

Arthur Public School

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June 2024 News,

Here we are at the end of another school year. It certainly has been a busy, exciting and rewarding year. Many students are looking forward to their summer time away from school but there is also so much excitement about the next school year. As you know our school council and school community have been working hard with Arthur Public school to make improvements to our school playground and we are seeing the transformation.

Over the past two years we have been so fortunate to see the installation of two gaga ball pits, a storage bunker for recess/PDA/gym equipment and our two play structures. I think we all agree that a new playground space is contributing to a fun-filled active space both during the day, early evening and weekends for the students at APS. Our hope is that with added structured play we will see an improvement in positive play among our students and an overall increase in their academic performance.

We would like to take a moment to extend an appreciation to all our volunteers, lunch supervisors, our School Council and dedicated staff for the support, encouragement, cooperation and assistance given generously to benefit all our students. The contributions of everyone is much appreciated!

With the end of each school year, new opportunities present themselves for some staff. Some staff changes for September 2024 are:

Ms. Potter accepted a position at Ken Danby P.S. in Guelph

Mr. Wild accepted a transfer to John Black P.S. in Fergus

Ms. Nauta will be taking a leave for the 2024-25 school year.

As well our LTO staff that will be leaving us are: Mrs. S. Connor, Ms. Shave, Ms. Bilton, Ms. Ruzycski, Mrs. C. Hill. Thanking these staff for their commitment to student learning and to the APS community: We wish them all every success in the future!

We would also like to welcome the following staff who will be joining the APS team in September: Mr. Bachus, Mr. Gibbons and Ms. Marsden.

This year would not be complete without congratulating our grade 8 graduates and welcoming all our new incoming students and their families. To our grade 8 graduates; remember to always be proud that you are graduates of Arthur Public School, because we are so very proud of you. You have enriched all of our lives with your presence and leadership contributions to the school. I do hope you travel far and wide, accomplish amazing things, and fulfill your dreams. We wish you success at highschool and beyond.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Barrow
Principal

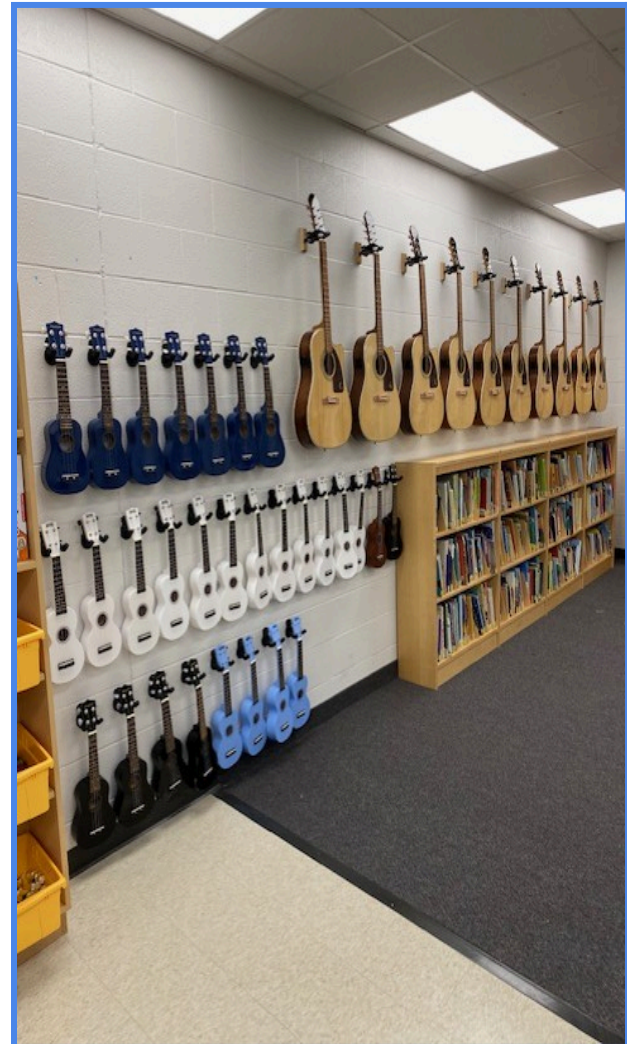
Ms. McCabe
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Brunkard
Office Co-ordinator

