TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES**

Bus routes and schedules will remain the same as last year for the first few weeks of school. As routes and times change, the APS Transportation Department will update the schools and parents.

Please see the letter below from Mr. Sturges regarding Mosley P8 construction update with road closure information.

## **2015-16 QUEST BELL SCHEDULE**

### **Arrival:**

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:**

7:39 (Train Whistle) for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to enter the building

7:41 (Train Whistle) for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders to enter the building

7:43 (Bell Tone) for K-5 students to enter the building

7:45 (Bell Tone) for entire school – all students should be in their classrooms

#### **Wednesday:**

9:24 (Train Whistle) for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to enter the building

9:26 (Train Whistle) for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders to enter the building

9:28 (Bell Tone) for K-5 students to enter the building

9:30 (Bell Tone) for entire school – all students should be in their classrooms

### **Dismissal:**

#### **Monday - Friday:**

2:30 (Bell Tone) All students are dismissed from class. K-3 students will be waiting for parents near grade level signs in front of the school. If any student is not picked up by 2:45, the teacher will take the student to Kids' Adventure. Childcare charges will apply.

## **2015-16 School Lunch Prices**

Effective July 1, 2015 the meal prices are:

- K-4<sup>th</sup> breakfast \$1.15
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> breakfast \$1.40
- K-4<sup>th</sup> lunch \$2.25
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> lunch \$2.75
- Sack lunch milk is \$0.75

All K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify for reduced meals will receive breakfast and lunch free.

Parents can apply for free and reduced meals online. Please go to <https://www.applyforlunch.com> to apply. Traditional paper applications will be available during Back-to-School night or in the magazine rack just inside the main entrance of the school.

Checks for student lunches can be made out to **Aurora Public Schools** and turned in to the Kitchen Manager, Nicole Bundy, in the cafeteria between 7:00 am and 12:30 pm. The main office cannot accept payment for lunches.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Day**

Welcome New 6th Graders!

On August 10th, we will welcome all incoming 6th graders (or 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are new to Quest) for a preview of life in middle school. From 9am to 11:30 am, students will meet their teachers, learn to open lockers, tour the building and learn about how to organize their materials and assignments. Please make transportation arrangements for this exciting opportunity for 6th grade students! Students will receive an invitation in the

Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: this preview is just for the students. But we won't leave you out! Please join us for Back to School night on August 11th.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Accountability committee meetings are also held in the Quest Media Center on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6 pm. Childcare is not provided during these meetings. Please consider joining us on August 18th for our first meeting.

## **PTA MEETINGS**

PTA meetings are usually held in the Quest Media Center the second Tuesday of each month from 6-7pm. This month we will meet on the third Tuesday, due to school beginning a little later this year. Free childcare is provided in the cafeteria. Attendance at PTA meetings counts toward your volunteer hours. Please join us for the first meeting of the new school year on August 18, 2015. This year's PTA board members are:

- Teri Dossey – President
- Cathy Tranchetti – Vice President
- Jessica Edgett – Treasurer
- Michelle Hannawald – Secretary

## **\$ QUEST SHIRTS FOR SALE \$**

Show your Quest spirit! Various Quest shirts will be sold in the cafeteria during both Back-to-School nights. Prices vary; ranging from \$5 and up.

## **PLEASE USE THE SIDEWALKS!**

Aurora Quest is a beautiful school and we want to keep it beautiful. You can help us by using the sidewalks instead of walking on the grass or landscape rocks. Please encourage everyone in your family to use the sidewalks.

## **Middle School Sports**

The 2015-16 Track & Field season will kick off with brief meeting for students, followed by practice on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Athletes should bring shoes & workout clothes and meet in the gym, right after school. Be ready to run!

Girls Swimming and Diving practice will begin Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to participate in Middle School Sports. All practices will be held 2:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. Additional information will be presented during Back-to-School Night.

Before a student can participate in any athletics, the participation packet must be filled out along with a sports physical form. The athletics packet can be picked up from the publications rack outside the main office. We look forward to another successful year of Quest athletics.



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Aug. 3, 2015

Dear APS Parents and Guardians,

We will soon complete construction of the Edna & John W. Mosley P-8 School located on the APS Community Campus. The new school will open in September 2015, with grades 6-8 starting school on Sept. 10 and grades K-5 starting the week of Sept. 14.

As part of the construction project, we have also made improvements to Centretech Parkway east of Airport Boulevard. Parents may now access schools on the campus from either Centretech Parkway or 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. As a reminder, access to the APS bus lot on Centretech Parkway is restricted to APS buses and vehicles only.

Please be aware that access to schools on the campus will not be available via Centretech Parkway during the week of August 17 due to a paving project on Salida Way east of Mosley P-8. Salida Way will be closed that week and reopen on August 24.

APS is completing the final steps to receive approval from Buckley Air Force Base to access property owned by the military base for the extension of Salida Way to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We plan to begin work on the road extension in late 2015 or early 2016. We will provide you with updates on the status of this project as we proceed with design and construction.

In addition to making road improvements, we have staggered bell schedules for schools on the APS Community Campus to alleviate traffic congestion during student drop-off and pick-up times.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we complete these improvements. If you have questions, please contact me at 303-365-7812 or email, [awsturges@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:awsturges@aps.k12.co.us).

Sincerely,



Anthony Sturges  
Chief Operating Officer