

Arthur Public School

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May 2018

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. We are having several activities in May to help us learn about our own well-being and making positive choices. Grades 5-8 are attending Empowerment Day, our Intermediate students are hosting a Power of Positive Choices Day and Sarah Westbrook will be presenting to staff, students and parents. Overall it's a great Month to focus on Positive Choices we can make for ourselves and to help others!

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 7th, 2018. 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. Please contact us at the school if you are able to pitch in for this event!

The 2018 – 2019, 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 2018 - 2019

We have received our tentative class organization for 2018- 2019. Staffing assignments are **not** finalized.

The **tentative** classroom organization is:

Three Early Learning Kindergarten classes

Two Grade 1s	One Grade 5
One Grade 2	One Grade 5/6
One Grade 2/3	One Grade 6
One Grade 3	Two Grade 7/8
One Grade 4	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 2018-2019 school year has not been completed yet, all teacher assignments are not available at this time. We can inform you of some changes that will happen. After many years of teaching kindergarten Mrs. McLean will be teaching grade 3. Mrs. Neary is on leave next year which means we will be welcoming two new kindergarten teachers to Arthur P.S.

On the June 8th Professional Activity day, we will be assigning students to classes. Ms. Leathem and Mr. Boyce 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 18, 2018.

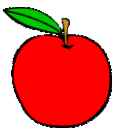
Unfortunately, not all parental requests for class placement can be accommodated. Requests received after the May 18, 2018 deadline will not be considered.

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 22nd - June 4th . 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. **If you would like to be a scribe for a student during the week of May 22-26 please contact Mr. Boyce in the office for further information.**

Talent Show

The TALENT SHOW will be taking place on Wednesday, May 16th in the gym. We have some amazing talent here at APS and the show will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. Family members are welcome to attend and watch the show.



Snack Program –Thank You Volunteers

Our daily school snack program requires many volunteers to help it run smoothly. A special thanks goes out to our parent and student volunteers who help to prepare, deliver & clean up from our program. Thank you everyone for doing your part to bring healthy food to hungry minds!

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.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Arthur Public School during the month of May. Look for information to come home with students!

Long Term Accommodation Plan Final Report (Draft) - Public Meetings

The Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) Final Report (Draft) is going to be presented at 5 regional public meetings throughout the month of May.

The draft report includes a list of proposed short (1-5 yrs.) and long (6-10 yrs.) accommodation priorities. The report does not include any recommended changes to school programs or boundaries.

We invite you to attend any of the following meetings:

- Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7-9 pm – Erin PS, gymnasium
- Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7-9 pm – Centennial CVI, cafeteria
- Thursday, May 10, 2018, 7-9 pm – Orangeville DSS, cafetorium
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7-9 pm – Centre Wellington DHS, cafetorium
- Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7-9 pm – Norwell DSS, double gymnasium



Feedback collected in this second phase of engagement will inform staff's work to finalize the LTAP.

Please visit www.ugdsb.ca/ltap for more information and to provide feedback. The LTAP webpage includes all documents including the LTAP Final Report (Draft), an online comment form and an opportunity to sign up to receive updates.



Student Council News

World Wildlife Fund

As a result of our class contest we have come up with names for our adopted animals. We have named our turtle Squirtle, a panda named Cory, a polar bear named Snickers and last but not least our orca named Finn.

Fundraiser

On May 9th we are having a bake sale to fundraise for the Sick Kids Hospital. This is being run by 3 grade 5 students. We will be selling snacks at 1st break at the four corners. **Talent Show** Another exciting thing we have coming up is the Talent Show. The dress rehearsal is on May 15th and the talent show is on May 16th.

Spirit Days

On May 15th we will be having Celebrity Day. Students can dress up as their favourite celebrity for the day.



Track and Field

Our Track and Field day for Grade Three to Eight will be on May 18th.

COUNCIL PRESENTS SARA WESTBROOK AT ARTHUR PS!SCHOOL

On May 17 Arthur PS welcomes Sara Westbrook, a guest speaker who focuses on the power of positive thinking and building personal resiliency. Students will attend presentations throughout the day and parents are welcome to attend a family function at the school that evening. A social gathering begins at 6:30 PM with the presentation beginning at 7 PM. For more information on Sara and her presentation check out her website at <http://www.sarawestbrook.com/>. Stay tuned for more information coming home including details about the event. Thanks to School Council for organizing this as a part of our Parents Reaching Out Grant which was received this year!



Value Village Fund Raiser

Please remember if you have been spring cleaning your discarded items can generate funds for our school! Please drop off items either here at the school or at 140 Charles Street West between 5:00-7:00 PM by the end of the day Thursday.

2nd Annual Powerwheels Demolition Derby at the Arthur Fall Fair!

Sunday, September 9 at 11:30am.

Open to all "Powerwheels" type battery vehicles (cars, jeeps, trucks), as long as we can ensure the safety of the driver. Minor (non-permanent) modifications may be required - support available for "construction".

Prizes for ALL drivers and Trophy for Best Decorated Entry!

Ages 4-10 (old enough to follow instructions, small enough to fit in the car).

\$20 to register (refunded at entry, just pay fair admission). Field limited to 30 cars, register early to avoid disappointment.

Don't have a car? There are lots on Kijiji and the Facebook Buy & Sell pages.

Email stompin_tom@hotmail.com for more information and to register.