

Arthur Public School

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Our Character trait for the month of October is Honesty.

Through morning announcements and class discussions, students will be encouraged to reflect on why it is important to be truthful to others and to ourselves. Honesty is about trying your best and doing the right thing. Honesty is also about not taking what you have not rightfully earned. It is about playing by the rules and playing fair. Older students need to develop an understanding of academic honesty by completing their own work and not plagiarizing or claiming the work of others as their own.

Throughout the month, teachers and staff will be recognizing students for demonstrating positive character traits, including honesty, and awarding Arthur Actions and Attitudes tickets.

At our month end assembly, students can win many different prizes for positive actions they have taken.

Carnival for a Cure!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in our Terry Fox Run, who played Carnival Games and purchased dessert raffle tickets in support of the Terry Fox Foundation!

A.P.S. continues to provide tremendous support for the Terry Fox Foundation!

A special big thank you to Mrs. Hustler and Mrs. Fleming who organized our special evening!

Child Abuse Prevention Policy & Program

The Upper Grand District School Board places a high priority on the safety of our students. The Child Abuse Prevention Policy is evidence of our commitment to this priority. The following is a quote from the policy:

"Every citizen in the community shares a responsibility for our children. School officials and teachers share this collective community responsibility for creating safe and nurturing environments for children. Under the Child and Family Services Act, this responsibility includes the legal requirement to report to the local Children's Aid Society any suspected child abuse or other situations where a child may be in need of protection. Teachers and other Board employees have a special opportunity to know and understand children during their most influential years of development. They are in a unique position to be able to see early signs of maltreatment, and to know or hear about the abuse and neglect that is often suffered by children."

As required in the Policy, we will be teaching age-appropriate lessons to help our students identify abuse and protect themselves from abusive situations. The goal is to provide children with the tools they need to keep themselves safe. The lessons cover a broad range of safety issues including bullying, stranger danger and abuse by a known and trusted adult.

These lessons will occur throughout the year and will target grades K-6. These lessons will be team taught by our Child and Youth Counsellor and classroom teachers. Students in grades 7 and 8 will also participate in a Red Cross program presented by the school's Child & Youth Counsellor entitled **"It's Not Your Fault"**. These two hour presentations will occur in homeroom classes.

We encourage you to discuss with your child at home the concepts taught in the Child Abuse Prevention Curriculum.

For more information regarding the Child Abuse Prevention Policy and/or Programs please contact Ms. Leathem, Principal or Dana Forsey, Child and Youth Counselor.

Safety In The School

One of our number one concerns with students at school is their safety. In an effort to know what adults are in the building at all times, we have a system that allows visitors to be identified. When you enter the building, please report to the office and sign in. Mrs. Brunkard will give you a visitor's pass that will let staff know that you have checked in to the office.

Without this system, it is very difficult to know who should be and shouldn't be in the building. We have a number of concerns regarding custody issues that make this a vital part of our safety practice. Staff has been asked to question anyone who does not have a visitor's pass on and direct them to the office to sign in.

We appreciate your support in keeping our children safe.

Interschool Sports Teams

It has been decided that the players on our school teams will help pay for the cost of busing to each of their sporting events (\$5.00 per trip).

Every effort will be made to minimize the cost by sharing a bus with another school when feasible. If you have a concern, please contact Mr. McCabe or Ms. Leathem at the school. Thanks for your continued support!

October Safety Drills

During the month of October Arthur Public School will be participating in a Lockdown drill. This drill is practiced twice per school year across the Province to ensure staff and students know how to respond in case of an emergency.

A Lockdown would be called if a threat has entered the building. The hallways are swept clear of any students, the classrooms are locked up and the students are asked to remain very quiet. They are to remain this way until the "all clear" announcement has been made. If you have any questions about the procedure please contact Ms. Leathem.

Arthur Public School Picture Day

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th.

Further information and order forms will go home closer to the day...smile!!!

Snack Program-Fresh From the Farm

Just a reminder that Fresh From the Farm orders are due Oct 3rd. All proceeds from this fundraiser provide healthy snacks for the students. We would like to thank CUPE Local 255 for their donation. If you would be able to help with tabulating Fresh From the Farm orders please speak to Mr. Boyce.

News From the Public Library

Welcome back to a new year. Here is the list of what is happening in October:

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.

Wednesdays, October 3 - 17, 10:00 - 10:30 am

October 3, 10 and 17

Story Time (3 - 5 years)

Our Story Times are designed 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.

Wednesdays, October 3 - 17, 11:00 - 11:30 am

October 3, 10 and 17

Tween Scene (Preteens)

Bring a friend and come hang out at the library! This month, we'll be having fun with Zentangle, Dungeons and Dragons, and a Halloween craft.

Thursdays, October 4 - 18, 4:00-5:00 pm

October 4, 11 and 18

Saturday Stories: Spooky Spectacular (Grades 1 – 3)

Join us at the library for Halloween themed stories and crafts. Please register.

