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June 2023 News,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. Reflecting back over the school year's calendar and photos, it is clear that it has been a busy, exciting and rewarding year. Although many students are excited about the summer holiday, there is also excitement about next year's school year. As you know, our school council has been very busy with their fundraising efforts to purchase and install new playground equipment. I think we all agree that a new playground space will contribute to a fun-filled active space both during the day, early evening and weekends for the students at APS.

I would like to take a moment to extend my appreciation to all our volunteers, lunch supervisors, our School Council and dedicated staff for the support, encouragement, cooperation and assistance given generously to benefit all our students. The contributions of everyone is much appreciated!

With the end of each school year, new opportunities present themselves for some staff. Some staff changes for September 2023 are: Mr. Gouk our vice principal and Ms. D. Leies from kindergarten. As well our LTO staff that will be leaving us are: Mrs. S. Connor, Mrs. M. Lougheed, Ms. Emma, Mrs. C. Hill and Mrs. Lane. Thanking these staff for their commitment to student learning and to the APS community: We wish them all every success in the future!

This year would not be complete without congratulating our grade 8 graduates and welcoming all our new incoming students and their families. To our grade 8 graduates; remember to always be proud that you are graduates of Arthur Public School, because we are so very proud of you. You have enriched all of our lives with your presence and leadership contributions to the school. I do hope you travel far and wide, accomplish amazing things, and fulfill your dreams. We wish you success at highschool and beyond.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Barrow
Principal

Gaga Ball Pits: The beginning of our playground initiatives came to reality this past weekend with the help of Clark Brothers Construction and a few APS families (The VanGervens, The Ribeyes and The Kabbes). As well, thanks to Mr. McLean for making our awesome APS signs! Our students are having so much fun during the last week of school. What a great way to keep our students engaged and active. Thank you to our school council and community partners for assisting Arthur Public School with developing our playground space.



Moving? If you're moving please let us know. Contact the school at 519-848-3793 to inform us of your moving date. This information helps us to plan for September.

Snack Program-Thank you to everyone who has supported our snack program this year! We could not run the program without our volunteers. If you are able to help out once a week for an hour or so, please contact the school to let us know.



Lunch Supervisors- Each school year, we are in need of lunch supervisors to help at our nutrition breaks to keep our students safe during our nutrition breaks. If you are interested in becoming a lunch supervisor please contact the school to let us know. This is a paid position.

Arthur Parent Council 2022/2023 School Year Annual Report

Summer is here! What a year we had as the first fully in-class learning post covid. I think it is safe to say that we had a fun and busy year. The APS parent council had a packed agenda with Parent Council events (Jump Rope for Heart, coffee hour, hotdog day, etc) and fundraisers to support school events, bussing, and in classroom purchases. Further to that, we started tackling the mammoth task of fundraising for a new playground.

This report is intended to overview the accomplishments of the parent council which would not have been possible without the support of our members and our school community.

Table 1: Summary of 2022/2023 Fundraiser Proceeds and Activities Supported

Event/Fundraiser	Net Funds Raised	Activity Supported
Mabels Labels	\$63.12	General Account
Krispy Kreme	\$1800.00	Playground Fund
Winter Bazaar	\$794.10	Skating
Harriston and Elmira Meats	\$9294.01	Teacher Requests \$2500 and Busing \$4417.28
Jump Rope for Heart	\$2445 for Heart and Stroke \$200 for APS	Playground fund
Hanging Baskets	\$1593.00	Hotdog Day and Snack Bin
Stemmlers Meats and Eby Honey	\$795.62 (not final numbers)	Scientist in the School
Food Days (Pizza, milk, pita, smoothies, etc.)	\$2493.58 (not final numbers)	Playground Fund
Year End BBQ	\$1746.74	Recess Equipment \$350.00

*Please note the values in the table may not be exact since the year end tallies were not yet completed at the time of this newsletter.

Playground Update

As of June 2023, the playground fund has \$128,621.16. The process of getting a playground is complicated and wasn't clear upon commencement of this undertaking. The Playground Committee, headed by Crystal VanGerven, has been working closely with our school principal to ensure that the proper processes are being followed. In brief, there is a proposal that was submitted to the school board which they had to approve. This process took several months. Once approved, the project went out to tender and board-approved companies made bids on the project. Once the tender process is complete, there is a review of the applications and a company is selected to complete the project. We are well on our way to bringing our playground project to a reality. Woohoo!!

We wish everyone a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September. Keep your eyes open for a notice about a parent council meet and greet once we are back to school. We are always looking for new members with fresh new ideas! If you aren't able to commit as a member, we would encourage you to volunteer for an hour or two at a fundraiser or event to help us achieve success. Contact any of the members listed below if you are interested. It takes many hands to raise the funds required to provide our staff and students with fun activities, snack and lunch programs, affordable trips, classroom supplies, and a NEW playground!!

Thank you again for your continued support of our events and fundraisers which aid our staff and most importantly our students!

Cheers,

The Arthur Parent Council

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APS School Council:

This school year has certainly been a busy one as we transitioned into a new normal following the pandemic. Our community has rallied together to raise money to support Arthur Public School as well as provide students and families opportunities to join together and enjoy interacting and learning more about the learning and play at APS.

With a busy dedicated school council and active participation from our families and community members numerous activities were a part of the 2022-23 school year.

