



Arthur Public School

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March News

We never thought that we would be saying dig out the splash pants and rubber boots this early in the year. From very large snow hills to puddles, mud and ice over night has left us wondering what is yet to come? With this being said, it is so important to make sure that your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for school each day. It's a good idea to be checking the weather often to make sure we are dressed for the weather. Checking the weather with your child and discussing the range of temperature is a great life skill.

The next four months are very important as students' skills in all subject areas continue to develop. It is important that students continue to apply themselves at school and complete their homework as well as daily assigned tasks. Daily reading at home is a must to improve fluency. Practicing those basic math computation facts are also key to strengthening and building strong math understanding.

We do recognize that after school and home time can be very busy so even if each family can find time to reinforce the importance of math and literacy skills will help strengthen not only the learning process but also the relationship between school and home. You can do this by literacy and math applicable to everyday life as this certainly helps students see why literacy and numeracy skills are so important.

As March break is approaching quickly, we would like to wish all our APS families an enjoyable break!

Ms. Barrow
Principal

Mrs. McCabe
Vice Principal

Mrs. Brunkard
Office Coordinator

Staff Updates

Ms. MacInnis and Ms. Haddock are both on maternity leave now. Please join us in wishing them both well as they await the birth of their first child. With these leaves, we have been interviewing to fill these two teaching positions. At this time, we would like to welcome the following new teachers to APS: Ms. McCracken who will be teaching our grade 5/6 class and Ms. Shave who will be teaching our grade 7/8B class.

Change in April PA Day

The school board has made the decision to move the PA Day originally scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024, to Monday, April 8, 2024.

We are making this adjustment due to the fact that the solar eclipse is set to occur during school dismissal, when students will not have full supervision and will be traveling home.

This decision is being made by the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board, and is in line with similar changes announced by other school boards.

Check School Website, Calendar and Schoolcashionline

Remember to check <https://www.ugdsb.ca/Arthur/> for updates and school wide events on the calendar. Also check <https://ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> for fundraisers, school trips, lunchbox, milk, pizza etc

Upcoming Fundraisers

Please keep an eye out on <https://ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> for the following items:

- School Councils Spring Meat Fundraiser will run March 8-22 proceeds go towards the playground fund.
- Watch for our next Krispy Kreme Fundraiser with pick up on June 18
- Milk and Pizza orders for April 1- June 21 2024 will be available to order March 7-21st.
- Donations for our playground will soon also be accepted through <https://ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



What is happening in Grade 3/4.....sharing Kindness all across Canada!

Thank you Ms. Hustler and your grade 3 and 4 students for sharing in this month's year letter!

In keeping with the theme of Kindness, these hearts are the result of a project we have been working on as a class in building resilience and sharing kindness, while learning about the provinces and Territories in Canada. The goal of this project is for students to begin to think outside of their own experiences and realize how much their heartfelt wishes, words of encouragement or kind gestures can impact others, and will hopefully encourage them to continue to spread kindness.

Pink Shirt Day:

On February 28 all schools in the Upper Grand District School Board dressed in PINK to show awareness of anti-bullying. APS saw lots of PINK at school!!

Black History at APS

Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present, during Black Heritage, Black Brilliance, Black Futures Month. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history. Thank you to our intermediate students for preparing our morning announcements to recognize many Black Canadians and share their story with all the students at APS



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.



Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the school at 519-848-3793 and leave a message on the attendance line if your child is not going to be at school. We need to hear from each family if your child is not attending school, so we know they are safe.

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

Spring Student Government News

Spring Door Decorating

March 4th to 8th -each class is to decorate their door in a spring theme. They will use recycled materials and brown paper as the backing. This is going to be judged on Friday March 8th at 2nd recess.



Rainbow Colour Day is March 4th

Break out your favourite rainbow colour to dress up for the day.

Candygrams and Guessing Contest

Candygrams sales will begin again from March 18th to 22nd (hersey kisses)

Students will be able to buy candygrams to send to their friends.

They will be 5 for a dollar or 50 cents each. They will be sold at 2nd recess everyday for the week.

Talent Show

Talent show sign ups will be taking place this week and next week. Auditions will take place after March break.



Food and Friends

On March 1st, 2024 Arthur Public School participated in Live Free by having a Beach Day theme and selling **smoothies as a fundraiser**. Thanks to all our APS Patriots for participating in raising money for our Snack Program. In addition, thank you to our volunteers for giving freely of their time to make smoothies for our students to enjoy!



Playground:

As you know, 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. 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. Crystal VanGerven has been leading the Playground Fundraising Committee. She surveyed our parents/guardians, the staff and the students to inform our decision around the playground selections for both our primary structure and our junior intermediate Ninja Design. In addition, our two gagaball pits were installed last school year and our students are very engaged in playing this new game.

The Fundraising Committee has been reaching out to many businesses over the past couple years for donations to support this initiative. We would like to extend a special thank you to Musashi for funding the first phase of our playground project. We are getting very close to reaching our fundraising goal in order to install phase two. As our fundraising efforts continue, we are in the final stretch to obtain our goal to purchase and install a second new play structure on the other side of our yard. With a goal of **\$300,000.00**, to date, our fundraising efforts have secured **\$286,906.16**. We are continuing our fundraising efforts with only **\$13,093.84** left to meet our goal. If you are associated with an organization that would be interested in donating toward our playground or if you are interested in a personal donation you can do this by donating on Cash on Line, click the link below :

<https://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Community Members can also donate using this link

<https://ugdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/80573/64/False/True>

Below are the images of both playgrounds.

Junior/Intermediate (Grade 4-8)



Primary (K-3)





walker

Soil & Mulch Sale

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

10 am to 2 pm

Arthur Public School

155 Conestoga St. N, Arthur

Cash only

Limited Product Available

All Proceeds towards the Arthur Public School Primary Playground

