

Arthur Public School

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April 2018

Character Counts at APS!

April is Positive Attitude Month!

This month, as we continue to encourage the development of positive character traits in our students, we will focus on Positive Attitude.

A Positive Attitude means focusing on good and not dwelling on the negative. It is important to develop a positive attitude in children to help them to face the challenges involved in growing up and in life.

Some ideas to help your child at home include:

- Helping your child to be aware of, and control, internal dialogue (the things we say to ourselves in our head).
- Encourage your child to try new things, skills or hobbies to increase their self esteem and confidence.
- Discourage the use of "I can't" and turn negatives into positives.
- Be a positive role model for your child, find reasons to smile and laugh - tell jokes, watch funny movies as a family.
- Remind your child that everything is a new learning opportunity and being positive is a choice.

People naturally gravitate towards positive people. Developing a more positive attitude will help your child to have a successful, independent and fulfilling life.

Snack Program/Live Free Update

Smoothie Day was a huge success. Our Smoothie sales raised over \$300.00! This will pay for a lot of groceries. A huge thank you goes out to our parent volunteers for making the tasty smoothies. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising cause.

Healthy Smoothie Recipe: 1 cup frozen berries, 1 banana, 1 cup milk, ¼ cup orange juice, 1 TBSP of vanilla yogurt (makes 3 servings)



JK/SK Registration

Registration for our Early Learning Program which involves a full day, every day program for students ages 4 and 5, will continue throughout the Spring months. Parents who currently have children in our school will be aware, but if you know someone outside of our school community who has school-aged children, please pass along this information.

Bikes at School

The weather is finally starting to look like Spring, although Mother Nature is giving us one last feel of Winter. Many students are excited to bring their bikes to school. This is a great way to get some exercise and have fun.

Please remember that **bikes should be walked on and off property**. With so many students walking around before and after school, we want to avoid any possible accidents, so please make sure you are walking your bike off school property, before getting on to ride.

Also, please make sure you are not on the roads. Many car drivers are not used to looking for bikes yet. **Always wear a helmet!**



June Dates to mark in your calendar!

It seems early but we want to make sure that everyone has saved the date of Thursday June 7th. This will be our BBQ Night.



Grade 8 Grad Date

Grade 8 graduation will take place on Thursday June 28th. More information will be provided closer to the date.



Arthur Junior Horticultural Society

The Arthur Jr. Horticultural Society will start the 2018 season with their first meeting Thursday, April 19

Arthur Public Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ages :5 – 10 years New members welcome !

Registration for all monthly meetings during the season April until November \$5.00

The first meeting includes various packets of garden seeds being distributed, a garden themed craft, a light snack, and a discussion related to planning the earth for the garden, planting and caring for the garden and identifying the many signs of Spring !

Instructors have current Police checks

Please call Faye Craig 519-848-5806 to register

Public Library News

Toddler Time (1 - 3 years)

Come explore the alphabet with us! Share stories, songs, rhymes and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Wednesday, April 4 and 11, 10:00 - 10:30 am

April 4 and 11

Story Time (3 - 5 years)

Our Story Times are created to help your child get ready for reading. Share stories, songs, rhymes, and activities aimed at developing your child's early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Please register.

Wednesday, April 4 and 11, 11:00 - 11:30 am

April 4 and 11

Tween Scene (Preteens)

Come hang out afterschool with either books, crafts or a game. This month we will be playing some improvisation games and having a catapult challenge!

Thursdays, April 5 and 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

April 5 and 12

Saturday Stories: Earth Day (Grades JK -3)

Come in and learn how you can help the Earth with an upcycled craft and Earth Day stories.

Saturday, April 14, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Tree Identification Workshop (Preteens and Teens)

Get in touch with the natural world in time for Earth Day. Learn from Wellington County's Green Legacy how to identify different types of trees. Please register.

Thursday, April 19, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

PA Day Movie: Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle (All Ages)

Bring your blanket and join us for the newest Jumanji flick. We'll provide the popcorn! Rated PG. Please register.

Friday, April 27, 2:00 pm

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt (All Ages)

Scavenge the library for recyclable objects.

April 1 - 19, during branch hours

Kara Shaw Performs at Arthur Public School

Kara Shaw, a former Arthur Public School student, will come to perform on her piano for us on April 10th. Kara will come with her seeing eye dog and speak to us about resilience and bullying. At the end of her presentation Kara will take questions from students. Our Kindergarten to grade 3 students will see her at 9:30 and our grade 4 to grade 8 students will see her at 11:30.

4-H Information Night

4-H is for anyone born in 2008 or earlier

Come out to ask questions or join a club

Friday April 6, 2018

Arthur Area Curling Club - 7pm – 9pm

Address – 160 Domville, Arthur, ON

For more information contact: Charlie – 519-848-3998 or Danielle – 519-993-3236, dlennox4@gmail.com

Beef

Learn about feeding and caring for beef cattle

Training and showing a calf at the Arthur Fall Fair

This year will include farm tours, cattle handling, how to choose a beef animal, judging, showmanship and fitting.

Dairy

Learn about different dairy industry related topics.

Tours of farms and industry businesses

Training and showing a calf at the Arthur Fall Fair

Field Crops

Learn about growing crops, preventing pests and weeds.

This year we'll tour an equipment dealership, grain elevator, test plots and a fertilizer plant. Members will grow a sample crop and exhibit it at Arthur Fall Fair

Vet

A dynamic club that will highlight veterinary care of many species of animals through guest speakers, tours and hands on participation in veterinary procedures.

