Arthur Public School

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September, 2016

Welcome back to School!

I would like to welcome all our families to the 2016-2017 year at Arthur Public School!

First Day Package:

Please watch for a package of forms to come home with your child the first week of school. Please complete and sign these forms and return them to the school. Forms included will be:

- Freedom of Information Letter – if you have any questions please contact the school.
- Walking Trip Permission Form
- Student Safety at Second Nutrition Break Form (to be completed for ALL students)
- Acceptable Use of Computers Policy form
- 2016/2017 School Year Calendar
- School Cash Online information sheet
- Request form for hard copy of monthly school newsletter – CASL Registration for email notices
- **Student Verification Form**

  Please carefully check, sign and return the Student Verification Form. It is essential that the information on this form be correct and up to date. The following items are particularly important:

  - Parent/Guardian contact numbers (home and work)
  - Custody information
  - Emergency contact number
  - Family doctor and phone number
  - Medical concerns/information

Please sign and return the form even if the information is correct.

Mark your calendars……

for September 14, 2016!!! Parent Council will be hosting a meet and greet Coffee Hour for all the parents at Arthur Public School! Get to know other parents and enjoy some refreshments!!!

A Message from A.P.S. School Council

Things you can do at your School

All these things help your child do well in school and give you an opportunity to watch your child grow.

- Come to monthly Assembly
- Visit your child's classroom; contact the teacher, He /She will be glad to talk to you
- Volunteer in your child's classroom and field trips; Oh what fun you will have
- Find the monthly newsletter online or request a paper copy
- **Come out to Parent Council** : stay in the loop with what's happening in Your school
  :make your voice heard to support your child's learning
- Parent council meets every other month.

Our first meeting will be Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

During the school year we meet the third Monday of every other month: November 21, January 16 , March 20 and May 15 .

Changes to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) require you to register online to receive email notices, newsletter etc from the school. **If you are currently receiving these notices you are still required to register, again, to continue to receive them.**

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

AGENDAS

Communication between home and school is essential to the success of your child this year. The regular use of agendas, by parents, teachers and students, will help to ensure a consistent flow of information between home and school. We ask you to help establish with your child a routine for sharing this agenda each night.

We recognize that some students are now using an electronic device as an agenda and planner. If this is the case, there is no need to purchase an agenda. However, those students will be expected to use that device on a daily basis to communicate between school and home.

We are asking parents to contribute $5.00 towards the cost of each agenda.

Parents in the Hall - Please Check In

In an effort to keep our school safe and our halls moving freely it is very important that parents **do not enter** the school with their child. If you need to come into the school for any reason, please sign in at the office and receive a visitor's pass. Parents are welcome to drop their children off on the playground in the morning, as we have supervision beginning at 8:30 AM for students who walk. We appreciate your support in our efforts to monitor the adults in the building.

All parents and visitors entering the school are asked to do so through the front doors and to sign in at the office. For safety reasons, it is important that we know who is in the school at all times.

Parent and Student Handbook Online

While many of the usual school routines are outlined in this September newsletter, please refer to the Parent and Student handbook for detailed information on school policies and programs.

As part of our "Earth/Green School" initiative, our Parent and Student Handbook can be found online on our school web page: http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/Arthur/ If you would prefer to have a hard copy of this handbook, please contact Annette Brunkard in the office.

School Hours

A reminder to everyone that supervision of the playground begins at **8:30 A.M.** Students **should not** be at school before 8:30.

Please note that we follow a Balanced School Day schedule.

