

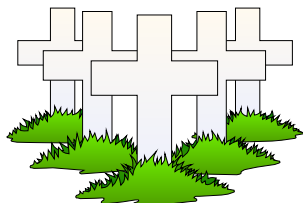
Arthur Public School

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November 2011



Remembrance Day is always a very important day in the life of our school, our community and our country. This year the staff and students in JK - Grade 8 will once again join the Arthur community at the Cenotaph to participate in our community's Remembrance Day Service.

To prepare for this community experience, our Arthur Public School staff and students will be involved in Remembrance Day learning activities prior to November 11 so that our trip to the Cenotaph will be a meaningful experience.

Classroom teachers will be sharing further information and details in regards to this experience early in November and will be asking for parents to volunteer and walk to the Cenotaph with our classes. Students will be leaving the school by 10:45 to arrive at the cenotaph for the 11:00 ceremony.

Poppies will be available in the school office. Cash donations to the Arthur Branch #226 are appreciated.

School Safety Check

- ✓ Please continue to let us know if your child will not be attending school or will be late.
- ✓ At the end of the day, please arrange to meet your child outside the school.
- ✓ Park in designated spots to ensure that bus and fire routes are clear at all times.
- ✓ Visitors are asked to always sign-in at the office.

Bus Information

Please let us know, through a note or a phone call, if your child will not be on the bus at night. Students are not allowed to change buses or go home with other students on their bus.

Please review with your child the Code of Conduct for riding buses.

Upper Grand District School Board Bus Code of Conduct

1. Follow the directions of your driver.
2. Be at your bus stop 5 minutes before your pick-up time.
3. Stay seated while the bus is in motion.
4. No smoking, eating, chewing gum or swearing.
5. Keep books, lunch boxes and other bulky items on your lap.
6. Students are responsible for any deliberate damage done to the bus.
7. Whenever possible, leave the last row of seats vacant.
8. Personal radios may be used with earphones.

Consequences

- 1st Incident - Driver warns students.
- 2nd Incident - Student assigned a designated seat.
- 3rd Incident - Principal/Vice Principal is notified.

Further Incidents - Principal or Vice Principal notifies parent ; bus privileges may be suspended.

Serious Incident - Suspension of Bus Privileges and parents may be called to meet with the bus operator and Principal or Vice Principal at the school with their child.

Together, a plan would be developed to ensure safety for all.

Inclement Weather Procedures

You reside in the North Wellington area. At different times during the year, dense fog, icy roads, or snowy weather may result in the cancellation of school buses. The announcement will be broadcast over radio stations CKNX (FM102 Wingham), CHYM (570 Kitchener), CKKW (109 Kitchener) and CJOY (1460 Guelph). Our school will be open if buses do not run, you, as the parent, need to decide if it is safe to drive your child(ren) to school on a no-bus day. Please note, if the buses are cancelled in the morning, you will need to make arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the day.

Visit the Upper Grand District School Board Website...

www.ugdsb.on.ca

You will find information about school bus cancellations on inclement weather days and lots of information that pertains to our schools.

Grade 8 Quebec Trip

An information session was held in October. At the time of the newsletter printing, we do not know if we have enough students to make this trip possible. However, in order to take advantage of the opportunity to raise funds towards the trip by selling poinsettias, we are going ahead with this fundraiser. If necessary, we will use the proceeds to reduce the cost of an alternative trip or graduation activity. We are encouraging all Grade 8 students to participate and sell these beautiful holiday plants and wreaths. All proceeds raised by each student will be used to offset the cost of their personal trip. The proceeds of sales to staff and the school community will go towards the general trip fund.

Our Christmas poinsettia program is an excellent and successful program. Families are encouraged to purchase these lovely poinsettias as part of their planning for the Christmas season. Parents are encouraged to visit Waterloo Flowers' website at <http://www.waterlooflowersltd.com> to view the colour options available. You can order your plant from any Grade 8 student or send the attached order form to school with your child. Wreath orders are due Nov. 1 and poinsettia orders are due November 4. Please stay tuned for information about date and time for pickup.

Just a reminder that registration forms and \$100.00 deposit to confirm your son/daughter's spot for our Grade 8 Quebec trip are due by November 18. Initial deposits can be post-dated no later than January 13, 2012. We require a minimum of 35 students to keep our quoted price.

