

AURORA QUEST K8 NEWS YOU CAN USE



Important Dates

Oct 30	6 th Grade Field Trip – Adams Mystery Playhouse
Oct 31	Halloween; K-5 Parade, 2:10
Nov 1	Bus Evacuation Drills, Morning Routes Soccer Banquet; Gym, 5:30
Nov 2	1-5 th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences; 3:00 – 8:00 pm
Nov 5	Fall Back! Change Your Clocks.
Nov 6-10	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 7 - 9	Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences; 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Nov 7	Western Wear Day
Nov 10	Goodies for Grandparents, 7:00 am Early Release Day – 10:45 Dismissal
Nov 14	Accountability Meeting, 5:00 pm PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
Nov 22	P/T Conference Exchange Day - NO CLASSES
Nov 23-24	THANKSGIVING- NO CLASSES
Dec 5	Skate City Night, 6:00 pm
Dec 21	Last Day Q2/First Semester Early Release Day – 10:45 Dismissal
Dec 22	Teacher Workday- NO CLASSES
Dec 25- Jan 5	Winter Break- NO CLASSES



Western Wear Day

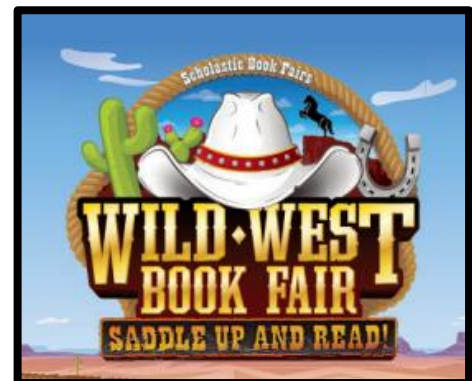
Hey Partners! Let's get in the swing of things to celebrate our Wild West Scholastic Book Fair. Dress in your favorite western wear on Tuesday November 7th. Get those boots shined and find your bolo tie.

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Quest Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 6th - 10th. The theme is Wild West Book Fair - Saddle Up and Read.

Book Fair Schedule

- Monday, November 6 - 2:30 - 3:30
- Tuesday, November 7 - 2:30 - 6:30
- Wednesday, November 8 - 7:30 - 3:30
- Thursday, November 9 - 7:30 - 3:30
- Friday, November 10 - 7:00 - 11:30



Morning Arrivals and Supervision

As we come into the cold weather season, we want to remind you that Quest will not provide **playground** supervision on mornings when the temperatures are below 20°, or if there is ice on the playground surfaces. On those days, PLEASE be sure your child comes to the front of the building, even if you drop them off on Salida. Students will be unable to enter the building from the courtyard, so they must use the door on the south side of the building. Thank you for helping to ensure every child is in an area under staff supervision.

NURSE NOTES

Hello Parents,

This is a reminder to please let me know if your student has any changes in their health status. If your student sustains a broken limb, requires hospitalization or surgery, or any other significant issue please share with me at my email address: cmgraham@aps.k12.co.us or call me at 303-326-1537. I am here to help you and your student in any way that I can to ensure that your student can continue with their learning experience here at Quest. The information shared with me remains confidential and only shared with teachers on a need to know basis. Of course, you will need to continue to contact Mrs. Hill, the attendance clerk, for any absenteeism.

On another note, National Take Back Drug day is tomorrow, Oct. 28 at several locations. Please visit www.dea.gov to find a location near you to safely dispose of unwanted medication.

Thank you,
Mrs. Christine Graham



Fevers and Keeping Children Home Due to Illness

It is sometimes difficult to know when to keep children home due to illness. If a child has a fever over 100°, the child must stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of fever reducing medicine. Feel free to contact Nurse Graham with any additional questions about when to keep your child home.

TEXTILE RECYCLING CONTEST

October 15th – November 15th

There is still time to clean out those closets before this contest ends. Please consider donating your unwanted items to benefit Quest and the environment. You can place your donations directly into the USAgain bins in the Quest parking lot. Donate clothing, shoes, toys, bedding, towels and blankets (any condition) for a chance to win \$200 for Aurora Quest!

THANK YOU!

Thank you all to the wonderful parents who donated food or time to setup and clean up during the 1st – 5th grade parent/teacher conferences last week. The staff sincerely appreciates your efforts and delicious dishes.

Gems and Minerals Presentation

The Quest PTA supported a great learning opportunity and signature experience for our 3rd grade students. Our students met a gemologist and learned about gems. They then mined for their own gems and had to identify and sort them. Some gems were fluorescent; while others you can see light shine through them. The 1st grade classes will be receiving a presentation on rocks and minerals in January.



Evacuation Drills

The APS Transportation Department will conduct emergency evacuation drills for students who ride the school bus on Wednesday, November 1. These drills provide students with procedures to follow in the event an emergency situation occurs while they are being transported on a school bus.

HALLOWEEN

Students in all grade levels are welcome to wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. There will be no class parties, although there will be a Costume Parade for students in grades K-5 at 2:00PM. K-5 classes will walk through the commons area near the office where parents can view student costumes. Parents will be asked to remain in the commons area and meet their child outside after school.



Costume guidelines:

- **Students should wear their costumes to school and be prepared to wear them all day.**
- **Costumes should not distract from learning, either your child's or another's.**
- **Masks and full face paint are not allowed.**
- **No blood.**
- **No costumes with sound effects, lights or other components that may disrupt the learning environment.**
- **Costumes should be modest, tasteful and appropriate for a school environment.**
- **Costumes must permit students to sit and participate in the learning process for the day.**
- **Students with P.E. should wear or bring shoes that are safe for P.E. activities.**
- **Because we have younger students on our campus, we ask that scary characters not be part of the day. (Scream, Chuckie, Jason, etc.)**
- **Toy or facsimile weapons are not allowed. (swords, guns, knives, etc.)**
- **Students whose costumes do not meet the standards will be asked to call home for a change of clothing.**



I am very fortunate to work in APS as it is such a student-centered and diverse district that provides endless avenues for educators to collaborate. I love teaching at Quest! Our entire learning community is continuously striving to provide every student with a variety of rich learning opportunities that foster problem-solving, teamwork and reflection. Our students approach tasks in such purposeful and innovative ways that I, myself, often see situations in a different light.



Shannon Parish

Aurora Quest K-8 Sixth Grade Science
and Math Teacher



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Teacher Feature

Aurora Quest 6th grade teacher, Shannon Parish was selected as the inaugural “featured” teacher on APS Social Media accounts. Mrs. Parish is highly regarded among staff and students and deserving of this special recognition. Thank you, Mrs. Parish for your dedicated service to Aurora Quest K8.