

Arthur Public School

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Our Character trait for the month of October is
Honesty.



Through morning announcements and class discussions, students will be encouraged to reflect on why it is important to be truthful to others and to ourselves. Honesty is about trying your best and doing the right thing. Honesty is also about not taking what you have not rightfully earned. It is about playing by the rules and playing fair. Older students need to develop an understanding of academic honesty by completing their own work and not plagiarizing or claiming the work of others as their own.

Throughout the month, teachers and staff will be recognizing students for demonstrating positive character traits, including honesty, and awarding Arthur Actions and Attitudes tickets.

At our month end assembly, students can win many different prizes for positive actions they have taken.

Treats for Terry!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in our Terry Fox Run, who bought a treat for Terry and purchased dessert raffle tickets in support of the Terry Fox Foundation!

This year A.P.S. raised \$1500.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

A special big thank you to Mrs. Hustler and Mrs. Fleming who organized our special evening!

Child Abuse Prevention Policy & Program

The Upper Grand District School Board places a high priority on the safety of our students. The Child Abuse Prevention Policy is evidence of our commitment to this priority. The following is a quote from the policy:

"Every citizen in the community shares a responsibility for our children. School officials and teachers share this collective community responsibility for creating safe and nurturing environments for children. Under the Child and Family Services Act, this responsibility includes the legal requirement to report to the local Children's Aid Society any suspected child abuse or other situations where a child may be in need of protection. Teachers and other Board employees have a special opportunity to know and understand children during their most influential years of development. They are in a unique position to be able to see early signs of maltreatment, and to know or hear about the abuse and neglect that is often suffered by children."

As required in the Policy, we will be teaching age-appropriate lessons to help our students identify abuse and protect themselves from abusive situations. The goal is to provide children with the tools they need to keep themselves safe. The lessons cover a broad range of safety issues including bullying, stranger danger and abuse by a known and trusted adult.

These lessons will occur throughout the year and will target grades K-6. These lessons will be team taught by our Child and Youth Counsellor and classroom teachers. Students in grades 7 and 8 will also participate in a Red Cross program presented by the school's Child & Youth Counsellor entitled "**It's Not Your Fault**". These two hour presentations will occur in homeroom classes.

We encourage you to discuss with your child at home the concepts taught in the Child Abuse Prevention Curriculum.

For more information regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Policy and/or Programs please contact Ms. Leathem, Principal or Dana Forsey, Child and Youth Counselor.

Open House at Arthur Fire Hall - October 14th

October 14 from 12pm to 3pm The Wellington North Firefighters will be hosting a Fire Prevention Open House at the Arthur Station. Come see Sparky, the Fire Trucks, and a surprise addition to our education division, all while enjoying a cookie and juice.





**Gently Used Coats, Hats,
Gloves, and Scarves**

COMMUNITY



**COAT
DRIVE**

**Sunday October 22nd, 2017
1 pm - 4 pm
@ The Arthur Fire Station**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Arthur Public School
St. John Catholic School
455 Eliza Street Arthur

All Adult and Children's Sizes Accepted



Safety In The School

One of our number one concerns with students at school is their safety. In an effort to know what adults are in the building at all times, we have a system that allows visitors to be identified. When you enter the building, please report to the office and sign in. Mrs. Brunkard will give you a visitor's pass that will let staff know that you have checked in to the office.

Without this system, it is very difficult to know who should be and shouldn't be in the building. We have a number of concerns regarding custody issues that make this a vital part of our safety practice. Staff has been asked to question anyone who does not have a visitor's pass on and direct them to the office to sign in.

We appreciate your support in keeping our children safe.

Interschool Sports Teams

It has been decided that the players on our school teams will help pay for the cost of busing to each of their sporting events (\$5.00 per trip).

Every effort will be made to minimize the cost by sharing a bus with another school when feasible. If you have a concern, please contact Mr. McCabe or Ms. Leathem at the school. Thanks for your continued support!