If your child is unable to participate in this trip due to financial constraints, please contact Mrs. Soule as we are able to apply for some financial assistance. Fundraising also allows students to offset the cost of their trip. In the past, we have had students who have fundraised to cover most, if not all, of their trip.

Thanks for your support,
Mr. Peeters

Parent Conference Day

On November 10th your child will bring home their Progress Report. This report will outline how your child is doing at this time, and outline the next steps to keep them moving in the right direction.

On the November 18th, Parent Conference day, all parents will be invited to come to the school to meet with their child's teacher. This will be an excellent time to discuss the next steps for improvement for your child to continue to progress.

Look for more information to come home on this soon.

Book Fair

We will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair from November 18 until November 25 in our library. Students will visit the Book Fair during their regular scheduled library period. Parents are invited to visit the Book Fair during this time. The Book Fair will also be open on the PD day on November 18 for parents and students. Students will receive a reminder of this event the week prior to their visit. This is a major fund raiser for our library resources and we thank you for your support.

Cell Phone Use At School

Just a reminder that cell phones should not be carried around the school or turned on during the school day. Please refer to our school code of conduct which can be found online or in our Parent handbook.

We encourage students not to bring expensive electronics to school and can not be responsible for damage or theft to these items.

Character Education

Last month we focused on giving back to our community by participating in collecting and donating food products for the Arthur food bank as part of the Drive Away Hunger Campaign.

Thanks to your support we donated 343 lbs of food.

The Grade Sixes will be participating again this year in an Inter-generational Program at Caressant Care. The students are involved in a variety of activities with the staff and patients at Caressant Care.

Our character trait for the month of November is Respect. During class lessons and discussions, as well as messages on our morning announcements, students will be reminded of the need to demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the environment.

Random Act of Kindness Day

Arthur Public School students and staff will be participating in the annual Random Act of Kindness day on Friday, November 4th. This is a day where we focus on those positive interactions within our school with the purpose of making others feel good about themselves and others. These kind acts will be done with no expectation of payback, instead they will be done with the expectation of "pay it forward". Kind acts have a way of spreading and making our whole community feel the positive effects of kind deeds. Please join us in celebrating this day. Here are some examples of what we might see:

Invite a person you don't normally play with to join in a game.
Hold open the door for a large group of people.
Compliment others.
Send someone a friendly note.
Go and help a neighbour rake leaves.
Comfort someone who is sad.

A Reminder

Now that colder weather is with us, please make sure that children are properly dressed for coming to school and for being outside during nutrition breaks. Your help and support in ensuring that students arrive at school ready to learn is most appreciated.

Snack Help

We have been very fortunate to have had several people volunteer to help with our daily healthy snack program. We can always use more people who are willing to help out even on an occasional basis. Please give Mrs. Soule a call if you can help.

As well as providing all students a healthy snack for all students each day, we also provide food for students in emergency situations and for students who do not have enough food to eat. These students are served a bowl of cereal and milk as well as a fruit.

We are continuing to look for ways to help support our program either through financial donations or through donations of food. We will gladly accept donations of non-perishable foods such as boxes of cereal (Cheerios, Shreddies, Life, Bran Flakes) whole grain crackers (whole wheat soda crackers, Triscuits, Goldfish crackers, Bretons etc).

At this time of the year, we are purchasing a large quantity of apples and pears. If you know someone with a fruit orchard who would be willing to donate fruit or provide it at a reasonable cost, please let us know.

Monetary donations, made to the Learning Foundation, can be directed towards the snack program. A tax receipt is issued for donations.

Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 2.

Students are invited to purchase a Christmas gift for immediate family members. The majority of items are available for a quarter or two.

Some items are a loonie or toonie and we will make change as required.

**Please mark your calendars to send money
with your
child(ren) on the day of the bazaar**

We are looking for items. Are you cleaning out to decorate for a new season? Send your past treasures to be recycled into gifts - toys, household nicknacks, books, videos, BBQ utensils, kitchen gadgets, pictures and frames, jewelry boxes, tool box extras, shop tools, and anything else you can think of - to help our kids purchase special gifts for family members.

Note: Only new hats and new stuffed animals (with tags still on) will be accepted. Extra wrapping paper, gift bags and tags are also appreciated so students can go home with their surprises ready to go under the tree!

We are looking for volunteers to set up on the Thursday prior, and to help children while shopping at the Bazaar. We would appreciate any time that you are available, please contact Shelia Bauman at 519-848-2302 or sbauman9@Eastlink.ca.