9:00 a.m. - **Entry Bell**
9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. 1st Instructional Block
10:40 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. - Nutrition Break #1
11:25 a.m. - 1:05 p.m. - 2nd Instructional Block
1:05 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - 2nd Nutrition Break
1:50 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - 3rd Instructional Block
3:30 p.m. **Dismissal for walkers/bus students**

Office Hours

Our school office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Class Organizations

As it has been for some time, our class lists that are in place for September are **tentative**. Many of our families move in and out of Arthur over the summer, changing the dynamics and numbers in each grade level. Our school is allocated staff from the Board Office depending on our numbers and class organizations are determined centrally at the board level. The UGDSB staffing process depends on how many students are registered and attending in September, then adjustments are made. For that reason, it is important to understand that adjustments to classes may be made to balance our classes and fit any new organizations that we may be given. Your son or daughter may have a change to their class as soon as Monday, September, 19th. We appreciate your understanding, knowing these decisions are not in the control of school administration.

Custody and Child Access Orders

Your child's emotional and physical well-being is always of the greatest concern to our school staff. Please send copies of any Custody or Access orders, affecting your child, to the office so that we can have them on file.

ARTHUR PUBLIC SCHOOL 2016 - 2017 STAFF LIST

Kindergarten A	Sherry Fleming/Kathy Watson
Kindergarten B	Michele Neary/ Jenna Wollis
Kindergarten C	Lorna McLean/Laurie Walser
Grade 1A	Cheryl McCabe
Grade 1/2A	Natalie Airdrie
Grade 2/3A	Glenna Ruffolo
Grade 2/3C	Kelly Werth
Grade 3/4B	Frank MacLean
Grade 4/5A	Angela Hustler
Grade 4/5C	Eugene Sidlar
Grade 6A	Megan Scott (Brent Stiles LTO)
Grade 6/7A	Natasha Backer
Grade 7/8B	John Duncan
Grade 7/8C	Angela Novikow
Special Education (SE) Resource	Laura Cozzarin Mary Kay Goindi
Jr/Int SE Classroom	Carla Warner
Health and Phys. Ed.and	John McCabe
Planning Time	Steve Wild
Library/Resource	Mary Kay Goindi
French	Sherry Butchart, Kathryn Weatherley
Educational Assistants	Tracey Geddes Leanne Hill Candace Hill
Child Youth Counselor (CYC)	Dana Forsey
Office Coordinator	Annette Brunkard
Caretaker	Dave Fowlie
Vice-Principal	Laura Cozzarin
Principal	Amanda Leathem

Safe Arrival Program

If your child will not be in attendance at school, or will be late arriving to school, we ask that you let us know. You may call and leave a message on the answering machine. If we do not hear from you, we will make phone calls to determine your child's whereabouts. We will call: home number first, then parent/guardians' work numbers, then emergency contact.
Students arriving late are expected to check in at the office.

Snack Program

We were fortunate to receive funding this year which will allow us to continue to provide every student with a healthy snack during nutrition breaks. A healthy snack consists of a fruit or vegetable and a milk or grain product. For example: an apple and a yogurt or cucumbers and cheese. We try to provide a variety of healthy foods and encourage students to try new foods. This will begin the first day of school!

If your child has any food allergies, please inform your child's teacher.

In order to continue to run our healthy snack program, we require parents and volunteers to help with food preparation, set up and/or clean up. Hours are flexible. If you, or a family member or a neighbour, can assist us by volunteering an hour one day per week, please contact Mrs. Cozzarin at the school.

Bicycle Safety

All children attending our school are required by law to wear helmets when biking. Students should also have a lock to secure their bicycle to the bike racks outside. Please remind your children of the danger and hazards associated with bicycle helmets being worn when they are playing on the playground equipment.

Reminder

Skateboards, roller blades, scooters and roller shoes are not permitted on school property at any time.

Medication at School

If medication must be taken at school, the following rules apply:

- All medication at school must be kept in a secure place in the office. This applies to all prescription and non-prescription drugs (does not apply to epi-pens).
- We must have an Upper Grand District School Board consent form filled out and signed before school personnel can administer any medication at school. If you require a medication form, please contact the office. This form must be completed even if a student has previously used a specific medication at school in the past.
- Medication must be delivered to the office in the original container and must include the pharmaceutical sticker (prescription medications) indicating the name of the child and directions for administering and storing the medication.