VP McCabe is on the move...After arriving at Arthur Public School as Vice Principal in September 2023, VP McCabe has devoted her time and energy supporting students, staff and their families. VP McCabe will always be remembered at APS for her musical flare that she brought to life at APS. Our students thoroughly enjoyed learning to appreciate music. The students were fully engaged as they learned to play the ukulele and guitar. It is with mixed emotions that I have to say goodbye to VP McCabe; however, I would like to invite all the students, staff and community to join me in congratulating VP McCabe on her new position with the Simcoe Board of Education. VP McCabe and her family have been in the process of planning a family move to a new area. Although we are sad to see her go, we are all very proud of her many accomplishments within the Upper Grand District School Board as a teacher, program lead and vice-principal. VP McCabe's contributions to Arthur Public School are endless, and she will be missed a great deal.. Please join me in wishing Anneke McCabe well as she transitions to a new community and new school!

Best wishes, VP McCabe and stay in touch.

With VP McCabe on the move, the board has appointed Ms. Lewis to the position of vice-principal at Arthur P.S. Ms. Lewis will be joining us from the Peel District School. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Lewis to Arthur Public School.





Mrs. McCabe is Retiring!

Congratulations Cheryl McCabe on your retirement! Mrs. McCabe has been such a dedicated educator in the Arthur community. Many students have been taught by her, and we are sad you are leaving us! We know that you will enjoy your retirement with Mr. McCabe and your children. Mrs. McCabe has taught at Arthur PS for over 22 years, and has been an impactful teacher on the staff, always sharing her wonderful classroom ideas and inspiring so many students. Mrs. McCabe's hard work, and enthusiasm towards education has been encouraging for everyone around her. Many staff have learned so much from working with Mrs. McCabe. We know you will be missed by so many of your students. Please come back and visit us, we would all love to have you as our supply teacher. We hope you have a happy and relaxing summer!

Primary Playground



Our primary students are busy every recess exploring the many aspects of the new play structure. We are so happy to have this addition to our playground. The staff and students are so appreciative for all the hard work that went into fundraising as well as the many community donations to make this project possible.

Junior Intermediate Playground

We continue to wait anxiously for the completion of our J/I play structure. Unfortunately, the weather has slowed the installation of this project. We are looking forward to seeing this addition to the playground in the near future. A special thank you to Musashi for funding this project.

Final Report Cards

The final report cards were sent home with students today (June 26). The electronic copy will not be available to access until the beginning of July. Please take time to review your child's report card with them and celebrate their successes. As well, take time to set goals for next school year.

Snack Program, Pizza and Special Food Days

Thank you to everyone who has supported our snack program this year! We could not run the program without our volunteers. **Thank you to our 2024 Snack Volunteers: Theresa, Kayla, Raeleen, and Sam!** You have ensured that our students had healthy snacks all year! 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 continue to offer the snack program, pizza days, and also our specialty food days, and having helpful hands and volunteers is what makes it possible for our students!



Moving? If you're moving please let us know. Contact the school at 519-848-3793 to inform us of your moving date. This information helps us to plan for September.

APS School Council:

On behalf of Arthur P.S., we would like to thank all our council members for their contributions throughout this past school year. It truly has been a wonderful group to work with to accomplish many tasks. Please take time to get involved in school life and remember that new members are always welcome to join the school council. The following dates have been set for our school council meetings for the 2024-25 school year:

September 16
November 6
January 13
March 24
May 14

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 plus the 2nd & 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.