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Ontario Public Library Week (All Ages)

Wellington County Library celebrates you and your love for the libraries! Drop in for light refreshments, fun activities, and enter your name into the draw for a gift card from a local business.

Tuesday, October 16 - Saturday, October 20 during branch hours

Begins October 16, Ends October 20

Share Your Library Stories (All Ages)

Using our new Padcaster, stop by and make a video recording about what you love about your public library.

Tuesday, October 16 - Saturday, October 20 during branch hours

Begins October 15, Ends October 20

Author Visit: Rebecca Bender (All Ages)

Rebecca Bender is a well-loved author and illustrator of children's books, including "Don't Laugh at Giraffe" and "Giraffe Meets Bird". Join us for an interactive presentation that will inspire participants to get creative! Please register.

Thursday, October 18, 1:30 pm

Writer's Open Mic Night (All Ages)

Poets, storytellers, authors, comics ... Join us for an open-mic with room for discussion and connection. Please register to guarantee a performance spot or just drop in to listen to local talent.

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm

PAWS 4 Stories (Grades JK – 6)

Readers are encouraged to build new skills and gain confidence by reading aloud to a certified Therapy dog. Offered in partnership with St. John Ambulance. Please register.

Saturday, October 20, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Halloween Make-and-Take (All Ages)

Drop by the library and decorate a Halloween mask for trick-or-treating.

October 23 - October 31, during branch hours

Begins October 23, Ends October 31

Trick-or-Treat at the Library (All Ages)

Come in your costume for a sweet Halloween treat! Drop in.

Wednesday, October 31, during branch hours

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation: What Do Parents / Guardians Need to Know?

What is Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation?

On July 1, 2014, Canada's anti-spam legislation (CASL) came into effect. Under the legislation, Board staff and Trustees must not send **commercial electronic messages** (CEMs) that encourage recipients to participate in any commercial activity, even if it is not-for-profit, unless they have the recipient's prior consent.

What are commercial electronic messages?

A CEM is an electronic message whose purpose is to encourage commercial activity. CEMs include emails or text messages to inform parents and community members of promotions, advertising or offers for sale, such as school pictures, field trips, fun fairs, pizza or hot dog days, yearbooks or fundraising for school. A message is also considered a CEM when it redirects the recipient to a website that has commercial content (e.g. an email directing someone to the fundraising page on the school website). Electronic messages that have no commercial content, but are for informational purposes, e.g. student progress or attendance information, notice of a community meeting, can be sent without the recipient's prior consent.



How does CASL apply to me?

The Board is required to comply with the Legislation. As a parent, we sometimes communicate to you by email or text messages, in order to let you know about activities at the school. If these activities involve promotions, advertising or offers for sale, such as school pictures, field trips, fun fairs, pizza or hot dog days, yearbooks or fundraising for school, we are required to get your consent before such commercial electronic messages (CEMs) are sent.

How can I give consent?

At the start of each school year, an information form will be sent home with students directing parents and guardians to our CASL website to provide consent.

What happens if I do not provide consent?

If consent is not provided, you will not receive electronic messages containing commercial content and may find it more difficult to be aware of the activities that take place in school, and which your child may have an interest in participating.

How can I withdraw my consent?

You can withdraw your consent by unsubscribing at any time. Board staff will act within 10 days to unsubscribe you from receiving CEMs.

How long is my consent valid?

Your consent is valid until revoked.

Whom do I contact if I need more information?

For more information, you may contact the Communications department at 519-822-4420 x 725. You may also contact the Freedom of Information Officer at 519-822-442- x 721.



Please go to www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL or our school's website at www.ugdsb.on.ca/arthur to subscribe to email notifications.

Chromebooks in your public library!



Upper Grand students can now get a Chromebook to do assignments after school, on evenings and on Saturdays.



Food Drive



**Feeding the
Community**

This year in cooperation with Farm Credit Canada we are running a food drive. All food donated goes to the **Arthur Food Bank**. Please consider donating some food items to the school by October 5th.

Thank you for helping our community



Free curling for everyone at registration October 17 & 19, 7:00 pm.

Come learn the game..... get out for some social fun and a bit of light exercise.

Can't slide—no problem, use a stick to deliver rocks ☐

JUNIOR LEAGUE ages 10-18 Sundays November to March 630-8pm \$75.

Juniors who additionally play in adult leagues \$130.

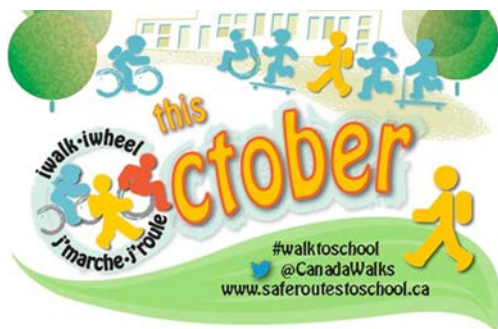
ADULT LADIES LEAGUE -Mondays 7:45pm

ADULT MENS LEAGUE- Tuesdays 8pm

ADULT SKIPS CHOICE-Thursdays

ADULT MIXED-Fridays

Arthurcurlingclub@gmail.com



Arthur Public School's Walk to School Day!