Arthur Public School
Welcomes Personal Technology in the Classroom

Arthur Public School is very excited to announce that personal technology is allowed for use within our classrooms for the purpose of enhancing student learning. Devices such as Smartphones, laptops, chromebooks, iPads and other tablet devices are welcome for educational use, at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Our new BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy has been explained to students, as well as the rules and responsibilities that are explained below:

Why BYOD?

MORE TECHNOLOGY - with students bringing technology from home, this allows more students to have access to school technology

COLLABORATION & ESSENTIAL SKILLS - students are able to work together easily (especially with UGCloud), and are being prepared for the ever changing skills they will require in the workplace

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION - students can use programs and technology that supports their learning needs

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP - students learn to be **safe, responsible, and positive** contributors online

TEACHABLE MOMENTS- allows teachers & students to be flexible & creative in their teaching and learning

BYOD RULES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

1. Technology is allowed with direct supervision (e.g., in the classroom during teaching time), at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

2. Technology is not allowed in unsupervised areas or areas that are not directly supervised (e.g., washrooms, hallways, lunchroom, outside at recess).

The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to developing engaged and technologically literate 21st century learners who are able to communicate, collaborate, create, and think critically. The incorporation of this new BYOD policy into our school community is a way to ensure our students are prepared, responsible, safe and literate 21st century learners.

All devices need to be turned off during the school day, beginning at 8:58 AM and ending when they have left the building, **unless being used in the classroom under teacher direction and supervision**. Students who use their devices inappropriately will have the following consequences:

1st infraction- Teacher warning
2nd infraction - Warning by Principal/Vice Principal and parent contacted
3rd infraction - Student will turn device in to office in the morning and pick it up at the end of the day for a period of one week
4th infraction - Plan as discussed with parent

Please note: We currently have many mobile devices in the school that students have access to. It is NOT a requirement that students bring a device from home. We have tablets, iPads, iPods, Laptops, Desktops, and Chromebooks available at all times. If your child does not have a device to bring to school, or chooses not to bring it, there are plenty available at the school. Be aware that we will not accept responsibility for the damage, loss or theft of devices which are brought to school. If a device is brought to school, it will be important to follow the guidelines above. Please discuss these guidelines with your child to help them comply with the expectations.

Important Websites

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.

www.ugdsb.on.ca/ArthurPS/index.htm
You will find specific information about our school. Copies of school newsletters, Parent and Student Handbook and other information about our school community are included at this site. *Check us out!*

Head Lice

Fall can be one of the worst times of the year for the nuisance of head lice.

During recent years we have been successful in avoiding serious outbreaks of head lice due to good preventive approaches and regular checks at home. With the help of parent volunteers we would like to continue with head lice checks at school. If you do not wish your child(ren) to be included in the class screening checks, please forward a note to Ms. Leathem who will contact you to discuss screening steps that can be taken at home. It takes home and school working together to stay ahead of head lice for the sake of all of our students and families. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the periodic checks. Training is provided. If you can help, please call the office.

Walking Trips

From time to time, various classrooms will be going on short walking trips around town as part of their regular program. The trips could take the form of going to the store, going to the county library, going to a neighbouring field, etc. You will be informed as these trips come up; however, a permission form will not be sent home for each walking excursion. Please sign the Walking Trip Permission Form that is attached to this newsletter to cover all walking tips.

Changes to Home time

If your child is not going home the way they normally go home (walking to a friends, getting picked up, etc), please contact the office no later than 2:30 PM. It is very important that we ensure every student is accounted for and this information is vital. **If we do not receive notification from parents, we will send students home the way they have always gone home.**

Student Pick-Up at 3:30 p.m.