FIRST-TIME RIDER SAFETY

TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2024

The First Rider Program is open to both bused students and walkers. This valuable program includes a short video, a question-answer period, and a short bus ride. These sessions are scheduled for 9, 10 and 11am, and are approximately 45 minutes in length.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1, 2024 and closes Aug 20, 2024

Click [Here](#) to register for one of the locations listed below, or visit:
www.stwdsts.ca/first-rider-program

- **Minto Clifford PS - 5804 Highway 89, Harriston**
Host: Cook Bus Lines
- **Elora PS - 288 Mills St E, Elora**
Host: First Student Inc.
- **Sacred Heart CS - 5146 Wellington Rd 27, Rockwood**
Host: Dennys Bus Lines
- **Centennial Hylands ES - 20 School Rd, Shelburne**
Host: Attridge Transportation Inc.
- **Mono-Amaranth PS - 246303 County Rd 7, Mono**
Host: Attridge Transportation Inc.
- **Holy Trinity CS - 487 Grange Rd, Guelph**
Host: Switzer Carty Transportation
- **St. Ignatius CS - 251 Colonial Dr, Guelph**
Host: Switzer Carty Transportation
- **St. Michael CS - 9 McElderry Rd, Guelph**
Host: Switzer Carty Transportation
- **St. Francis CS - 287 Imperial Rd S, Guelph**
Host: Switzer Carty Transportation

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- Please note: all 2024-2025 school year student transportation details will be available after **August 20, 2024** at www.findmyschool.ca/. Parents / Guardians can sign-up for school bus delays / inclement cancellation notifications etc. through the above-mentioned link as well.
 - Follow us on Twitter [@STWDSTS](#)
 - If your child **will not** be riding the bus for the 2024-2025 school year, please call 519-824-4119 to let us know.

**Tuesday
August 27, 2024**

**First-Time Rider
Safety Program
free to all
Students**

**Wheelchair
accessible sites**

**Online
Registration
begins
June 1, 2024**

**Your child's safety
is our priority!**

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2024-2025 CALENDAR



ELEMENTARY Cycle Day Calendar 2024 - 2025

Ministry - Approved

Legend: H - Statutory Holiday P - Professional Activity Day B - Board Designated Holiday

10 Month Employees: First Day - August 26, 2024, Last Day - June 27, 2025

* First day back to school for students - September 4, 2024 # Last day of classes for students - June 26, 2025

Month	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week					# of Instructional Days	# of PA Days
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
August 2024				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	0	0
September 2024	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30					19	1
October 2024		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31		21	1
November 2024					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	20	1
December 2024	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31				15	0
January 2025			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	19	1
February 2025	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28						19	0
March 2025	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					16	0
April 2025		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			19	1
May 2025				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	21	0
June 2025	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30					18	2
July 2025		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31			
Totals																					187	7					

P - denotes Elementary Only PA Day
 P - denotes System-wide PA Day

Meet the Arthur Staff: Please mark your calendar as Thursday, September 19 from 5:30-7:00pm is the night to come to Arthur Public School this fall to meet your child's teachers.