October Safety Drills

During the month of October Arthur Public School will be participating in a Lockdown drill. This drill is practiced twice per school year across the Province to ensure staff and students know how to respond in case of an emergency.



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A Lockdown would be called if a threat has entered the building. The hallways are swept clear of any students, the classrooms are locked up and the students are asked to remain very quiet. They are to remain this way until the "all clear" announcement has been made. If you have any questions about the procedure please contact Ms. Leathem.

Arthur Public School Picture Day



Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th.
Further information and order forms will go home closer to the day...smile!!!

Snack Program-Fresh From the Farm

Just a reminder that Fresh From the Farm orders are due Oct 4th. All proceeds from this fundraiser provide healthy snacks for the students. We would like to thank Amanda Rooney and her day care kids for fundraising over the summer to donate to our snack program. Thanks too to the Zone 7 Egg Farmers for their generous donation.



Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation: What Do Parents / Guardians Need to Know?

What is Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation?

On July 1, 2014, Canada's anti-spam legislation (CASL) came into effect. Under the legislation, Board staff and Trustees must not send **commercial electronic messages** (CEMs) that encourage recipients to participate in any commercial activity, even if it is not-for-profit, unless they have the recipient's prior consent.



What are commercial electronic messages?

A CEM is an electronic message whose purpose is to encourage commercial activity. CEMs include emails or text messages to inform parents and community members of promotions, advertising or offers for sale, such as school pictures, field trips, fun fairs, pizza or hot dog days, yearbooks or fundraising for school. A message is also considered a CEM when it redirects the recipient to a website that has commercial content (e.g. an email directing someone to the fundraising page on the school website). Electronic messages that have no commercial content, but are for informational purposes, e.g. student progress or attendance information, notice of a community meeting, can be sent without the recipient's prior consent.

How does CASL apply to me?

The Board is required to comply with the Legislation. As a parent, we sometimes communicate to you by email or text messages, in order to let you know about activities at the school. If these activities involve promotions, advertising or offers for sale, such as school pictures, field trips, fun fairs, pizza or hot dog days, yearbooks or fundraising for school, we are required to get your consent before such commercial electronic messages (CEMs) are sent.

How can I give consent?

At the start of each school year, an information form will be sent home with students directing parents and guardians to our CASL website to provide consent.

What happens if I do not provide consent?

If consent is not provided, you will not receive electronic messages containing commercial content and may find it more difficult to be aware of the activities that take place in school, and which your child may have an interest in participating.

How can I withdraw my consent?

You can withdraw your consent by unsubscribing at any time. Board staff will act within 10 days to unsubscribe you from receiving CEMs.

How long is my consent valid?

Your consent is valid until revoked.

Whom do I contact if I need more information?

For more information, you may contact the Communications department at 519-822-4420 x 725. You may also contact the Freedom of Information Officer at 519-822-442- x 721.

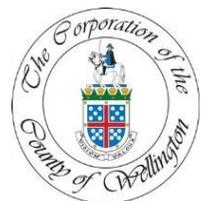


Please go to www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL or our school's website at www.ugdsb.on.ca/arthur to subscribe to email notifications.

Chromebooks in your public library!



Upper Grand students can now get a Chromebook to do assignments after school, on evenings and on Saturdays.



Food Drive



Feeding the Community

This year in cooperation with Farm Credit Canada we are running a food drive. All food donated goes to the **Arthur Food Bank**. Please consider donating some food items to the school by October 12th.

Thank you for helping our community



Life-Threatening Allergies

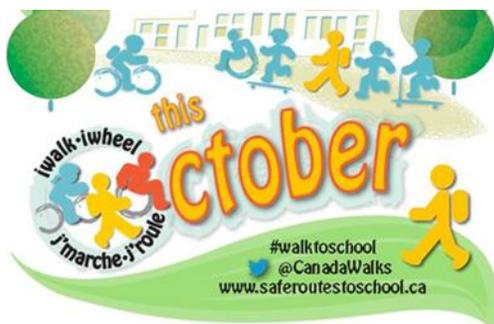
We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies to various foods and other materials called anaphylaxis. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to food or other materials, and can cause death within minutes. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you may refrain from sending foods to the school that contain peanuts and nuts. We also have a person in our building who has anaphylactic reaction to the scent of garlic. We aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school.