Dismissal time at the end of the day is a very busy time. As a result, we appreciate your cooperation with the following dismissal routines:

Bus students are to gather in their designated areas. Bus attendance will be taken before the bus lines are dismissed to the bus loading area.

Junior and Senior Kindergarten students may be picked up outside the Kindergarten gate at the end of the school day. If a JK or SK student is walking with an older sibling they can be picked up at the classroom after dismissal. JK/SK bus students will be picked up by their bus buddies at the classroom. Parents, if it is inclement weather you may pick up your son or daughter in the front foyer of the school. Please arrange for a meeting spot outside of the school with your children who are in grades 1 and up.

Please respect the No Parking signs in front of our school and along the side of our parking lot.

We are encouraging students to use the pedestrian safety rules which teach children to use sidewalks and cross at corners.

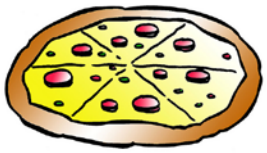
NUT FREE

"While schools cannot create an "allergen-free" environment, The Upper Grand District School Board expects its schools to be "allergy-safe". Providing a safe learning environment depends on the cooperation of all members of the school community - parents and student, administrators, teachers, support staff, volunteers and visitors - so anaphylactic reactions and fatalities can be avoided." (UGDSB Anaphylaxis Life-Threatening Allergies Handbook, p. 2, 2013)

Classes in which students have food allergies are prohibited from having that food in the classroom.

We will "avoid having allergens in the classroom. This includes allergen alternatives, products that mimic the taste, smell, and appearance of the allergen (WOWBUTTER used instead of peanut butter) and other possible allergens." (UGDSB Anaphylaxis Life-Threatening Allergies Handbook, p. 5, 2013)

We appreciate your co-operation in providing a safe environment for all students.



Pizza Days
Watch for information coming home shortly in regards to Pizza days .

Character Education at APS
We will continue to enhance our character education program at Arthur P.S. and look for ways to integrate the Upper Grand District School Board's five core character traits- ***Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility***. This year we will also celebrate the message "Together We are One".

For September, we will emphasize the character trait of **Community** and help students understand what it means to be a member of a community with its rights, rules and responsibilities.

Our first school assembly will be held on Friday, September 30th at 9 am. We invite parents, as well as all members of our school community, to join us for this assembly as well as for future assemblies and celebrations.

The Monthly Character Traits We Celebrate at Arthur Public School Are:

- September: Community
- October: Honesty
- November: Respect
- December: Compassion
- January: Responsibility
- February: Kindness
- March: Fairness
- April: Positive Attitude
- May: Positive Choices
- June: Resilience

FSLAC September 2016

The UGDSB is establishing a French Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC). The Committee will serve in an advisory role and make recommendations with respect to the FSL Action Plan and the French Immersion JK Registration Process for 2017 and beyond.
Eleven Committee members will be selected from all areas of the Board, and will be parents of current elementary or secondary FSL students in either French Immersion or Core French programs. Interested parents may forward an application to Superintendent Tracey Lindsay which includes the following:

1. A statement explaining why they are interested in serving on the FSLAC.
2. The current grade their children are in, in what FSL programs and attending which school.
3. A brief outline of your school and/or community volunteer experiences.

Applications may be emailed to Tracey Lindsay at tracey.lindsay@ugdsb.on.ca.

2016 Arthur Fair Events

Thursday, September 8th, 2016

Kick Off Beef Barbeque: 5:00PM -7:30 PM
Advance tickets available at Walsh's Pharmacy,
Bruce 519-848-2147 or Jenny 519-362-0597
BBQ Ticket Prices are:
Adults - $14; Children (ages 6-12) $6
Children 5 and under free
Express lane for ticket holders,
Tickets available at the door as well

5:30 pm Ambassador Contestants with Sponsors-Cake Decorating

6:00 pm-8:00pm "Arthur's Motors & Machines"
A chance for children to sit in the seat of big equipment, tractors, trucks, race cars etc. **Children must be supervised by parents/guardian.**

