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Kindness Month

Character Counts At APS!

“No act of Kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted!” - Aesop

“Kindness” is our character trait for February. During the month, “Atta” and “Tude” will continue to reinforce the message of Kindness and remind students to demonstrate kindness in their actions, thoughts and words. Teachers will also reinforce this message in their classrooms.

At Arthur Public School we are committed to creating a safe, caring school environment as well as preparing our students to be citizens who think critically, care deeply and act wisely.

Kindergarten 2018-2019

Kindergarten registration occurred during the month of January for children who were born in 2013 for Senior Kindergarten or in 2014 for Junior Kindergarten. If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child who is eligible and did not register please have them call the school as soon as possible!

Snack Program Fundraiser-Live Free Day!!

Please participate in our Help Kids Live Free from Hunger Campaign that supports our Food & Friends student nutrition program by sending a donation with your child or making a donation online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/LiveFreeDonation2018> by March 2, our Smoothie Day! Please consider donating a toonie. Our goal is to raise \$250 which will buy 1 week of healthy snacks. Every dollar raised at our school/agency comes back to support our Snack Program.

Bringing Healthy FOOD to Hungry Minds

Student Government News

For this month student government came up with a new spirit day called Kindness cards. They will be handed out to each class rep and they will hand them to a random student in their class. Everyone who gets the cards will sign their name on the back. If they get a random act of kindness that day then they hand it to the person who commits the act of kindness and so on until the end of the day. At the end of the day whoever has the cards bring it to Mr. Duncan's classroom at the end of the day and a student executive member will be there to collect them.

We are also starting a conservation spirit day. For national sweater day we are encouraging everyone to wear their favorite sweaters because we are turning the heat down to conserve energy. This will occur on Feb 2nd.

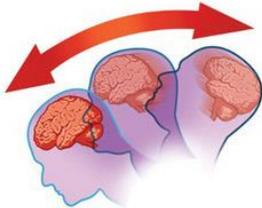
Also, we are having twin day on the 28th. So pick your best friend or anyone you want to match with to twin with and dress the same.

On Valentine's day it will be red and white day and Intermediate students will be having a valentine day dance. So get ready to boogie. Entrance to the dance will be \$2.00 and pop and chips will be sold for \$1.00 and \$0.50 each. The movie room will be running as well.

Thanks so much
The Student Government



Concussion Outside School Hours



A concussion is a type of brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. It can affect a student's performance in both school work and physical activities. Rest is very important after a concussion because it helps the brain heal. While a child has a suspected or diagnosed concussion, full participation in school academic and physical activities can

worsen symptoms and make for a longer recovery period.

In the best interest of your child, parents and guardians are requested to contact the principal when a suspected or diagnosed concussion occurs outside of school hours (i.e. during outdoor play, sports, or a car accident). The principal will work with you to develop a plan for an individualized, gradual return to full participation in school activities. For more information, visit www.ugdsb.on.ca/concussions.

Arthur Public Library Activities

Afterschool Adventures (Preteens)

Come in and hang out at the library after school. We will be doing something different each week including games, crafts and books. Every month, the first 3 weeks of the month.

Thursdays, February 1-15, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Be a Gold Medal Reader! (All Ages)

For every book you read, add an Olympic winter sport to our snow hill. Read 10 books and receive a gold medal!

February 9 – 24 during branch hours

Valentines for Vets (All Ages)

Show Veterans you appreciate their service to our country. Create a hand-made valentine and help bring joy to a Canadian Veteran this Valentine's Day.

February 1-13, during branch hours

Booktastic: Pyjama Party! (Grades JK -3)

Wear your pyjamas to the library and join in for some stories, games and crafts.

Saturday, February 17, 10:30 - 11:30 am

School Council Fundraiser



School Council will be selling Floral hanging baskets for Mother's Day as a fund raiser. Pre-order forms will be sent home on February 9th and will be due back February 20th so the greenhouse can start planning our flowers.

Winter Safety

Please be sure to review safety guidelines with your children about walking to and from school in the winter. Remind children that walking on snowbanks beside the road can be unsafe as they may fall onto the road. Also remind children not to come out from between the snowbanks to cross the road as they are not easily seen. They should cross at a clear corner where they are visible.



Sibling & Grade 8 Grad Photo Day



On February 1st Life Touch will be at our school first thing in the morning to take Grade 8 Grad pictures as well as Sibling Pictures for those families that wish to participate.

Order forms have been sent home. If you are interested and did not receive a form, additional forms are available at the school office.



Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet

February 2nd is National Sweater Day!

Make the Earth better by wearing a sweater

Celebrate International Sweater Day on February 2nd!

National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire you to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons – that's equivalent to taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road!
http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/

National Sweater Day is about thinking differently about how we use energy, where our energy comes from and how we can play an important role in fighting climate change by using energy wisely. It is designed to help raise awareness about renewable energy and change behaviours around energy consumption in Canada. assets.wwf.ca/downloads/nsd_2017_en_school_toolkit.pdf



Ideas for your family to celebrate Sweater Day!

- Turn down your thermostat and wear a sweater!
- Ask your children to brainstorm with you about ways to save energy at home. Make a pledge to implement as many as you can.
- Research the differences between climate and weather. Ask your child to characterize some different climate types (polar, tropical, coastal, etc.).
- Read a children's book on conservation such as: *Why Should I Save Energy?* by Jen Green. Encourage lots of discussion and questions.
- Valentine's Day is just around the corner - use recycled materials to create your cards this year!

For more ideas and fun things to do on International Sweater Day, please take a look at this pdf supplied by WWF
assets.wwf.ca/downloads/nsd_2017_en_school_toolkit.pdf