

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 and who bought a treat for Terry and purchased dessert raffle tickets in support of the Terry Fox Foundation!

This year A.P.S. raised over \$1000.00 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.

Arthur Fire Station Community Coat Drive

We have a large bin in our front foyer to collect gently used winter coats and pants. These items will be handed out at the Arthur Fire Station October 23rd from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM.



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.

Also throughout the month of October we will have a number of Fire Drills.

Arthur Public School Picture Day



Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th.
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 12 **not** Oct 13 as it says on the form. All proceeds from this fundraiser provide healthy snacks for the students. We would like to thank Melanie Hunter, and Amanda Rooney and their day care kids for fundraising over the summer to donate to our snack program. Also, a thank you to Meghan Lougheed for donating apples.

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, evenings and Saturdays.



Food Drive

This year in cooperation with Farm Credit Canada we are running a food drive. All food donated goes to the Arthur Food Bank.

Your child will bring home a brown paper bag as part of this drive. Please consider placing some non-perishable food items in this bag and returning it to the school by October 13th.

Thank you for helping our community



Feeding the Community



Terror on Tucker St.
live haunted backyard

**191 Tucker St,
Arthur
Halloween Night
6:30 to 9pm**

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

 Visit us on Facebook

Asthma Friendly Schools Policy



Asthma is a very common chronic lung disease that can make it hard to breathe. The Upper Grand District School Board adopted a new policy in June 2016 to provide support for students with Asthma. If your child has asthma, the policy requires an Asthma Management Plan (AMP) to be completed by parents, a child's doctor and the principal of the school. A copy of this plan is available on the Board's website under Policy 516. Parents are requested to complete the AMP and return it to the school as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year. Authorization for the collection of this information is in the Education Act. The purpose is to collect and share medical information and to administer proper medical care in the event of an emergency or life-threatening situation. Users of this information may be principals, teachers, support staff, volunteers, bus operators and drivers. This form will be kept for a minimum period of one calendar year. Contact person concerning this collection is the school principal.

Smoke-Free Environment

The Upper Grand DSB provides a smoke-free environment for its students, staff and others while on school Board property, in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. This policy refers to all forms of tobacco, and any processed form of tobacco that may be smoked, inhaled or chewed, including e-cigarettes.



Smudging is the tradition of using sacred smoke from sacred medicines (e.g., tobacco and sage) that forms part of the indigenous culture and spirituality. Smudging is allowed in schools under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Parents will be informed using the school's usual forms of communication when smudging is going to occur in our school. Participation by staff and students is optional in a smudging ceremony.

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 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.



You are invited to participate in a Board-wide:

Walk to School Week

October 3-7, 2016

(International Walk to School Day is officially on Wednesday, October 5th)

Arthur Public School's Walk to School Day!

On October 5th 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!



School Council

Please look for information on some great fundraisers coming from School Council soon! These provide an excellent way families can support Arthur Public School students.

Also please consider joining School Council, there are many ways you can help out both large and small. Our next scheduled meeting is on Monday, November 23rd.

Please Join Us!!!

Elmira Chicken and Harriston Meats

School Council's first fundraiser of the year is selling Harriston meats and Elmira Poultry. Order forms have gone home. Be sure to return yours by **Monday October 17th** in order to support our school and purchase a quality product.



Christmas Bazaar

As most of you will remember each year at A.P.S. we hold a Christmas Bazaar for students to attend. This year it will be on December 2nd.

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 fund raiser 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 lots of 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



School Council Fund Raiser

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!!

September 29, 2016

The Township of Wellington North is currently accepting applications for
**Back up Crossing Guard for Arthur
for the 2016-2017 school year**

In the absence of the permanent guard, duties include assisting children across the roadway from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **and** 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the school year. This position involves working outside in diverse weather conditions and requires the ability to safely cross pedestrians across the road as well as adequate visual and hearing capacity. A crossing guard has frequent interaction with the public and should possess strong customer service skills and a safety conscious attitude. Successful candidates must submit to a Vulnerable Sector check.

**If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Karren Wallace at
kwallace@wellington-north.com or contact by telephone at 519-848-3620 ext 27.**

The Township of Wellington North is an equal opportunity employer.