7pm – 9pm Early Bird exhibit placing in arena & youth palace

Friday, September 9th, 2016

DAYTIME

9:00 am to 11:30 am:
Grounds and arena open for placing of exhibits.
Inside exhibits & Field Crops must be tagged, placed by **11:30 am**

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Judging of exhibits in Arena
Buildings closed to the public while judging is happening

EVENING Paid Admission: Adults (13 and Up) - $5.00
Children (12 and under) - Free

7:00 pm (sharp) PARADE ** New Start Location**
From St. John Church Parking Lot, Right onto Georgina, Right onto Charles St.; Right onto George St; Right onto Frederick St and left up onto Tucker St.
Arthur Food Bank – Food Drive: Please Support!

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Halls open for exhibit viewing
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm NASCAR Bob Remote Car Racing * *Arena Floor*
7:30pm Music Entertainment by Cara Smith –lower hall
7:30pm – 10:30 pm Youth Dance – Ages: 7-14 *
Free Event Sponsored by Arthur Optimist *At Pavilion*
8:00 pm Opening of the Fair Program - Fair Ambassador's Speeches, Impromptu Questions and Cake Auction, Entertainment.

Saturday, September 11th, 2016

Paid Admission: Adults (13 years & Up) - $5.00
Children (12 years & under) - Free

7:00 am **Grounds open for livestock exhibits**
8:00 am – 11 am Arthur Fire Firefighters Breakfast * *Pavilion*
9:00 am Welsh & Sport Pony Show *At the horse ring*
9:00 am Grounds and buildings open to the public
9:00 am–6:00 pm NASCAR Bob- Remote Cars * *Arena Ice surface*
9:30 am West Luther 4-H Sheep Achievement Show *At the Show Ring*
10:00 am–4:00 pm Well. North Fire Dept. Display *A Diamond*
10:30 am West Luther 4-H Beef Achievement Show *At the Show Ring*
10:30 am West Luther 4-H Dairy Achievement Show *At the Show Ring*
11:00 am "Party Safari" Show for Children * *Youth Palace*
11:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Inflatables for All Ages** *Parking Lot*
12:00 pm 4-H Open Sheep Show *At the Show Ring*
1:00 pm 4-H Open Dairy Show *At the Show Ring*
1:00 pm 4-H Open Beef Show *At the show ring*
1:00 pm "Party Safari" Show for Children * *Youth Palace*
2:00 pm Baby Show *Stage in Main Hall*
3:00pm Children's Activity Centre (Sponsored by Arthur Home Hardware) *Youth Palace*
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Face Painting for Children * *Youth Palace*
4:30 pm Back Seat Driver Competition *New Time* *At the Horse Ring*
5:30 pm Chili cook-off *In the Pavilion*
6:00 pm **Exhibit Halls including Arena, Main hall & Curling Club closed**
6:00 pm Riding Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull *On the Tractor Pull Track*

Sunday, September 11th, 2016

Paid Admission: Adults (13 years & Up - $5.00
Children (12 years & under) - Free

8:00 am **Grounds open for Livestock exhibits**
9:00 am–11:00 am Arthur Lions Club Brunch *At Food Booth*
10:30 am Western Horse Show *At the Horse Ring*
10:30 am Halls Open for viewing of Exhibits & Vendors
11:00 am Sheep Herding Demo *A Diamond*
11:00 am "Redneck Games" Competition * *Show Ring*
11:00 am – 4:00 pm **Inflatables for all ages** *Parking Lot*
11:00 am–4:00 pm NASCAR Bob- Remote Cars * *Arena Ice surface*
11:30 am 6 person Tractor Tug registration & race * *Track*
12:00 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull *At the parking lot by arena*
12:00 pm – 3:00pm Val E Joy the Clown *Around the grounds*
1:00 pm Pet Show and Frog Jumping show *At the Pavilion*
1:00 pm Sheep Herding Demo *A Diamond*
2:45pm Quilt Block Challenge Fundraising Draw *Stage in main hall*
2:45 pm Crowning of the 2016-2017 Ambassador *Stage in Main Hall*
3:00 pm Sheep Herding Demo *A Diamond*
4:00 pm
Hall & curling rink closed to public to permit Exhibits to be placed in exhibitor piles. No one allowed in the halls from the public
4:30 pm – 5:30pm BAKING, CANNING & ALL EXHIBITS TO BE PICKED UP