Participate in International Walk AT School Day on October 3rd 2018!

In October we celebrate active travel by encouraging students to walk or bike between home and school. Walking or cycling to school gets kids outside every day actively enjoying their natural environment. They arrive at school better able to concentrate and learn.

At APS, students and staff will be participating in a walk at 9:00 (after attendance). Parents are welcome to join us as we walk a few blocks to begin our day in a healthy way.

"In the 2015 ParticipACTION Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth, the overall grade for Canadian children and youth remains at a D- for the third year in a row. Overall, only 9% of 5-17 year olds are getting the 60 minutes of heart-pumping activity they need each day. And sadly, the grade for Active Transportation remains a D, with only 24% of 5-17 year olds walking/wheeling to school and 62% being driven by parents or caregivers. Our tendency to constantly watch over them or keep them indoors to ensure they are safe from risk limits their opportunities for physical activity, endangering their long-term health." <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/>

Elmira Chicken and Harriston Meats

School Council's first fundraiser of the year is selling Harriston Meats and Elmira Poultry. Be sure to return your order by Thursday October 18th in order to support our school and purchase

a quality product. Pick up will be on Thursday November 1st from 3-5pm. This campaign any chicken and meat orders sold by our grade 6,7and 8 students are applied directly to the cost of their end of the year trips!

Christmas Bazaar

As most of you will remember each year at A.P.S. we hold a Christmas Bazaar for students to attend. It will be held on December 7th this year.

The bazaar is directed at our younger students but all students will have an opportunity to participate. Parents, A.P.S. staff and community members are asked to donate any “gently used items” from home including items that would be suitable for a child to give to a parent, grand parent or sibling.

All items are priced between .25 and a toonie...this is not a fundraiser but an opportunity for students to purchase a gift for family members and take it home wrapped for under the tree.

Please keep in mind the following:

We will try to have as much donated tissue, paper and bags as possible so gifts can come home wrapped.

We encourage you to consider items around your home to donate...books, and in particular we always run short of adult male gifts. If you can help in any way it is appreciated!

This is a great volunteer opportunity.

Thank you for your support and PLEASE contact Mary Mitchell with questions or offers of help.

Mary Mitchell

emery@hotmail.ca

519-848-2829

Clean for a Cause

Please support our used clothing and household collection drive. Please tell friends and family as well. We accept the following items in good, clean and sellable condition: clothing, knick knacks, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, games, electrical items, sporting goods, hand bags, totes, belts, jewelry, but nothing larger than a microwave.

Drop your bagged items off at the school Monday to Friday between 8:30-3:30, November 1st- December 13th or bring them to 140 Charles Street West, Arthur.

Call Mary Mitchell at 519-848-2829 for further information.

Student Council News

Welcome to a new school year at APS. The Student Government is excited to begin a new school year with all of you. We have had our first full meeting with all our reps and we are excited to begin.

The first fundraising campaign is our We Scare Hunger food drive. We are collecting food items for the local food drive and our Me to We partnerships. It will run from October 1st to October 5th. We will collect canned items at first recess and each item will receive a ticket to be placed in a draw. The draw winners will be selected at our end of month assembly in October.

Our first spirit day will be on Friday October 5th. It is our fall colours day. Please dress in brown, red, orange, yellow or a combination of all of them.

We are also collecting pop tabs again. Please send in any pop tabs from home. We will be donating them to a family in Fergus who is collecting for their daughter's wheelchair.

October 31st will be our Halloween day celebration. Students are invited to wear orange and black or costumes for the day. If they choose to wear a costume they must be weapon free and no masks please. Face paint must be done at home as well.

There will be an intermediate dance and movie in the afternoon from 2 to 3:30pm. The entrance fee for the dance is \$2.00. Pop and chips will be sold for a dollar each in the movie room. This money will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you for supporting the student government initiatives.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Backer and the Student Government executive



School Council Fundraiser

Would you like to support Arthur Public School students and make sure your child's clothes and school items are less likely to be lost all at the same time? Then go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com to order some practical and attractive labels. Indicate that you wish to support Arthur Public School Council on the drop down menu and Council will receive 20% of what you have spent. Our section of the site is active right now so place your order!!

Terror on Tucker St.

live haunted backyard

**191 Tucker St,
Arthur
Halloween Night
6:30 to 9pm**

Please bring non-
perishable food or
monetary donation for
the Arthur Food Bank.



Visit us on
Facebook



Gently Used Coats, Hats,
Gloves, and Scarves

COMMUNITY

COAT DRIVE



4th
ANNUAL

**Sunday October 21st,
2018**

1 pm - 4 pm

@ The Arthur Fire

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Arthur Public School
St. John Catholic School
455 Eliza Street
Arthur

All Adult and Children's Sizes Accepted