School Council Meeting
Monday November 21, 6:30PM
Everyone Welcome

Parent Support Group

An education/support group offered by Trellis Mental Health and Developmental Services for parents/caregivers of children ages 6-12 struggling with challenging behaviour is offered free of charge at Arthur Public School. Workshops will be offered on November 9 and 23 from 6:30 to 8:00.

If you would like more information, contact Merrilyn Downey 519-323-4004.

October at Arthur Public School

October events included the Cross Country Running team, Wear Pink- cancer and antibullying campaign, Student Council elections, Hallowe'en Dance for Grades 6,7, and 8, Primary Hallowe'en Costume Parade at Caressant Care, Healthy Snack Program, Soccer Tournaments, Picture Day, Grade 8 Career Pathways workshop, Grade 7 HepB and Meningitis, International Walk To School Day, Drive Away Hunger food drive, Green Legacy Tree Planting, Grade 8 Quebec Trip Information Meeting, Evening Reading Programs - Time2Read and Read4Success

School Lockdown Drills

In the interest of student safety, the Upper Grand District School Board has directed all schools to conduct at least one Lockdown drill each school year. A lockdown is used when it is suspected that an intruder has entered the school and poses a threat to the safety of our students and staff. Detailed procedures have been developed in conjunction with our local police services and provided to all schools as part of our emergency procedures manual.

In a lockdown, students and staff are directed to secure areas where doors can be locked and the children are kept out of sight (such as classrooms). No one may leave their secure area until they receive an "all clear" from the authorities.

In planning to do a drill, we can ask the local police to monitor and assist us, and we will also hold one if we are asked to do so by the local police. Before a drill is held we will inform our School Council and give advance notification of the date and the time to our parent community. Students and staff will be instructed on what they are to do when a drill is held. Lockdown drills will become familiar to students just like fire and tornado drills which we are also required to do every year.

Arthur Public School held Lockdown drills last year and the students understood and followed the directions provided by school staff. Our lockdown drill will occur in the last week of November. If you have any questions or concerns about Lockdown drills, we would be happy to discuss them with you.

School Spirit Wear

Once again we will be offering parents the opportunity to purchase school spirit wear. Order forms will be sent home with each student. Orders due November 3..

If you would like to purchase school clothing for gifts, please send your order to the office and mark it clearly as a "gift". We will then contact you when your order arrives.

Arthur Public School is Writing a Song!

On November 7th and 8th, childrens' performer and song writer Bobby Boogaloo will be visiting APS for a two day song writing workshop. The two day workshop will begin with a concert for all students. After the concert, Bobby will be visiting classrooms and working with students to brainstorm and write lyrics for our own school song. At the end of the second day, he will gather the whole school together to sing together our new school song. The song will also be recorded and the school will receive copies so that we can play and sing our song at future assemblies and school events. A copy of our song will also be posted with other school songs on Bobby Boogaloo's website.

www.bobbyboogaloo.com).

We are very excited to be able to create a song that celebrates all the wonderful things about Arthur Public School. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Project Christmas Child

This year our school has decided to focus on raising funds for Haiti through Free the Children. However, we would like to support the efforts of local churches who are participating in Operation Christmas Child this year to help to give a child a gift who otherwise may not receive a gift. We will be collecting items for both male and females from ages infant to 16 years of age. School supplies, hygiene items, small toys, jewelery and hair accessories are all great gifts. The deadline for donations is Friday, November 25th.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2011</h1>						
		1 Day 4	2 Day 5 Pizza Day Grade 8 visit WHSS	3 Day 1 Big Kid Irene Production Chicken Pickup	4 Day 2 Pizza Day	5
6	7 Day 3 Bobby Boogaloo Concert and Song Writing	8 Day 4 Bobby Boogaloo Concert and Song Writing Gr. 5 Scientist in Classroom	9 Day 5 Pizza Day	10 Day 1 Progress Reports Go Home	11 Day 2 Remembrance Day Pizza Day Fergus/Elora Volleyball Tournament	12
13	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Career and Trades Workshop	16 Day 5 WE Day - Waterloo Pizza Day Skills Canada Presentation	17 Day 1	18 PD Day	19
20	21 Day 2 Book Fair Begins	22 Day 3 Dental Screening	23 Day 4 Pizza Day	24 Day 5	25 Day 1 Jr. Volleyball Tournament Pizza Day Lego Mechanics	26
27	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4 Pizza Day Month End Assembly			