FOOD VENDORS AND CONCESSION SPACE VENDORS INSIDE

(*) Donates "new event" to the fair

Back to School Blues

Although for many there is excitement and anticipation about going back to school, for some children transitioning back in September can be tough. Moving into a new classroom, having new teachers, new friends and classmates, and new schedules can all bring about a feeling of stress. The angst children feel, questions they ask, and worries they express about these changes are normal. Sometimes it can be the smallest detail that can be the most worrisome for children. As a parent, you may not know what to do about these butterflies, stomach aches or tears. For some of us, it may intensify our own stress. Here are a few things you might try the first few weeks into the new school year.

1. Listen carefully to your children and hear their concerns.
2. Remind them of previous times when they felt anxious, and discuss the strategies they used that helped make the situation better.
3. Review the daily routines they are experiencing at school, and what after school time and weekends look like.
4. Make a list of the things they like about school.
5. Remind them of all the things they are good at.
6. Ask about their friends.
7. Be patient and positive. You may need to have these conversations daily.

As a parent in our school, please know that you can always contact us if your child's worries persist. We are here to support your child's wellbeing and achievement, and getting off to a great start in September will help us all achieve just that!

Talking About Mental Health Sept 2016 – Keeping Your Cool as You Head Back to School

Here are some simple steps will help to make this year more positive and less stressful.

1. **Start Each Day With A Positive Thought**
    a. "Today is going to be a good day"
    b. "I am going to have a good day"
    c. "I can do this"
    d. "I have what it takes"
    e. "I feel happy"
    f. "I am strong"
2. **Practice Relaxation**
    a. Start the day with some body stretches.
    b. Take three deep breaths each time you go through a doorway.
    c. Be present: Notice 3 things you can see, hear and touch.
    d. Tense and relax your muscles, releasing tension in your body.
    e. Imagine a place that makes you feel relaxed.
3. **Take Breaks Before You Are Stressed**
    a. Walk to school.
    b. Get outside at lunch or breaks.
    c. Listen to music to relax.
    d. Eat a good breakfast and lunch.
    e. Hang out with your friends
    f. Think of 3 things you are grateful for.
4. **Seek Support**
    a. Talk to your family or friends.
    b. At elementary school, talk to a teacher, principal, or child & youth counsellor (CYC).
    c. Call KidsHelpPhone 1 800 668 6868. http://www.kidshelpphone.ca/
    d. Talk to your family doctor.
    e. Contact community mental health services:

    Canadian Mental Health Association WW (CMHAWW):
    Tuesday Walk In - 1:30-7:00, 485 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph.
    To access services for Children, Youth and Adults in Guelph/Wellington:
    1 844 HERE 247 (1 844 437 3247)
    http://here247.ca/
    Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS):
    Tuesday Talk In – 1:00-7:00 pm, 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville.
    To access services for Children and Youth in Dufferin: 519 941 1530.
    http://dcafs.on.ca/
    Family Counselling and Support Services:
    Walk-in, Wednesday, 1-7, sliding scale, based on ability to pay, but will not turn anyone away. 109 Surrey St E, 519 824-2431 & 400 Tower Street, Fergus (opening Sept 1, 2016).
    http://familyserviceguelph.on.ca/

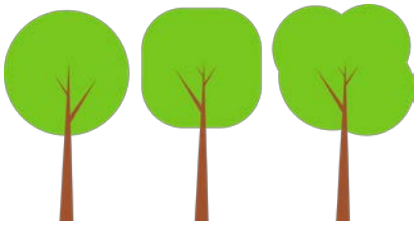
Have a wonderful and mentally healthy school year!

