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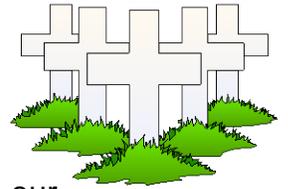
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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is always a very important day in the life of our school, our community and our country. This year the staff and students in JK - Grade 8 will once again join the Arthur community at the Cenotaph to participate in our community's Remembrance Day Service.

To prepare for this community experience, our Arthur Public School staff and students will be involved in Remembrance Day learning activities prior to November 11 so that our trip to the Cenotaph will be a meaningful experience.

Classroom teachers will be sharing further information and details in regard to this experience early in November and will be asking for parents to volunteer and walk to the Cenotaph with our classes.

Poppies will be available in the school office. Cash donations to the Arthur Branch #226 are appreciated.

McMaster Children's Hospital Toy Drive

Sheyanne O'Donnell helped the students and families of Arthur Public School remember how important it is to give back. Through her initiatives, the Smiley Chimps Toy Drive was able to give a substantial number of gifts to children who are in care at McMaster Children's Hospital. We would like to continue on with what Sheyanne started. During the week of November 9th -13th we are asking families to donate a new, unwrapped toy. Please send these toys to your child's class and at the end of the week we will collect them and deliver the toys to Sheyanne's family who will deliver the toys to McMaster Children's Hospital at the beginning of December. We thank you in advance for helping this wonderful cause, inspired by Sheyanne O'Donnell.



Student Safety - Important Communication Needed

Please contact the school if there are changes to how or when your child or children are going to be picked up from school, or if they are going to be late or absent. We make the safety of your children our highest priority, and we have systems in place to ensure our students are accounted for. For this reason, it is very important to call the school if your child is going to be late or absent. Also, if you are changing the home time routine, be sure to contact the office and sign your child out. When we cannot account for a student, we will do everything possible to find them. Each day we follow up on around 10 students because there was no communication about changes to routines. We appreciate your support.

Character Trait for November is Respect

During the month of November our staff will focus on the character trait of respect. With so many unique individuals in the building, all trying to get along we are bound to have our differences. We work hard to ensure that those differences are valued. When conflicts arise, as they often do, we ask that those in the conflict treat each other with respect. When this can happen, the issue often gets resolved and all parties feel better about themselves. Future conflicts are less likely to happen. We also ask students to respect themselves and respect the property of others. Our students are getting to be pretty good at this, but we will continue to send this very important message. Conversations about what respect is and isn't while at home will help to reinforce what we are doing at school. Thanks for your support.



Inclement Weather Procedures

You reside in the **North Wellington** area. At different times during the year, dense fog, icy roads, or snowy weather may result in the cancellation of school buses. The announcement will be broadcast over radio stations CKNX (FM102 Wingham), CHYM (570 Kitchener), CKKW (109 Kitchener) and CJOY (1460 Guelph). Our school will be open if buses do not run; you, as the parent, need to decide if it is safe to drive your child(ren) to school on a no-bus day. Please note, if the buses are cancelled in the morning, you will need to make arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the day.

Visit the Upper Grand District School Board Website...

www.ugdsb.on.ca You will find information about school bus cancellations on inclement weather days and lots of information that pertains to our schools.



Snack Program

We have a great snack program here at Arthur Public School! It is successful due to the wonderful support of volunteers. We are looking for some volunteers who are willing to come in once a week. Volunteers are usually here between 8:30 and 10am to prepare the snack for all of our students. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Cozzarin.



Food Drive!

Thank you to the families of Arthur Public School for the donations for our food drive. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to give 219 pounds of food to the Arthur Food Bank through Farm Credit. A big thank you to Miss Marshall and her class who helped organize our drive and load the food onto the Farm Credit Tractor!



Student Government 2014-2015

Student government elections occurred earlier this month with a large number of candidates applying to be involved. Mrs. Werth and Mrs. Backer would like to thank all those who participated as it was a tight race with some outstanding speeches. We appreciate all the time the students put into wanting to create positive experiences for students here at APS.



The new student government leaders are: Co- Prime Ministers, Julian, Nina and Alyssa, secretary, Erin and treasurer, Gloria.

The student government is inviting all to wear red for the Remembrance Day service on November 11th. We will be attending the service at the cenotaph and would like to invite families to walk down with us.

Arthur Public School Soccer News

Congratulations go out to our junior and intermediate soccer team members who participated in North Wellington Tournaments during October.

On October 8th and 9th our intermediate girls and boys travelled to Palmerston fields to participate in a regional soccer tournament. The boys were fantastic representatives from Arthur and played hard and determined in all their games. They scored the first goal in two of the games they played to get the momentum and energy of the day going! Overall, they placed 5th and had a great day in Palmerston, working together!

The girls went motivated to come home with a championship. The team was filled with girls who played well together and stayed positive and focused all day. At the end of the tournament, they came home with first place to hang the banner in the gym. A special mention to Nina, who led the team in goals and to Erin and Nicole who stayed tough in net!

Both days were fun and active and it was great to see our intermediate students representing Arthur with class and sportsmanship.

The teams all displayed sound skills as they took on teams from the other North Wellington Schools. Congratulations to members of all teams and thank you to our coaches: Mr. MacLean, Mr. Duncan and Madelle Hall. Way to go Patriots!



Meat Order Pick Up

If you ordered meat please remember pick up is on **Monday November 9th between 3:30 and 5:30.**

Fresh from the Farm Update!

