



Arthur Public School

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June News

It is hard to believe that the end of another school year is fast approaching and there is much to be proud of this year. The variety of instruction and programming and participation in clubs and activities has offered students multiple opportunities to display all their talents in many different ways. We wish to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning and excellence resulting in the caliber of programs they offer students.

We want to congratulate all of our students for their continued hard work and commitment to be the best they can be, during classroom and school wide activities. We are approaching the finish line Patriots so be sure to stay focused right to the end. Keep up the good work Patriots!!

As we move into the final weeks, our focus remains on teaching our students to be kind, caring and inclusive. It is important for our students to continue to develop their skills to be resilient and creative problem-solvers in their academic and social lives. We would like to thank the parents for their support and interest in their child's education and making Arthur Public School the special place it is.

On behalf of the APS staff, we would like to thank the School Council for their continued dedication and hard work throughout the year. The staff and students would also like to thank all the parents and community members who helped support the school as we transition to providing additional school experiences this year.

Please continue to check the school website during the summer months for any announcements from the Board and School.

We wish all our families a wonderful and safe summer.

Ms. Barrow

Mr. Gouk

Mrs. Brunkard

Principal

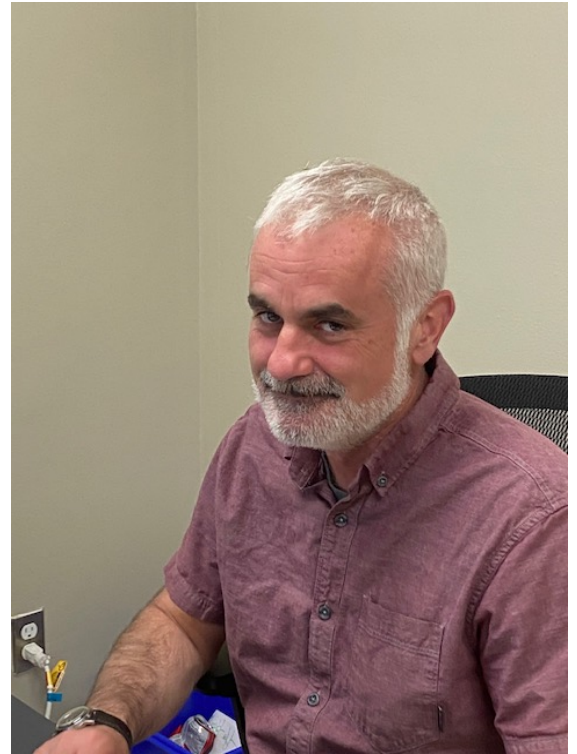
Vice Principal

Office Coordinator



Are you MOVING?- If you are moving and haven't yet let us know, please do. It helps us to have accurate numbers when making up classes for next year. Likewise, if you know someone who is moving into the neighbourhood, or who has not registered for kindergarten, encourage them to let the school know that they will be joining us next year.

Mr. Gouk is on the move.....After arriving at Arthur Public School as Vice Principal in March 2021, Mr. Gouk has devoted his time and energy supporting students, staff and their families navigate through a pandemic and transition into new and exciting opportunities this past school year. It is with mixed emotions that I have to say goodbye to Mr. Gouk on June 30; however, I would like to invite all the students, staff and community to join me in congratulating Mr. Gouk. Mr. Gouk was recently successful through the Principal interview process with the Upper Grand District School Board. As a result, Mr. Gouk was promoted and placed as Principal of Maryborough Public School effective September 1, 2023. Although we are sad to see him go, we are all very proud of his many accomplishments and consistent support for all the students, staff and community partners. Mr. Gouk's contributions to Arthur Public School are endless, and he will be missed a great deal.. Please join me in wishing Mr. Gouk well in his new role as Principal!



Best wishes, Mr. Gouk and stay in touch.

With Mr. Gouk on the move, the board has appointed Mrs. Anneke McCabe to the position of vice-principal at Arthur P.S. Mrs. McCabe. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. McCabe to Arthur Public School.

Final Report Cards: Reports will be sent home on Thursday, June 22nd.

Medication: If you have medication for your child at school, please stop in at the end of school to take it home for the summer. In September forms will, once again, need to be filled out to have medication administered at school. Thanks for your assistance.

Sunscreen: We have experienced some warmer weather lately! We remind parents that students are outside for two 20 minute recess breaks each day. We strongly recommend that parents take appropriate precautions to protect their children from the harmful rays of the sun. Students are encouraged to wear hats, sunscreen and sunglasses when on the playground.



Jump Rope for Heart: Thinking back to February when all our students participated in jump rope for heart, the participation exceeded our goal which allowed our students to earn an additional RECESS! We are planning to extend our recess time for each group on June 12 with June 19 as the inclement weather date.

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 Mr. Gouk (x224). This is a paid position.

Pride Flag - Arthur P.S. believes that our school is safe and inclusive spaces for everyone. Everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Additionally, regardless of your personal values and beliefs, we all must follow the Ontario Human Rights Code that protects marginalized groups from discrimination and harassment.”



We support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Flying the Pride flag for the month of June is just one of many ways to show our support.



Trips - At this time of year we have many year end trips that have been organized. We ask that parents/guardians please keep an eye out for permission forms coming home as well as information from classroom teachers.

Extra-Curricular - As we have been transitioning to our new normal following the pandemic, many students are taking advantage of joining school extra-curricular activities. It is nice to see so many students interested and getting involved in clubs and sports beyond the classroom.



Talent Show- Our Talent Show was AMAZING! Thanks to all of our students who performed on stage at this Talent Show. As well, thank you to the stage crew that helped to make the show run smoothly. We must recognize and thank Mrs. Backer for all her time and energy she devoted to ensure our Talent was a big success.

School Council BBQ- On June 1, our school council once again organized our annual APS BBQ. With the help of the APS staff, we all enjoyed a fantastic evening together as many families were able to come out and join us for dinner, visit with other families and watch the children play and interact with each other.



New Bunker- On Friday, June 2 a new bunker arrived at APS. The bunker has been placed on the edge of our forest and central to our classrooms. The purpose of our new bunker is to provide us with additional storage space to house equipment to support our activities at recess, gym, DPA and outdoor learning times.

News from the Learning Commons- All our library books become overdue on June 16. Please help to avoid overdue books by returning them. Thank you



Class Placement Process- Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2023-2024 school organization, and the make-up of classes for next year. Teacher collaboration occurs around determining student placement for the subsequent year. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time determining the best possible placement for each student. Teachers have the expert knowledge about how your child learns, their learning style and work habits, and what kind of social groupings foster their growth.

Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organizations and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work towards minimizing disruptions to class organizations; however, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements.

We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgement in the student placement process.

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 as well as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 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.

Food and Friends/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. We would like to thank the students who have helped out for the year with cleaning up snack bins and loading our dishwasher. A special thank you to Candice Morrison and her team for organizing this year's snack program. Thanks everyone for providing healthy brain food to support maximizing our learning time at school.