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Character Counts At APS!

In February we focused on Kindness. We highlighted the many acts of Kindness that happen day to day throughout the school. In March, we will focus on Fairness. Instinctively, our students understand what Fairness means, as they all know how to divide up resources in equal pieces. However, there are times when Fairness does not look the same for everyone. In our community, we have a wide range of needs. Some students need extra supports based on academics, nutrition, financial needs, emotional support, special needs, and a variety of other factors. Students who struggle to have an even playing field, through no fault of their own, require support from us in different ways. To support our message, please talk to your children about why Fairness does not always mean Sameness.

Science Fair

The intermediate students had their Science Fair in February in our Gym. Congratulations to everybody for their hard work and interesting presentations to fellow students! Thank you, Mrs. Backer for organizing this event.



March Spirit Days

Remember our March Spirit Days!

On March 7th we will have our Indoor Winter Carnival. Remember to wear your team colours!



March 21st is green and gold day to celebrate the luck of the Irish!

Kindergarten 2017-2018

Kindergarten registration was held during the month of January, 2017 for children who were born in 2012 for Senior Kindergarten or in 2013 for Junior Kindergarten. **It is not too late to register!** If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child who is eligible please have them call the school as soon as possible. We will need to see and copy your child's birth certificate and immunization record when you register. We also require proof of address.

Live Free Day-Snack Program

Just a reminder that Friday, March 3rd is Live Free and Smoothie Day! Students will be bringing home their Live Free cards on Wednesday, March 1st. Please consider donating a toonie to our snack program. Our goal is to raise \$250, which will buy 1 week of healthy snacks. Thank you for your support. You can also go online to make a donation. <http://childrensfoundation.donorpages.com/LiveFree2016/arthurpublicschool/>

Arthur Public Library Programs

Special March Break Programmes!

All programmes are free but registration is required.

Unexplained Mysteries (Grades 1-3)

Investigate mysteries from around the world. Can you explain them?

Tuesday, March 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm



Craig Douglas (All Ages)

Get ready for a wild ride! Craig Douglas is a kinetic, frenetic comic juggler who sprints from one thrilling feat to the next. Bowling balls fly, juggling balls defy gravity and he even rides about on a six foot unicycle!

Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 am

Mysterious Art (Pre-teen)

Only your imagination can solve this mystery! Come and find out where your creativity will take you!

Thursday, March 16, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

March Break Movie (All Ages)

Bring a blanket and cuddle up for a viewing of "Moana!" Rated PG.

Friday, March 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt (All Ages)

Big Foot, Sasquatch, Yeti or the Abominable Snowman...which mysterious creature is leaving giant footprints throughout the library?

March 11 to 18 during branch hours

March Make-and-Take (All Ages)

Create a Mysterious craft to take home.

March 11 to 18 during branch hour



Your Child's Hearing is Important!

Seventy-five percent of a child's day is spent listening; listening to complex language, directions and instructions which need to be comprehended. Being able to hear peers is important for developing social skills and friendships. That is why it is important that any hearing difficulty be discovered as soon as possible because even mild hearing loss can put a child at risk for academic and communication difficulties. **Audiologists** are experts who assess hearing sensitivity and functioning that provides a window into the language/listening parts of the brain. Since listening is a critical learning skill, test results can be helpful in planning a program of intervention. Students who wear hearing aids, cochlear implants, or use personal FM systems should routinely visit an Audiologist to have their equipment checked. If you suspect your child has difficulty with hearing or attention it is recommended that you have your child tested by an **Audiologist**. To find an Audiologist in your community, visit the website of the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (www.CASLPO.com) and click on "Find an Audiologist" and search for Private Practice. At UGDSB you can call 519-941-6191 ext. 231 for information.

Digital Saturday returns this March!

All parents in the UGDSB are invited to attend Digital Saturday, which will be hosted at JD Hogarth PS in Fergus.

See a variety of technology used in the UGDSB. Meet with Special Education staff to learn more about how they support all students. Discover the rich online digital resources available to your children from home and at school.

Presentations include: devices in our schools, Homework Help, Cospaces and Ozobot, Google Apps for Education, UG2GO, Coding in the Classroom, MIT App Inventor, Grandpals, Virtual Reality, SEA, and My Blueprint.

Digital Saturday is on March 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.



MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR PLANET

March 25th is Earth Hour!

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

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 25th at 8:30pm.

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide."

Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

**Click [here](#) to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world
and click [here](#) for highlights of 2015**

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- *prepare a candle lit dinner,*
- *talk to your neighbours, or invite people over*
- *stargaze, or go camping in your backyard*
- *play board games, or charades*
- *host a concert, or a sing-a-long*
- *create or join your own community event*
- *have an Earth Hour every month*

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>

