

Arthur Public School

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May 2017

May is about Positive Choices!

This month's Character Trait encourages each of us to make good choices every day. We may not be able to control the world around us, but we can control how we respond to the events that occur. Often, when we react in a positive, kind and supportive way to people who are upset for a variety of reasons, we can have a positive impact on the situation and help others feel better about themselves. Do all you can to make positive choices.



Reminders:

Skateboards and rollerblades are not permitted on the school grounds. Also, as much as we love dogs, they are not permitted on the school grounds.

SAVE THE DATE



Our BBQ, is fast approaching on June 8th, 2017. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be sold and you will have the opportunity to visit with each other. Volunteers are needed to help at this fun family event.

The 2017 - 2018 School Year

The staffing process and organization of the school year begins early in January. Like last year, teacher assignments and student placements cannot be finalized until a final review of student enrolment is completed in September, after the students are actually in the building.

All students, including Kindergarten students, may be affected by potential changes. These changes may result from changes in enrolment that occur late in the school year or over the summer.



TENTATIVE CLASSES FOR 2017 - 2018

We have received our tentative class organization for 2017- 2018. Staffing assignments are **not** finalized.

The **tentative** classroom organization is:

Three Early Learning Kindergarten classes

One Grade 1

One Grade ½

Two Grade 2/3

One Grade 3/4

Two Grade 4/5

One Grade 6

One Grade 7

One Grade 7/8

One Grade 8

One Self Contained Special Education Classroom for Grades 4-8

Note: The intermediate classes will follow an Intermediate Rotary Schedule.

Because the staffing process for the 2017-2018 school year has not been completed yet, teacher assignments are not available at this time.

Prior to the June 9th Professional Activity day, we will be assigning students to classes. Ms. Leathem and Mrs. Cozzarin will be consulting with teachers as we begin class placements. Input from Homeroom teachers as well as Special Education teachers are reviewed. Factors considered in our placement deliberations include academic abilities, work habits, behaviour, friendships and male/female balance.

We are very diligent in considering all of the factors in creating classes and we do appreciate your trust in our professional judgment. For this reason, we do not encourage requests. However, if you would like to have some input, it must be addressed in writing to Ms. Leathem and it must be given to the school office **no later** than May 20, 2017.

Unfortunately, not all parental requests for class placement can be accommodated. Requests received after the May 20, 2017 deadline will not be considered.

EQAO Primary/Junior Years Assessment

If you have a child in grade 3 or 6, you will be receiving more information about the EQAO assessment for Reading, Writing and Mathematics to be held on May 23 - June 5. In order for the testing to be valid, students must complete all sections of the assessment. If at all possible, we ask you to avoid scheduling appointments during these times. If you have any questions about the assessment, the format, content or how students are evaluated, please contact your child's teacher. You can also visit www.eqao.com to learn more. All children in grade 3 and 6 will take part in this assessment. Teachers and students have been working hard to ensure that they are prepared to do their best.

Talent Show

The TALENT SHOW will be taking place on Thursday, May 18th in the gym. We have some amazing talent here at APS and the show will begin promptly at 1:45 pm. Family members are welcome to attend and watch the show.



May 2nd -6th is Child and Youth Mental Health Week!

Have a **SUPER** Week! Let's increase everyone's mental health and well being! Let's focus on increasing these positive skills!



Snack Program –Live Free Campaign

Thank you to our community for participating in Smoothie Day and your donations to our Food and Friends Snack Program. **We raised \$ 1385.86.** This will provide enough money for 1 month worth of snacks!

School Gardens

If you will be splitting plants as you garden this spring please consider donating them to us to help us green around our school. Contact Ms. Leathem or Mrs. Ruffolo at 519-848-3793 or just drop your plants off for us!



Parking Lot

As a safety reminder, please enter the parking lot from the farthest side from the school (bush and fence side) and exit closest to the school. Please drive slowly when entering and exiting the parking lot as students need to cross the parking lot. Thank you.

Notice from the Township

PLEASE NOTE on MAY 4, 2017

There will be no crossing guard at the intersection of Conestoga and Smith, Arthur in the afternoon. Please use caution when crossing and driving.

Karren Wallace, Clerk
519-848-3620



Arthur Public Library Programmes

May the Fourth Be With You (Pre-teen)

Dress up and enter a galaxy far-far away. Plan for games, crafts, and all things Star Wars, and May the Fourth be with you!

Thursday, May 4, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Mother's Day Make-and-Take (All Ages)

Drop in to make a small gift for Mom.

Tuesday to Saturday, May 9 – 13, during branch hours

Afterschool Adventures (Pre-teen)

Come to the library for games, crafts or books! Different every month. Refreshments will be provided!

Please register.

Thursdays, May 11 and 18, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Booktastic! Mother's Day (Ages 5-9)

Join us for stories, songs and crafts! Please register.

Saturday, May 13, 10:30 -11:30am



Mental Health Week

Participate! Have Fun! Increase Awareness! Increase Well-being!



Here are some of the events in the community for you and your family to participate in:

CMHAWW is presenting the following:

(see <http://mailchi.mp/2d253253c223/mental-health-week-events-2017?platform=hootsuite> for details)

May 4th - Free - **Clint Malarchuk** - Former NHL Goalie and Mental Health Advocate will also be speaking at the

Arthur Arena Hall – 7:00 p.m. - Admission by donation.

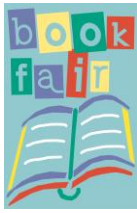
DCAFS is presenting : (see <https://dcafs.on.ca/building-better-tomorrows-2/> for more details)

May 3rd – **Sheldon Kennedy** - former NHL Player and author of Why I Didn't Say Anything will be speaking at the Caledon Ski Club. \$100, all funds raised to support Dufferin Children's Fund.

CMHA Dufferin Peel is hosting: (see <https://cmhapeeldufferin.ca/events/bbqart-show/> for more details)

Have a SUPER Week!

Dr. Lynn Woodford is the Mental Health and Addiction Lead for Upper Grand District School Board



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Arthur Public School Monday May 1st until Wednesday May 3rd. Students may come to shop with their parents from 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students may also shop through the school day.

Message from Student Government

During the month of May Student Government is having two spirit days.

Friday May 12th - **Country Western Day**, dress up for a day in the west.

Tuesday, May 24th **Class Theme Day**, each class will choose a theme and dress up for that theme.



Track and Field



Our Track and Field day for Grade Three to Eight will be on May 19th with a rain date of May 26th.

Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet



May 22nd is International Biodiversity Day!

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

Celebrate International Day For Biological Diversity on May 22nd!

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.



Biodiversity, a simple word with some very broad reaching implications quite simply means: 'A wide range of life' We need to learn more about it in order to protect it. "Biodiversity, at the level of species and ecosystems, provides an important foundation for many aspects of sustainability." António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations <https://www.cbd.int/idb/2017/>

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