

# Arthur Public School

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## January, 2017



### Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Arthur Public School staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school and to 2017!

It is wonderful to see our students again and hear of all the various happy holiday adventures!

We are excited to get back to work and look forward to seeing our families and students get off to a good start in 2017.

### Inclement Weather

If we have a “no bus” day, please be sure to contact the school if your child normally walks to school and they are **not** going to attend. All bus students will be marked excused, but we need to make sure our students who walk, or get rides, are safe and accounted for.

### Character Trait for January: Responsibility

We will ring in the New Year with our focus on the character trait of Responsibility. Through daily announcements, classroom activities and discussions and a month end assembly, we will focus on responsibility as: being accountable for your actions, thoughts, and feelings and following through on your personal and community commitments.

Students will be reminded of the following demonstrations of responsibility:

- Standing up for social justice
- Being on time
- Doing your best
- Taking notice, taking action
- Being a good citizen
- Standing up for the rights of others
- Taking ownership of behaviours
- Looking after our natural environment.



We thank you for your support at home to encourage and acknowledge the importance of this character trait to help increase your child's success at school as well as in their life.



### **Cold Weather Reminders**

Please remember that your child is outside during all recess times. It is necessary for students **to dress warmly in layers**. It is important to have snow pants, boots and a couple of pairs of mitts and socks in case something gets wet. Please make sure to label all clothing items that come to school.

Students need time outside to get some fresh air and a bit of exercise so their brains will function at full capacity. Students who are not well enough to go outside for a few minutes are probably not well enough to be at school. If we get into extreme weather conditions, we will make the decision at school to keep children indoors; however, it will be our goal to give them as much outside time as possible.

### **Annual Christmas Bazaar**

Thanks to everyone for their donations to the Bazaar. The students enjoyed doing some of their Christmas shopping here at school. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this event.

Over \$700.00 was raised to go toward supporting school programs.

### **Kindergarten 2017-2018**

Kindergarten registration will be held during the month of January, 2016 for children who were born in 2012 for Senior Kindergarten or in 2013 for Junior Kindergarten. If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child who is eligible please have them call the school. If you will be registering a child please call the school with your address and contact information to receive a registration package for your student early in January. We will need to see and copy your child's birth certificate and immunization record when you register your child. We also require proof of address.

JK registration for all UGDSB elementary schools will take place from January 9 to January 26, 2017. Effective September 2017 there will be a cap on the number of students who can enroll in French Immersion. JK is the only entry point for new students enrolling in French Immersion. All JK French Immersion applications must be submitted before January 26, 2017, in order to be considered 'on time.' **For more information about the JK FI registration and selection process, please visit [www.uqdsb.on.ca/jkfi](http://www.uqdsb.on.ca/jkfi).**



### **School Safety Check**

- Please continue to call the office if your child is ill and will be absent.
- Thank you for using Walton Street and the opposite side of Conestoga Street (across from the school) as pick up and drop off locations for your children.
- Parents who are dropping off students at school are asked to drop off their children on Walton Street at the sidewalk that runs alongside the bus lane. Students can walk straight onto the school playground from this access point. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- As slippery driving and snow banks begin to appear, please review safe walking rules with your children. Cross only at the crosswalks and obey all crossing guards.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure student safety. We appreciate you helping our students arrive at school safe and ready to learn.



### Grade 8 News

Our grade eight students will be going to the high school as a class on January 19th. Students will receive course selection paper work, participate in an applied and academic programming activity, learn about Hour Republic (tracking of community service hours) and listen to a former student share "What I wish I knew before coming to high school."

### Now Hiring!!

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you like the outdoors? Then we have a job for you!

We continue to look for morning and afternoon supervisors. This is a paid position and a police check is required. We are looking for people to start right after the Christmas Holidays. If interested please contact Mrs. Cozzarin at 519 848-3793 ext 224 or email at [laura.cozzarin@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:laura.cozzarin@ugdsb.on.ca)



## Arthur Optimist Splash Pad Fundraiser Hockey Game



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**Arthur Lions Club**

**Arthur Optimist Club**

**Arthur Community Center**

**Saturday December 31, 2016 @ 2:00 pm**

- No Entry Fee (donation at the door)
- Arthur Tykes Game (during first intermission)
- Chuck-A-Puck Contest (during second intermission)
- Beer Gardens

**\*ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE NEW SPLASH  
PAD TO BE OPEN JULY 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

For Info. Contact Andrew Culp (519) 321-9587  
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## **A Message from the Wellington Dufferin Health Unit**

### **Avoid school suspension by keeping immunization records up-to-date!**

Student's immunization records must be provided to Public Health in order to attend school. In the next few weeks, Public Health will be sending notices to students with incomplete immunization records. Anyone who gets a notice should contact their family doctor so they can update their vaccines, and then report their new vaccines to Public Health.

