



Arthur Public School

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that October is already here. As we watch the leaves begin to change colour, we reflect on how well our students have transitioned back to school. They are working hard and it's a nice feeling when we visit the classrooms to observe the students engaged in meaningful learning activities. The staff have been extremely committed to their work, planning and preparing collaboratively to provide your children with the best possible experiences at school.

The character attributes that are being displayed by so many students at Arthur Public School is a true reflection of their good citizenship and respect for others. As we continue to develop these skills, the staff and students will be working on the following character traits as the year progresses:

A - Acceptance
R - Respect
T - Teamwork
H - Honesty
U - Uniqueness
R - Responsibility

Morning announcements consistently review and remind students about our school rules and routines including an abundance of modeling to ensure a clear understanding of how to show kindness and maintain a respectful, safe and inclusive school. Our hope is that students will use this information to help them make good decisions and to select activities that will allow them to grow and learn as students at Arthur Public School.

Thank you to all our families for their continued support in keeping Arthur Public School safe and welcoming.

The Arthur staff would like to wish all our families a fun-filled Thanksgiving!

Ms.Barrow
Principal

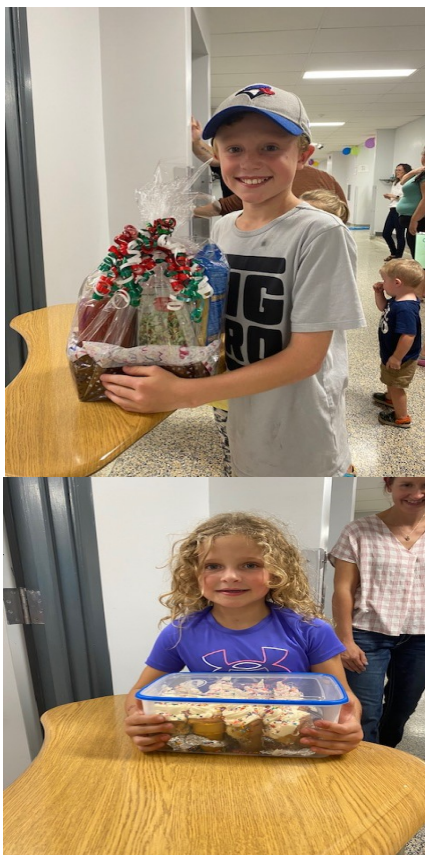
Ms. McCabe
Vice Principal

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Office Coordinator

Meet the Staff Night: On the evening of September, 21 many parents/guardians visited APS to meet their child(rens) teacher and participate in our Terry Fox activities. The staff are most appreciative for the overwhelming support and participation. Thank you to all our families for taking the time to attend our Meet the Staff Night!



Wow look at some of the yummy prizes:



Take a look at a few of our prize winners.....yum!



Terry Fox: We have raised a total of over \$2000 for Terry Fox. At our Meet The Staff Carnival night we raised over \$1400! Way to go Patriots! On Friday October 6th, the students celebrated with an extra recess and by spinning the “Wheel of Misfortune”, which presented an opportunity to have fun with teachers experiencing an “unfortunate event” (Pie in the Face, Bucket of Water, etc). This was a fun way to end the week!

Plowing Match Trip

The students and staff of Arthur Public School would like to sincerely thank both the A.P.S. School Council and Farm Credit Canada Community Funding for contributing funds to support our trip to the International Plowing Match. It was a great opportunity for our students and we sincerely appreciate your help getting there.



Landscaping at APS: A very BIG thank you to our landscapers who are helping to make our grounds look beautiful! We appreciate you volunteering your time.



Food and Friends: We thank our amazing parent volunteers for helping and supporting the snack program at Arthur PS. Each day our students receive a healthy snack provided for them. The Food and Friends program believes in nourishing the bodies and minds of students, and that proper nutrition is the foundation for where strong learning experiences are built. We want to thank Candice Morrison for heading up the snack program for many years at Arthur PS and for being committed to bringing healthy snacks to hungry minds!

Student Council: Our fall Food drive will run from October 10th to October 13th to support the Arthur Food bank. Each homeroom class will be encouraged to collect as many items as they can. This will be a class competition. The class with the most canned food items will win an ice cream sundae party.

The following are our current **most needed items**:

- Pasta Sauce
- Chunky Soup (Habitant)
- Small Canned Soup
- Pasta Side Dishes
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Cold Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Juice
- Jam
- Canned Salmon
- Canned Pasta (beefaroni, etc.)
- Baby food
- Personal Hygiene- toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

Spirit days: Our fall colours spirit day will be October 19th . Students are encouraged to wear red, orange, yellow or brown that day to help celebrate fall.