Fishing Club

Youth will learn how to catch and release fish safely, ethically, and how to be a responsible angler. They will also learn about

common fish species, aquatic ecology and fish biology, and enjoy the pleasures of getting outdoors and being active.

Information will also be available for

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds is for those born between 2009- 2011.

Meetings are held Saturdays from 9:30-11:30

Topics include – livestock, food, crafts, sports and other fun topics

Contact Lianne liannekaminski@hotmail.com or Mollie 519-848-2026



Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet

April 22nd is Earth Day!



*"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." -
Albert Einstein*

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd!

Founded in 1990, Earth Day Canada inspires people of all ages across the country to connect with nature and build resilient communities as well as foster an intrinsically motivated, enduring commitment to stewardship and conservation. <https://earthday.ca/about/>

Earth Day 2018 Theme: End Plastic Pollution

waystogogreenblog.com

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet. Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics. <https://earthday.org>

Ideas for your family to celebrate Earth Day:

- **Get involved with Earth Day 2018's Theme** <https://www.earthday.org/yourjourney2018/>
Download your Plastic Pollution Primer to learn more about this problem and act to help **End Plastic Pollution!**
- **Spend a day outside.** In the garden with your family, plant vegetables, trees or native flowers and attract native animals and pollinators. Or join a local community event to help clean your neighbourhood or restore local plant life.
- **Make commitments to cut down on your energy usage as well as waste.** Turn lights off, power down electrical devices, turn down your thermostat and only do full loads of laundry and dishes. Always bring cloth bags when shopping, refuse to buy over packaged products, and lug a mug instead of using non-recyclable coffee cups.
- **Learn more about the environment and the effects of global warming.** Encourage awareness and promote the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle way of life.

Remember that every day is Earth Day! Don't restrict yourself to just one day a year. Make environmental actions and caring about the planet a habit - on Earth Day and every day.

Princess Project- Prom & Graduation Dresses

Friday April 13th 4-8 PM and Saturday April 14th 10:00AM- 12:00, 1320 Gordon Street, Guelph
Dresses -\$20, Shoes, purses and jewelry \$3.00.

A Message from Student Government about Bullying!

Remember Your Pink Shirt on April 11th

Bullying is a learned behaviour, so is being kind... So they have ten tips for how to be kind.

1. Use your hands for helping. To pick things up if someone drops them, retrieve a ball, open a door.
2. If you are frustrated say so. TELL SOMEONE! AND TAKE A BREAK!
3. Use kind words. Thank you and please. If you don't have anything nice to say don't say it.
4. Look at things from a different perspective sometimes. Something you think is easy may be really hard for someone else.
5. At recess, be active. Play a game that includes everyone.
6. Don't be afraid to try something new. Not everyone is good at everything but if you don't try you may miss out on something really fun!
7. Be a good leader, stand up for people if they are being picked on.
8. Play with everyone big or little. We are one community.
9. Be respectful. You may not like everyone's opinion but they have a right to it.
10. Be helpful. Try to be your best always.

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser

Once again School Council is working with Value Village to raise funds for our school. Throughout the month of April we will collect: clothing, shoes, bedding, kitchen items, towels, jewelry, purses, toys, games and electrical items.

Items can be dropped off here at the school throughout the day or at 140 Charles Street West between 5:00 and 7:30 PM.

Support Arthur P.S. as you Spring Clean!!

Meat & Chicken Delivery!

Remember if you ordered meat or chicken pick up is on April 5th between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

Mulch Sales

Again this year we will be working with All Treat to sell mulch as a fundraiser. Look for order forms to come home on April 9th. Orders will be due April 23rd.

Student Government News and Announcements

April appears to be a busy month again for Student government. We have a variety of activities this month and are looking to get all students involved.

As a result of our Easter candy grams sales, we have raised enough money to adopt another animal from World Wildlife. We have selected an orca or killer whale to adopt to join with our sea turtle, panda and polar bear we adopted last year. We will be asking class reps to take suggestions for the names of all four of our adopted animals.

Auditions for the school talent show begin on April 9th and run until the end of April every day at 2nd recess. All students who signed up have received an audition slip with their time on it. If you are unable to attend this time please see Mrs. Backer immediately.

APRIL 11th PINK Day

On this day all students are asked to wear pink as a symbol against bullying. They will also be asked to complete a short pennant on how they will help stop bullying to be displayed on the bulletin board. We are attempting to show bullies that together we can stop this behaviour, as it is a learned one. We can learn to be kind and compassionate, instead of mean and hurtful.

Friday APRIL 20th Country Western Day

We would love to see all you cowgirls and cowboys dresses up in your best. PLEASE no Toy GUNS!

Arthur P. S. 2017-2018 Yearbooks

The yearbook committee is excited to take you on a "Road Trip" as we work to capture all the memories of the 2017-2018 school year. We would also like to share that we are using a new software and company to print our full colour books this year. This will mean yearbooks will be guaranteed to be delivered at the end of September. The reason delivery is in September is to ensure a full school year of events is captured, including Kindergarten and Grade 8 graduations. Yearbook order forms will be sent home later this month. They are available only on a pre-order basis. Don't miss out. Be sure to place your order!

Feedback on Board Policies: Policy 214 – Accessibility Standards

Policy 518 – Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

These policies are important to students, parents, staff, school councils, community partners and members of the local community because ensuring people with disabilities have access to services through the accommodation of their disability-related needs and supporting a student with a life-threatening medical condition in the school requires the cooperation of the entire school community. You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy. **The deadline for public input is April 26, 2018** at 4 p.m. EST. Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.