If your child is in a classroom with an anaphylactic child, or your child has anaphylaxis, you will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Our school has procedures in place to help manage anaphylactic reactions. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please tell your child's teacher or the office and we will take the necessary health protection steps.

Thank you for your understanding in ensuring an allergy-safe environment for all of our students.



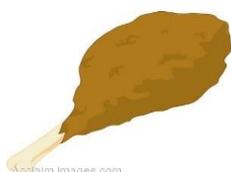
Arthur Public School's Walk to School Day!

On October 4th for Walk to School Day the students of Arthur Public School will walk around the block together before entering the building. When the bell rings students will line up as usual but rather than coming into school, teachers will lead their classes around the block to mark Walk to School Day. Please join us, if you are able, for this short active start to the school day!



Elmira Chicken and Harriston Meats

School Council's first fundraiser of the year is selling Harriston Meats and Elmira Poultry. Be sure to return your order by Monday



October 16th in order to support our school and purchase a quality product. Pick up will be on Thursday November 2nd from 3-5pm. This campaign any chicken and meat orders sold by our grade 6,7 and 8 students are applied directly to the cost of their end of the year overnight trip!

Christmas Bazaar

As most of you will remember each year at A.P.S. we hold a Christmas Bazaar for students to attend.

The bazaar is directed at our younger students but all students will have an opportunity to participate. Parents, A.P.S. staff and community members are asked to donate any "gently used items" from home including items that would be suitable for a child to give to a parent, grand parent or sibling.



All items are priced between .25 and a toonie...this is not a fundraiser but an opportunity for students to purchase a gift for family members and take it home wrapped for under the tree.

Please keep in mind the following:

We will try to have as much donated tissue, paper and bags as possible so gifts can come home wrapped.

We encourage you to consider items around your home to donate...books, and in particular we always run short of adult male gifts. If you can help in any way it is appreciated!

This is a great volunteer opportunity.

Thank you for your support and PLEASE contact Mary Mitchell with questions or offers of help.

Mary Mitchell

emery@hotmail.ca

519-848-2829

Value Village Donation Drive



Please support our used clothing and household collection drive. For every pound you donate we receive 15 cents. Drop your bagged items off at the school on Thursday, October 12th between 8:30-3:30. If you are bringing in coats please bag and label separately so that we can direct them to our Community Coat Drive.



News from Student Council

Loose Coin Drive



A huge thank you to the Arthur community! We raised \$312.04 for the American Red Cross to support hurricane relief.

Spirit Days

Fall Colours Day:

This happens next Friday on October 6th. Some of the colours you can wear are: red, orange, yellow and brown. If anyone would like to wear something more themed like (For Example: Dress like a turkey) go right ahead.

Costume Day:

Dress up in your Halloween costume!! This is happening on Halloween day, October 31st.

Rules:

- NO MASKS
- NO WEAPONS
- NO CLOWNS
- CAN WEAR FACE PAINT
- BE RESPONSIBLE
- USE COMMON SENSE
- IF NOT OBEYED YOU MUST TAKE OFF COSTUME

Door Decorating:

This is from October 23rd-27th.

Rules:

- MUST BE MADE BY STUDENTS WITH STUDENT IDEAS
- BROWN PAPER as the backing. We will order rolls.
- LIMITED LIGHTS
- HALLOWEEN THEMED
- NO PRE-MADE OBJECTS

Fundraising

We Scare Hunger:

We are doing a food drive broken into two parts. The first part is from October 2nd- October 6th and the second part is from October 10th- October 13th. You are able to bring canned food items such as baked beans, tuna, pasta and more. Faith and Kelsey are going to be collecting items daily by going from class to class.