First Day of School: September 4 , 2024

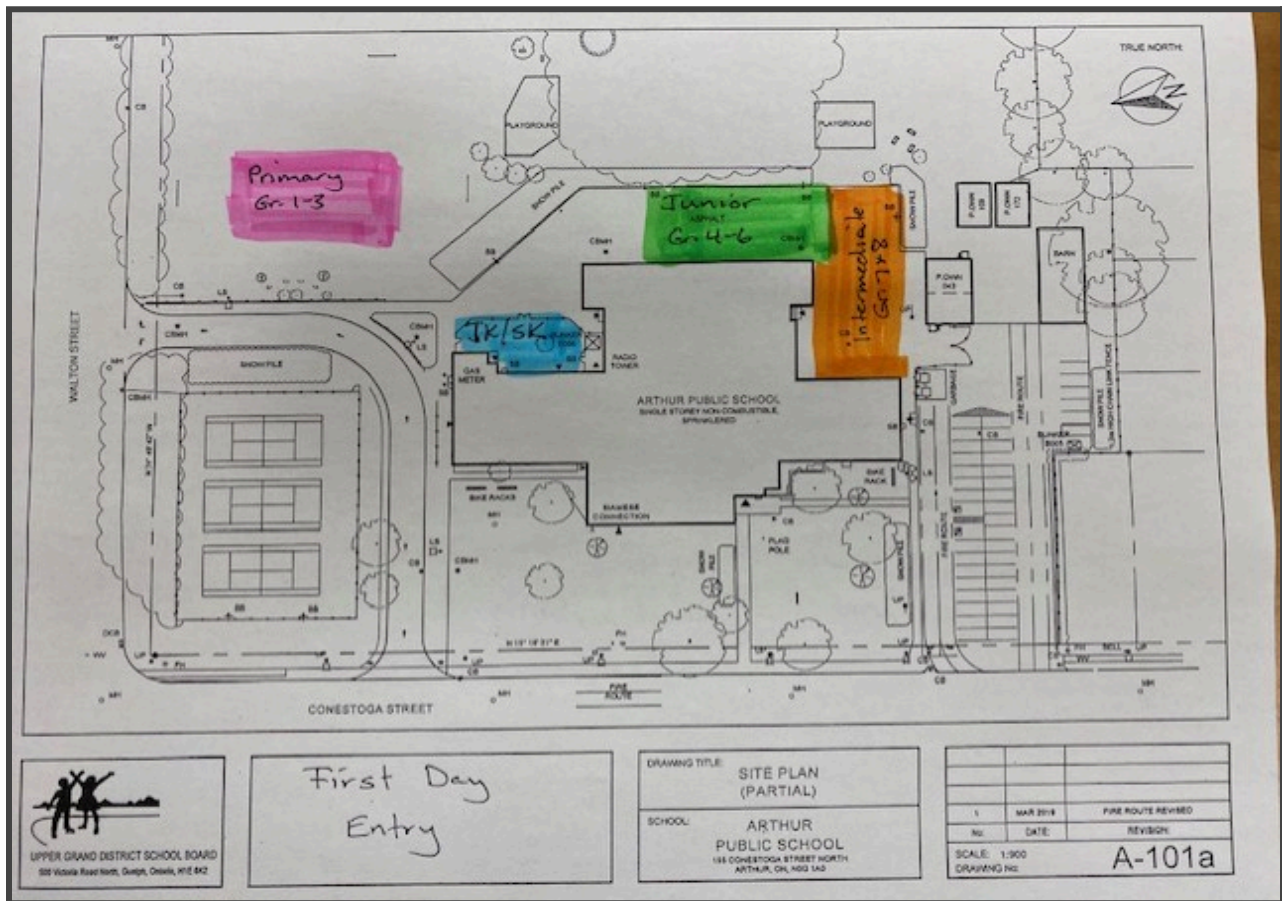
We continue to work towards minimizing disruptions to class organizations; however, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements.

The following locations have been designated to help students find their class on the first day of school: When the bell rings.....9:00 am

Kindergarten Students - report directly to the Kdg rooms
Grades 1-3 - Primary Field
Grades 4-6 - Report to the tarmac area
Grades 7-8 - Report to the tarmac

Inclement Weather Plan:

Kindergarten Students - report directly to the Kdg rooms
Grades 1-3 - report to Primary Hallway
Grades 4-6 - report to Junior Hallway
Grades 7-8 - report to Intermediate



Dismissal is at 3:20 pm and teachers will lead their students outside.

Suggested back to school shopping list.....

Primary Supplies Grade 1-3	Junior Supplies Grade 4-6	Intermediate Supplies Grade 7-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pencil case that will hold • 10 sharp pencils • erasers • personal pencil sharpener (that will hold shavings) • glue stick • pencil crayons/crayons • Ruler • Reusable water bottle • Kleenex • Indoor running shoes <p>Please label all of your child's personal items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duotangs/binder • calculator • 12 sharpened pencils • Kleenex <p>Pencil Crayons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasers • Markers • Glue Stick • Sharpener • Pencil Case • Indoor Shoes • Reusable Water Bottle • Gym Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • duotangs/binder • Math set • Pencils, pens, erasers • Calculator • Colour pencils • Ruler • Sketchbook for art • Lined paper • Graph paper • Kleenex • Indoor shoes and gym clothes

Please no scented markers and check with your children regularly to replenish their supplies as needed.