Halloween: Many schools celebrate Halloween with costume dress up and/or wearing black and orange. Halloween is a day that is not observed by all students or staff. With this, it is considered a choice to participate as are all spirit days. **Costumes:** It is an expectation that school community members avoid using identities and cultures as costumes. This includes appropriative costumes/cultural stereotypes (i.e. cultural garments), black/brown face, transphobic costumes (i.e. man dressed as a woman), body-shaming and objectifying costumes, and costumes that joke about situations that have caused harm. Such costumes perpetuate stereotypes and can cause harm that can further marginalize and oppress community members.

School Website: Continue to check our school website <https://www.ugdsb.ca/Arthur/> for school wide events. They will be listed on the calendar on our website.

Please also continue to check <https://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to participate in the following items currently posted:

- Lunchbox program for Harveys, Pita Pit and milk (ongoing)
- Pizza (until Oct 13)
- Fresh from the Farm (until Oct 10)
- Fall Meat Fundraiser (Oct 5-16)
- School/Sport Trips

Please keep in mind that you should leave the student number cell blank when setting up your child's account on schoolcashonline.

School Council: Our first school council meeting was held on September 14, 2023. The following is our newly elected school council members:

Chair: Margaret Ribey

Co-Chair: Crystal VanGerven

Secretary: Cherlyn Altena

Treasurer: Carly Clark

Playground: Over the past couple of years our school council and school community have been working hard to raise money to install new playground equipment for our students. As you know back in June 2023, our two Gaga Ball Pits were installed, one on each side of our playground. During the planning stages for the new playground equipment, the fundraising committee spent time collecting data to inform their decision with selecting a design to meet the needs of our school population. The fundraising committee which was led by Crystal VanGerven, surveyed our parents/guardians, the staff and the students. As well, they organized fundraisers and allocated the funds to our Playground, in addition to reaching out to many businesses in the community for donations to support this initiative. At this point in time, we would like to share the design for our first phase of the playground which is scheduled to be installed in the Spring of 2024. We would like to extend a special thank you to Musashi for funding the first phase of our playground project. As our fundraising efforts continue, we are approaching our goal to purchase and install a second new play structure on the other side of our yard. If you are associated with an organization that would be interested in donating toward our playground or if you are interested in assisting with any fundraising efforts please contact "Crystal VanGerven" <crystalvangerven@icloud.com>.



Winter Coats are available, no cost, at The Arthur Fire Hall
Saturday October 28 2023 8am to 12noon



Community Resource for Centre Wellington, Wellington North, Minto and Mapleton Townships

Is a great resource for families that may need some support. Their Website can be accessed using this link: <https://communityresourcecentre.org/outreach-support/>

Below is some information from their website:

Our outreach program offers community-based information, resources, and support to low-income individuals in Centre Wellington, Wellington North, Minto, and Mapleton Townships. The focus is on supporting those most in need in the community while promoting self-sufficiency and community involvement.

In each of our support programs, we work under the vision that we reside in a community where every member has the opportunity to succeed. To make that vision reality, we provide resources and support for community members. Our Outreach and Support programs do this by working alongside individuals and families to help them address the needs that pose the most significant challenges to their ability to move forward and remain successful in our community.

Programs offered:

Financial Assistance

Information & Referrals

Wellington Transportation

Government Advocacy & Information

Homelessness & Support

Income Tax

Summer Recreation

Backpack Program

Winter Wear Program

Adopt-A-Family

Visit the website <https://communityresourcecentre.org/outreach-support/> for details.

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT WEEK 1: PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Is your child struggling with attending school? We are here to help! Throughout the month of October we will be sharing tips and strategies with parents/guardians to help encourage regular school attendance.

This week, we are going to focus on strategies around attitudes and beliefs - try some of these tips at home!

- Keep in mind that attendance issues can quickly escalate. Parents/guardians need to intervene and reach out for support as early as possible before it becomes the norm.
- Keep the expectation in your home of attending school and staying all day. Don't give up. Even if your child is anxious about school, ensure the expectation of regular attendance doesn't change. Work with the issue, not around it.
- Talk to your child to find out what is behind them not wanting to go to school. Anxiety can show up in a lot of ways and one of them can be not wanting to go to school. Encourage your child to talk back to their anxiety! Tell themselves they can do it!
- Ask questions about your child's worries about school. Although you know your child well, try not to assume you know the answers. Keep an open mind. Validate your child's concerns.
- If your child is having difficulty with attendance try setting a goal with them such as if they attend for a certain amount of time, they can have a special treat or do a special activity.

For more information, please visit the UGDSB website:

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/student-attendance-at-school-tips-and-strategies-for-families/>