On behalf of Arthur P.S., we would like to thank all our council members for their contributions throughout this past school year. It truly has been a wonderful group to work with to accomplish many tasks. Please take time to get involved in school life and remember that new members are always welcome to join the school council. The following dates have been set for our school council meetings for the 2023-24 school year:

September 14
October 18
November 14
January 29
April 11
June 13

Arthur Food Bank- The Arthur Food Bank is available for families in the Arthur area to access food once a month. They are located at 146 George St in Arthur 519-848-3272 and are open on Tuesdays 10-noon, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evening each month 6-8pm for families to pick up food supplies. Please email arthurfoodbank@gmail.com to register/book your appointment. Food boxes are pre-packed for families so appointments are necessary.

EARLY READING RESOURCES : If you are looking for some summer reading support, click the link below to support your child with their reading skills over the break.

[The 'Big 5+ Ideas' of Reading Development: A Guide to Supporting at Home.](#)

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER
[STWDSTS 2023-2024 NEWSLETTER ENGLISH.pdf](#)

Meet the Arthur Staff: Please mark your calendar as Thursday, September 21 from 5:30-7:00pm is the night to come to Arthur Public School this fall to meet your child's teachers.

First Day of School: September 5, 2023

We continue to work towards minimizing disruptions to class organizations; however, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements.

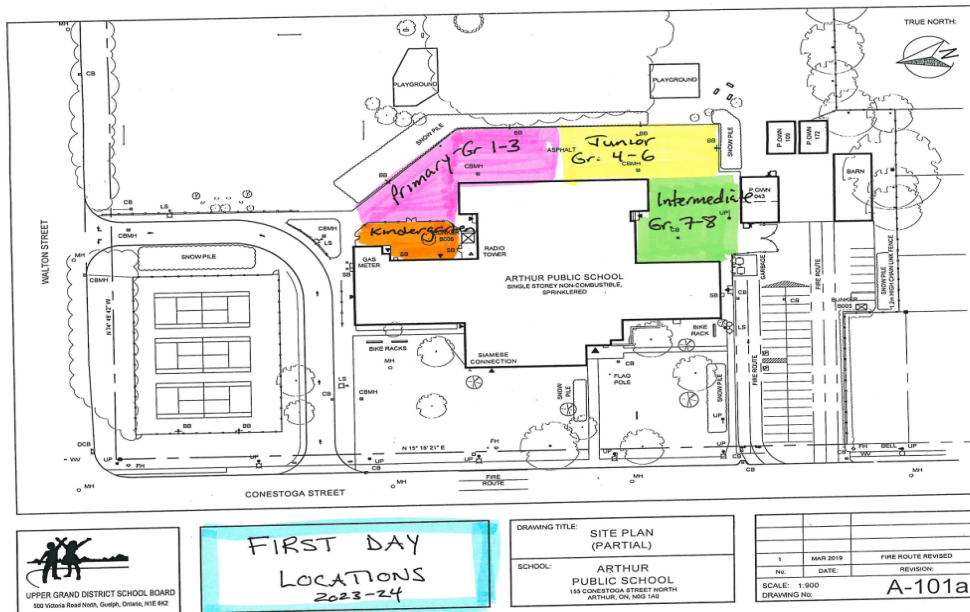
The following locations have been designated to help students find their class on the first day of school: When the bell rings.....9:00 am

- Kindergarten Students - report directly to the Kdg rooms
- Grades 1-3 - Primary Field
- Grades 4-6 - Report to the tarmac area
- Grades 7-8 - Report to the tarmac

Inclement Weather Plan:

- Kindergarten Students - report directly to the Kdg rooms
- Grades 1-3 - report to Primary Hallway
- Grades 4-6 - report to Junior Hallway
- Grades 7-8 - report to Intermediate

Dismissal is at 3:20 pm and teachers will lead their students outside.



Suggested back to school shopping list.....

Primary Supplies Grade 1-3	Junior Supplies Grade 4-6	Intermediate Supplies Grade 7-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pencil case that will hold • 10 sharp pencils • erasers • personal pencil sharpener (that will hold shavings) • glue stick • pencil crayons/crayons • Ruler • Reusable water bottle • Kleenex • Indoor running shoes <p>Please label all of your child's personal items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duotangs/binder • calculator • 12 sharpened pencils • Kleenex <p>Pencil Crayons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasers • Markers • Glue Stick • Sharpener • Pencil Case • Indoor Shoes • Reusable Water Bottle • Gym Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duotangs/binder • Math set • Pencils, pens, erasers • Calculator • Colour pencils • Ruler • Sketchbook for art • Lined paper • Graph paper • Kleenex • Indoor shoes and gym clothes

Please no scented markers and check with your children regularly to replenish their supplies as needed.



ELEMENTARY School Year Calendar 2023-24



Ministry - Approved

Legend: **H** - Statutory Holiday **P** - Professional Activity Day **B** - Board Designated Holiday
 Last Day 10 months employees : June 28, 2024

*1st day back to School for Students - September 5th, 2023

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week					# of Instructional	# of PA Days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
August 2023		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		0	0
September 2023					1	H	*									P										18	1
October 2023		2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30				20	1
November 2023			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30		21	1
December 2023					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	B	B	B	B	B	16	0
January 2024	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			17	1
February 2024				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29		20	0
March 2024					1	4	5	6	7	8	B	B	B	B	B	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	15	0
April 2024	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30				20	1
May 2024			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	22	0
June 2024		3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27						18	2
July 2024	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			0	0
Totals																						187	7				

P - denotes Elementary Only PA Day
P - denotes System Wide PA Day