Growth Mindset Homework

Help Tips

Let your child struggle with math problems.

- See if they have the perseverance to work through their struggles. We need to break the math myth that we need fast answers to be good at math.

Never let your child hear you say: “I was never good at math.”

- Research studies have shown when parents tell their children they were not good at math, their child’s achievement is immediately affected.¹



Ask your child if they can solve a math problem in another way.

- This shows that your child has multiple strategies at their fingertips and they are flexible with their math thinking.

Ask your child to explain the reasoning behind their response.

- “Why did you (add/ subtract/ multiply/ divide)?”
- “What does your drawing represent?”

Online Resources

Parents’ Beliefs about Math Change Their Children’s Achievement - <https://goo.gl/psL33d>

“We now know that the messages we give students can change their performance dramatically, and that students need to know that the adults in their lives believe in them.”

TL Talk: The Gift of Failure – Interview with Jessica Lahey - <https://goo.gl/oo7xFc>

“Jessica is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed.*”

How to Learn Math: for Students - <https://goo.gl/OCywaf>

“How to Learn Math is a free self-paced class for learners of all levels of mathematics. It combines really important information on the brain and learning with new evidence on the best ways to approach and learn math effectively.”

¹ Boaler, J. (n.d.). Parents’ Beliefs about Math Change Their Children’s Achievement. Retrieved September 22, 2016, from <https://www.youcubed.org/think-it-up/parents-beliefs-math-change-childrens-achievement/>

Terror on Tucker St.

live haunted backyard

191 Tucker St,
Arthur



Daytime viewing 2-4 pm
Sunday October 29th

Halloween Night
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Please bring non-
perishable food or
monetary donation for
the Arthur Food Bank.



Visit us on
Facebook





School Council Fundraiser

Would you like to support Arthur Public School students and make sure your child's clothes and school items are less likely to be lost all at the same time? Then go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com to order some practical and attractive labels. Indicate that you wish to support Arthur Public School Council on the drop down menu and Council will receive 20% of what you have spent. Our section of the site is active right now so place your order!!

Tips for Building Resilience in Children

- 1. Make connections**
Teach your child how to make friends, including the skill of empathy, or feeling another's pain. Encourage your child to be a friend in order to get friends.
- 2. Help your child/youth by having them help others**
Children and youth who may feel helpless can be empowered by helping others. Engage your child/youth in age-appropriate volunteer work, or ask for assistance yourself with some task that they can master. At school, brainstorm with children about ways they can help others.
- 3. Maintain a daily routine**
Sticking to a routine can be comforting to children, especially younger children who crave structure in their lives. Encourage your child/youth to develop their own routines.
- 4. Take a break**
While it is important to stick to routines, endlessly worrying can be counter-productive. Build regular breaks into school and home routines.
- 5. Teach your child/youth self-care**
Make yourself a good example, and teach your child/youth the importance of making time to eat properly, exercise and rest. Make sure your child/youth has time to have fun.
- 6. Move toward goals**
Teach your child/youth to set reasonable goals and then to move toward them one step at a time. Moving toward that goal — even if it's a tiny step — and receiving praise for doing so will focus your child/youth on what they have been able to do rather than on what they haven't done, and can help build resilience.
- 7. Nurture a positive self-view**
Help your child/youth remember ways that they have successfully handled hardships in the past and then help them understand that these past challenges help them build the strength to handle future challenges.
- 8. Keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook**
Even when your child/youth is facing very painful events, help them look at the situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective. An optimistic and positive outlook allows your child/youth to see the good things in life and keep going even in the hardest times.
- 9. Look for opportunities for self-discovery**
Tough times are often the times when children/youth learn the most about themselves. Discuss with your child/youth what they learned after facing a tough situation.
- 10. Accept that change is part of living**
Change often can be scary for children and youth. Help your child see that change is part of life and new goals can replace other goals.