Dr. Lynn Woodford is the Mental Health Lead for Upper Grand District School Board@drlynnwoodford

Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet

SEPTEMBER 21ST IS NATIONAL TREE DAY!

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.



Celebrate National Tree Day on September 21st 2016!
"National Tree Day will serve as a celebration for all Canadians to appreciate the great benefits that trees provide us - clean air, wildlife habitat, reducing energy demand and connecting with nature." *http://www.nationaltreeday.ca/*

"*Children today spend less time outdoors than any generation in human history."* *http://getbackoutside.ca/*

"For children, studies show that time outdoors, especially unstructured time in more natural settings, can increase curiosity, creativity and problem solving ability. It also improves their physical fitness and coordination." *http://30x30.davidsuzuki.org/*

Some great activities for your family to do on Tree Day, or any day!

- Read a book on trees: *The Lorax*, by Dr. Seuss; *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein; *What Good Is a Tree* by Larry Dane Brimner; *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry
- Learn the names of the trees in your backyard or neighbourhood
- Do tree art – e.g., a leaf collage, or leaf/bark pencil rubbing art, or tree photography
- Create a tree book: "adopt" a favourite tree, name it and throughout the year record and examine its characteristics and the changes that it goes through.
- Organize a Tree Walk game - Look for trees that are: the tallest, oldest, has the widest trunk, has the largest leaf, is the most prickly, etc.
- Research all the great forest hiking trails in your area and pick one to try out.
- Hold a Tree Day birthday party with your family, friends, neighbours or community! Serve tree-shaped foods! *(Find lots of ideas on Pinterest.)*

For more ideas:

- ✓ Join the **30x30 Nature Challenge**: If you want to feel healthier, happier and more focused - add a daily dose of nature to your routine! Find out more at *http://30x30.davidsuzuki.org/*
- ✓ Do a Google search: "What to do on a nature walk" or "Arbour Day activities"

Food Drive – Arthur Fall Fair Parade:

Donation for the Arthur Food Bank will be collected along the parade route on Friday September 9th.

ARTHUR FIRE STATION

2nd Annual Coat Drive

We are currently accepting gently used winter coats/pants in all sizes: men, women, boys, girls, and infants.

Donation Bins Located At:

Arthur Public School
St. John's Catholic School
455 Eliza Street, Arthur
(across from the ball diamonds)

FREE Coat Pickup:

Arthur Fire Station
October 23rd, 2016
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

ARTHUR VIPERS MINOR HOCKEY

Final Registration Thurs. Sept. 8th 7 – 9 pm Upper Hall Arena

Fees for 2016/17		Fees For 2016
Initiation	2011, 2012, 2013	**$230**
Tyke	2010, 2011	**$260**
Novice	2008, 2009	**$600**
Atom	2006, 2007	**$620**
Peewee	2004, 2005	**$640**
Bantam	2003, 2002	**$670**
Midget	2001, 2000, 1999	**$670**
Juvenile	1998, 1997	**$490**

Special Family Price:
-Register 2 players in the same household at regular fee, and get the third [or more] at half the price of the lowest registration fee.

-$100 Fee for player if first time registering in Minor Hockey

Payment Plans:
-Full payment must be made before September 1, 2016 -Two postdated cheques for 50% of the total fees may be made on July 1, 2016 and September 1, 2016
All fees and deposits must be received in full before players are able to participate in any AMHA tryout, practice or game.
-$50 per Family Fundraising Fee will be collected in Fall 2016 – Plus Rep Fee
-New Players require copy of birth cert. and Completion of RIS – see AMHA website

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