



Arthur Public School

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Principal's Message:

With the unpredictable weather and playground conditions, please make sure that your child(ren) is dressed for outside play. At times, our play space can be muddy and wet; therefore we encourage students to wear boots and splash pants or snow pants depending on the temperatures. Thanking all parents in advance for helping to ensure that our students have appropriate clothing as we do go outside at both nutrition breaks every day. We also ask that all our students change into their indoor shoes after outside time.



Thank you to our parents for scheduling and attending an interview with your child's teacher. We all know how important it is that we work together as a team to support your child in achieving many successes throughout their elementary school experience. Your child(ren) continues to be involved in exciting and rewarding learning experiences. The time that you and your child spend discussing and identifying goals for the second half of term one is a valuable investment in helping them to plan for improvement and success in term one.

As the winter break is fast approaching, the APS staff would like to extend a special thank you to our parents for the support that you offer your child(ren) and their teachers each and every day. We appreciate the many volunteers that help to make school trips, snack and lunch programs, etc. be a part of our school community. Our teachers have been communicating with you through various means about what is happening in your child's classroom and what learning expectations are being addressed. We hope that you find each class newsletter/posts and/or school agenda informative, and good communication tools to be used between home-school to help us work together to support your child's learning journey.

To our School Council and all our parents, we want to thank you for ALL your support in helping us and your child(ren) through the learning process. We are so proud of our school community as the participation and support in education continues to be very much appreciated. Parents, students, staff, you are all part of a great TEAM! Thank you and enjoy the holidays.

Happy Holidays! We wish you health and happiness.

Ms. Barrow, Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. Brunkard





Snow in November.....We had our first real snowfall at the end of November. This brought lots of fun and laughter to our playground. It was so nice to see the students bundled up with their snow pants, winter coats, boots, hats and mitts. The shovels were out with many of our students to dig, build and create. The students still enjoyed playing gaga ball in the pits with all the snow. The APS students are very creative and always find ways to play and have fun at recess.

Snow Safety: Forts and tunnels are fun to build, and the recent snow fall provides enough white stuff to do this. Forts and tunnels built at the side of the road spell impending disaster. Passing snow plows and the debris and ice they push can be dangerous for a child who can be buried or struck indirectly or directly. These incidents often happen in the early morning or evening when it's dark and children are playing. Plows are loud and the driver's visibility is minimal. Never assume a plow operator can see you. Please remind your children to play safely, and tell them that tunnel building is not a safe play activity. Let's keep all our children safe this winter.

Snowball Boards: We know that often with snowfall comes the temptation of making snowballs to build and throw. As we know, throwing snowballs can be dangerous and we do not allow students to throw snowballs. Having said this, we also recognize that in a school environment it is very difficult to manage this expectation. As a result, some students designed snowball boards that are placed in specific areas on the playground that will allow students to throw snowballs at the targets. Our hope is that by providing students with a structured space where snow can be thrown, we will contribute to a safe playground environment. We will continue to focus on safety and spend time with reminders for safety and work to develop games that can be played while engaging in throwing snow at the boards.



Indoor Shoes: Parents are asked to send indoor shoes or an extra pair of running shoes for their child. Not only is it unhealthy and dangerous for students to walk around the floors of the school in socks, we want students to be prepared in the event of an emergency where we have to exit the school building.

Student Safety - Important Communication Needed on “NO BUS DAYS”



Please remember to contact the school if your child is a **walker** and will not be at school. We make the safety of your children our highest priority, and we have systems in place to ensure our students are accounted for. When we cannot account for a student, we will do everything possible to find them. So, please call the school if your child will not be at school.

School Bus Code of Conduct

Our school bus drivers are trained professionals who are committed to providing a safe environment for your child while they are traveling to and from school. Please share the following information with your child(ren) and encourage them to respect safety first when traveling on the bus.

- follow the direction of the bus driver
- be at your stop at least 5-10 min. before your pick up time
- stay seated in assigned seat
- no eating, drinking or using inappropriate language
- keep books, lunch bag and school bag on your lap



Remembrance Day: Arthur P.S. once again participated in the Legion competitions. Thank you to Linda Tremble for inviting our students to engage in demonstrating their learning about Remembrance Day through words and pictures. Below is a picture of all the APS winners. Congratulations to: David L., Alex M., Avah K., Addie G., Chloe P., Zoey P., Cohen H., Mackenzie S., Gavin L., Paisley S., Kaitlyn J., Emory S., Naomi H., Tayla G. Alyssa H.,



Book Fair: Thank you for your enthusiasm for reading and support for our school book fair. We really appreciate all of the student excitement this year. It ended up being a great fundraiser! We look forward to adding more resources to our library.

School Council Winter Bazaar

Mark your calendar as Friday, December 8th our school council is planning the annual Winter Bazaar. This is a day where each class has an opportunity to visit the "gift store" to purchase one item per family member for a cost of \$.25 to \$2.00. For our younger students it is most helpful if the money is sent in a zip lock bag with a 'list' of whom they should buy a gift for. Classroom teachers have signed up for specific time slots. There is no guarantee what will be left at the end of the day; however, the school council will make every effort to provide an opportunity for all to shop.

This is where we need your help! If you have any unused items sitting around your home that would make a great gift, we sure could use it. Please drop off your gently used or new items at the school as soon as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please contact Mary Mitchell at 519-848-2829 or emarye@hotmail.ca.

We are all looking forward to some fun shopping at APS on December 8, 2023.

Student Government Upcoming Events

Here is a list of December events from our Student Government that are coming up.

Spirit Day

December 13th - Twin Day

Fundraisers

December 4th to 8th - Candy grams sales 3 for \$1 (money will be donated to the Lions/ Optimist club to support local holiday programs)

December 14th Primary Dance in the gym- food donation or \$1.00 entrance fee (money to go to Arthur Animal shelter)

Holiday Food Drive for the Arthur Lions Club Hamper Program

Begins week of Dec 6th and ends on December 20th.

School Activities

December 11th to 15th Gingerbread activities

Primary colouring activity, Junior gingerbread people, Intermediate gingerbread houses

December 18th to 22nd " Elf on the Shelf Scavenger hunt"

December 18th to 22nd students will enjoy caroling in the gym during the last week before the holiday! Bring your singing voices kids!

Community Support:

Arthur Food Bank can be reached at arthurfoodbank@gmail.com for families requiring assistance or to make a monetary etransfer donation.

Arthur Lions Club Christmas Hamper Program: Applications are available at the Wellington County Learning Centre at 148 George St. Application Deadline is December 8th.

Donations to this program can be made at the Arthur Branch of the TD Bank.

Donate today!



Christmas Food Drive

Donations from all Arthur & Kenilworth area schools will be weighed and the school that donates the most kgs per person will be declared the winner!*

DECEMBER 1-20, 2023

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**SEND NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS TO
SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD!**

Spread the Joy!

***A monetary donation will be made to the Arthur Food Bank on behalf of the winning school**



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