

# Arthur Public School

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It is hard to believe December is already here. We would like to thank the school community for all your support and encouragement! We have achieved a great deal and had many successful initiatives to support our local community. Our last day of school is December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoy the holidays with your friends and family. We look forward to the beginning of New Year back at school on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017!

## Remembrance Day

We would like to express our appreciation for the behaviour and respect shown by the students of Arthur Public School during the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Over 350 people from the school walked down to the Cenotaph to show their appreciation for those who have fought for our freedom.

Students, teachers, parents, and grandparents joined members from the community to show that we remember. Many members of the community spoke to me directly and remarked on the positive demeanor of our students. Thank you for the thoughtful reflection exhibited by all during the service.

## Sheyanne's Smiley Chimps Toy Drive

A big THANK YOU to all of those students and families who helped support Sheyanne's Smiley Chimp Toy Drive for McMaster Children's Hospital. In mid-November toys that were collected at the school to support the program were delivered. Thanks to the generous efforts of Arthur families, many children at McMaster Children's Hospital will enjoy a new toy at Christmas time.





## **Food Drive and Hat and Mitt Drive**

Arthur Public School will once again be collecting food, hats and mitts during the month of December. Donations will be accepted at school between December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in non-perishable food items or new mitts and hats to donate to the Arthur Lion's Club Christmas Hamper Program.



## **Student Safety - Important Communication Needed on "NO BUS DAYS"**

On no bus days please remember to contact the school if your child is a walker and will not be at school. If students are absent and we have not heard from you we have to contact home to make sure students are safe. We make the safety of your children our highest priority, and we have systems in place to ensure our students are accounted for. When we cannot account for a student, we will do everything possible to find them.



## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016**

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 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 lock 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](mailto:emarye@hotmail.ca) ASAP....we need your help!!

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

## **Thank you!!**

A large bouquet of thanks to **Second Look!** Over the last number of months they have donated a total of \$1000.00 to Arthur Public School. These donations have been used to support our school teams and special activities as well as purchase items for our playground. **Second Look** has also donated items to support our Christmas Bazaar.

***It is wonderful to have such support in the community.***



**Thank You!**

## Skating and Helmets

We are excited to offer the opportunity for Arthur Public School students to go skating at the arena during the winter months. Due to safety and insurance reasons, the Upper Grand District School Board's policy on skating has changed. All participants in skating (**adults and children**) **MUST** wear a CSA approved helmet before stepping on the ice. Bike helmets are not acceptable.



Thanks to a generous donation from the UGDSB, we are lucky to have 78 new helmets that are CSA approved. These helmets are available for any students to use, however, if you have your own helmet, we would encourage you to use it. When a permission form comes home for your child to go skating, please indicate beside your signature, if you require a helmet. All precautions will be made to disinfect helmets between uses.

We are very happy to be participating in skating once again. See you on the ice.

## New Year's Eve Skating

Consider this your invitation to come and join us at the Arthur and Area Recreation Centre for our "**Community New Year's Eve Skating Celebration**".

There will be skating from 6:30 to 8:00pm followed by munchies, hot chocolate and a New Year's countdown at 8:45.

All Children under 12 **must** be accompanied by an adult. Admission of either a canned good for the Arthur Food Bank or monetary donations to a Nicaragua Mission would be appreciated.

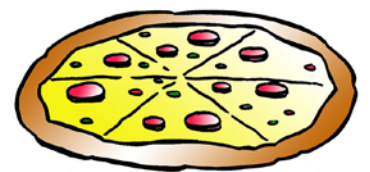
Call Bonnie or Chris McIntosh 519-848-5852 for more information.

**\*Please note:** this is not a school sponsored event.



## Pizza in the New Year

Please look for a pizza forms to come home in December. We will need to compile all orders before the Christmas break if we are to be ready for pizza in 2017. Please ensure your total amounts are correct and that deadlines are met, as we cannot accept late orders. Orders can be made online as well.



## Snack Program Update

Thank you to our volunteers for bringing healthy food to hungry minds. A big shout out goes to: Jennifer Smith, Lianne Kaminski, Brenda Neal, Candice Morrison, Shari Shoemaker, Sarah Henderson, Michelle Humphrey, and Mary Mitchell Cross. Our snack program continues in search of volunteers and donations. Please contact Mrs. Cozzarin if interested.

## **Public Library December Activities**

### **Christmas Activities** (All Ages)

Visit the library throughout the month to take part in our Christmas scavenger hunt, holiday activities, and draws!

December 1 to 31, during branch hours

### **Festive Bingo** (Grades K – 6)

Can you do the fun challenges on your bingo card? If you do, you win a prize!

Tuesday, December 20 to Saturday, January 7, during branch hours

### **'Twas the Night Before Christmas Story Time** (All Ages)

Wear your pajamas and join us for some old-fashioned Christmas stories. Please register.

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### **After School Adventures: Board Games** (Pre-teen)

Come by and play! Bring a partner or come on your own to join in on the fun! Please register.

Thursday, December 22, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Family Holiday Movie** (All Ages)

Keep warm and join us for a movie to get you in the holiday spirit! Please register.

Wednesday, December 28, 2:00 pm



## **Technology**

The Upper Grand District School Board now has Chromebooks for student use in all 25 public libraries across the district.

The program first launched in April at three pilot sites within the Wellington County library system and has grown to include all 25 public library branches that serve our region.

Each branch has been outfitted with Chromebooks that are available exclusively for Upper Grand students to access and complete their homework and assignments.

For more information, visit the board website at [ugdsb.ca](http://ugdsb.ca).



## Volleyball Teams

Our junior and intermediate volleyball teams have been practicing hard to prepare for their upcoming tournaments. Our junior team will have their tournament on December 6<sup>th</sup> and our boys and girls intermediate teams will compete on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our coaches: Ms. Hustler, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Duncan. Well done everyone for your hard work and effort!



## Student Government News

***The Last week of December at school is Spirit Week!!***

Here are the events:

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Red & Green day

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> –Christmas Sweater day

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> –Christmas Character day

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> –Christmas Hat & Sock day

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Morning Day (Comfy Cozy PJs)



### ***Candy Grams***

Candy Grams will be sold from December 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> at first break. The cost will be 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00.



### ***Dances***

There will be a primary/ junior fundraising dance on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarten-grade 3 will be at first recess. The entrance fee will be a loose change donation.

Second recess will be a grade 4-6 dance, admission will be a canned food or money donation.

On Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> the intermediate dance will be from 2:00-3:30 at a cost of \$2.00.





# Arthur Lacrosse Fundraiser

Rock VS. Blackwolves,  
Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 PM

- Arthur Minor Lacrosse Night featuring 4 AML graduates!
  - Help the Arthur Aces raise money for their association PLUS receive a Toronto Rock camp in Arthur this summer!
  - Lower Bowl Tickets only \$25.00 with \$4.00 going to AML
  - Transportation available for an additional \$25
  - Tickets available through any Arthur Minor Lacrosse Executive or Lions Club Member
- 30 PM  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRENT MCDOUGALL  
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BRENT BARNES at 519-827-6670



ACC Seating Chart