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising initiative for the Snack Program. We raised just over \$1000!! **Pick up of fruit and vegetables will be Monday November 16th 3:30-5:30.**

Terry Fox Run...Thank You

Thank you everyone for supporting our Terry Fox Run. We raised \$644.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Also, huge thanks to staff who organized a great spirit day and thanks to our students who participated so fully in the day to support a great cause.

Well done everyone!!



The Terry Fox Foundation



at



The Arthur Santa Claus Parade

Sat. Nov 28th at 7pm

Donations will be collected along the parade route!

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who donated winter coats to The 1st Annual Community Coat Drive held by the North Wellington Fire Service - Arthur Fire Station. Nearly 300 winter coats were donated.



November's Environmental Theme: AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution is a big problem. But we can solve it. Know that all over the world, steps are being taken to stop the damage to our environment from air pollution. Scientists study the damaging effects and make recommendations. Governments write laws to control emissions. Canada has a Clean Air Act. And the good news is that recently Ontario became the first province in Canada to no longer make electricity using coal-fired power plants! Perhaps most importantly, teachers in schools and universities are educating our youth to understand the problem and make a difference.

What are some of the ways we can reduce air pollution? Planting trees is a great way to help filter our air and make it clean. If cars are producing too much carbon dioxide then trees will help convert it back into essential pure oxygen. Also, use a push mower instead of a gas-powered mower, or use a snow shovel instead of a power snow remover. Bike and walk more, and look into purchasing a more fuel-efficient car. If you buy locally produced food, trucks won't need to make as many far away deliveries and use as much fuel. You can even help indoor air quality by growing plants indoors, especially spider plants, the peace lily, or bamboo palms to help take toxins out of the air inside.

Local Library Programs

Postcards for Peace

Visit our postcard station at the library during Veterans' week to express messages of thanks to those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace or to still-serving Canadian Armed Forces members. Tuesday, November 2 - Tuesday, November 10, during branch hours

Junior Book Club AGE Group: grade 5 +

Join us as we discuss a variety of junior fiction. Please register.
Thursday, November 19, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Paws 4 Stories AGE Group: School age (Grades K- 6)

This is a very special reading programme designed to practice reading fluency in a relaxed, fun atmosphere with a real live dog. Please Register.
Saturday, November 21, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Proper Winter Clothing

Please make sure students are properly dressed to play outside when they come to school. The weather is getting chillier and the children are outside for two recesses daily.



ARTHUR PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2015

Friday, December 4th, 2015, APS will hold their Annual Children's Christmas Bazaar. This is a day where each class has an opportunity to visit our "gift store" to purchase ONE item per family member for a cost of \$.25 to \$2.00. For the younger children it is most helpful if the money is sent in a zip loc bag with a "list" of whom they should buy gifts for. The schedule begins with the youngest classes and we work our way up, there is no guarantee what will be left at the end of the day but we do try to provide an opportunity for all to shop.

This is where we need YOUR HELP! If you have any unused items sitting around your home, especially that might suit a teenager or a Dad, we sure could use it. Please drop off your gently used or new items at APS ASAP! A "suggested ideas list" is posted on the bulletin board in the front foyer.

IF you are a parent and are interested in Volunteering for even an hour that day between 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m please contact Mary Mitchell at 519-848-2829 or emarye@hotmail.ca ASAP....we need your help!!

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."



Council Corner

Welcome to our very first edition of Council Corner.

We are pleased to announce our new Parent Council Executive for the 2015/2016 school year. Michelle Humphrey and Melanie Faust will be co-chairing, Candice Leitch, Secretary and Meghan Woods, Treasurer. Our next meeting is Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30pm in the library where we will be learning about the new Maker Spaces! Please join us!

This year we will be having 6 fundraisers:
October – 1st Elmira and Harvest Table
December – Christmas Bazaar
March – Lamontagne
May – All-Treat – Mulch and Soil
May – 2nd Elmira and Harvest Table
June – Year End BBQ and Silent Auction
Where is my money going once I give it to the school?

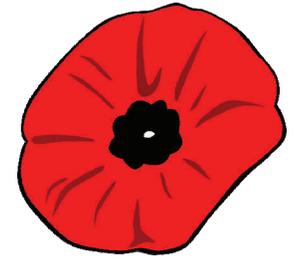
The fundraisers will help the school with the cost of bussing for trips, new books and supplies for the maker spaces for the library, presentations, gym equipment and more technology for each classroom such as I pads and Chromebooks. Thank you in advance for your continued support in your children's education.

Don't forget to start sending in those items for the Christmas Bazaar. Let's show Ms. Leathem how full we can make her office of wonderful treasures for the bazaar. Next edition will be in the December Newsletter. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the above members or the school.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Day 3</i>	3 <i>Day 4</i>	4 <i>Day 5</i>	5 <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Day 2</i>	7
8	9 <i>Day 3</i>  Meat Pick Up 3:30-5:30 OPP Roundabout Safety visits	10 <i>Day 4</i>	11 <i>Day 5</i> Remembrance Day  Lest We Forget.	12 <i>Day 1</i>	13 <i>Day 2</i>	14
15	16 <i>Day 3</i> Fresh From the Farm Pick-Up 3:30-5:30 	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 <i>Day 5</i>	19 <i>Day 1</i>	20 <i>Day 2</i>	21
22	23 <i>Day 3</i> School Council Meeting  6:30-Library	24 <i>Day 4</i> Picture Retake Day 	25 <i>Day 5</i>	26 <i>Day 1</i>	27 PA Day No School for Students	28
29	30 <i>Day 2</i>					