Report every vaccine to Public Health using one of the following methods:

- Online: Fill in the form at [www.immunizewdg.ca](http://www.immunizewdg.ca)
- Email: Send a photo of the immunization record to [vaccine.records@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:vaccine.records@wdgpublichealth.ca)
- Call: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4396

If a student is not getting vaccinated for medical reasons, reasons of conscience or religious beliefs, an exemption form must be submitted to Public Health. The forms are available at [www.wdgpublichealth.ca](http://www.wdgpublichealth.ca). Public Health is committed to helping students update their vaccination records so they can avoid suspension from school.

### **Talking About Mental Health January 2017 – Nature and Mental Health**

Getting outside makes such a difference to how we all are doing inside. Spending time in nature improves our mental health and well-being. It is a simple way to add some much needed down time from screens. Adding some time in nature is having some much deserved peace and quiet in our busy lives.

If you want your family:

- To be less stressed
- To be happier
- To be more resilient
- To feel better about themselves
- To have increased attention
- To have a better ability to learn

Then GO OUTSIDE! Take your kids outside! Enjoy and be part of nature. If you are not sure where to go, check out the links below for lots of great parks in our area.

<http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/parks/>

<http://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/trailsandforests.asp?hdnContent=>

<https://www.grandriver.ca/en/grand-river-parks.aspx>

*Dr. Lynn Woodford is the Mental Health Lead for the Upper Grand District School Board.  
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Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet



January 5<sup>th</sup> is National Bird Day!

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

## **Celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Bird Day on January 5th!**

*“Nearly 12 percent of the world's 9,800 bird species may face extinction within the next century, including nearly one-third of the world's 330 parrot species. The survival and well-being of the world's birds depends upon public education and support for conservation”.*

*“National Bird Day is on January 5 each year, as it's scheduled to coincide with the end of the annual Christmas Bird Count. This count lasts three weeks and is the longest running citizen science survey in the world that helps to monitor the health of our nation's birds.”*

<http://www.nationalbirdday.com/index.php>

### **Activities to get your kids involved on National Bird Day!**

- Sharpen your senses and take a bird call quiz! *“Fun for fledgling birders and experts alike.”*  
[http://www.nationalbirdday.com/g\\_birdquiz.php](http://www.nationalbirdday.com/g_birdquiz.php)
- Design a poster for National Bird day that you can put up on the fridge at home.
- Spend the day learning about endangered bird species and find out what you can do to help to keep all birds safe, like Audubon's “10 Things You Can Do For Birds”.  
<http://www.audubon.org/magazine/march-april-2013/10-things-you-can-do-birds>
- Go out and count how many birds you can spot and learn to identify the common birds in your neighbourhood. You can use a bird identification guide such as the National Geographic online backyard bird identifier tool. <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birding/backyard-bird-identifier/>
- Design and make bird feeders that you can put up to help feed the birds in your area.  
<http://frogsandsnailsandpuppydogtail.com/10-bird-feeders-kids-love-to-make/>



## Upper Grand District School Board

### Upper Grand District School Board: Request for Consent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the Upper Grand District School Board, would like to ensure that we have your consent to receive newsletters, school and Board updates, announcements, event invitations, and other electronic messages which may contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, uniforms, books, prom or dance tickets, or similar events and offers.

**If you wish to receive the above communications from us, please visit our CASL registration website at:**

[www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL)

By registering your email on this webpage you will receive electronic communication from the school which may or may not contain commercial electronic messages as described above. **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.**

If you have any questions or if you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please click the link at the bottom of email messages you receive from the school, or visit the same site and click on "Unsubscribe" to remove your name from our contact list.

For additional information on Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation you may visit our board's website at [www.ugdsb.on.ca](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca).