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## **June News**

As we move into the final weeks of this school year, our focus remains on teaching our students to be kind, caring and inclusive. It is important for our students to continue to develop their skills to be resilient and creative problem-solvers in their academic and social lives. We would like to thank the parents for their support and interest in their child's education and making Arthur Public School the special place it is.

On behalf of the APS staff, we would like to thank the School Council for their continued dedication and hard work throughout the year. The staff and students would also like to thank all the parents and community members who helped support the school to improve our playground with the installation of our two new play spaces.

We want to congratulate all of our students for their continued hard work and commitment to be the best they can be, during classroom and school wide activities. We wish to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning and excellence resulting in the caliber of programs they offer students. As we head into the summer we are inspired by the words of our recent guest speaker Sara Westbrook, "Think about something you are grateful for and keep thinking about it."

We are approaching the finish line Patriots so be sure to stay focused right to the end. Keep up the good work Patriots! Please continue to check the school website during the summer months for any announcements from the Board and School.

We wish all our families a wonderful and safe summer.

**Ms. Barrow**

**Mrs. McCabe**

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♥**Playground:** As you know our Primary Play Structure has been installed and our primary students are busy at recess exploring this new equipment. It is important to note that the play structure is not open before school or after school during dismissal time. At the end of the day, dismissal is a very busy time with our buses and walkers. To ensure a safe dismissal and the safety of students, we ask that all students leave school property at the bell. Parents picking up, please be mindful of our bus lines and the buses in our bus loop as you exit the school grounds. Thanking all students and parents for your attention to maintaining safety at APS.



**Play Structure Expectations:** Please remind your students that the play structures are closed before and after school.

- students must keep their eyes open
- no flip flops
- one person on the slide at a time
- students must slide down the slide (no running or climbing up the slides)
- students are not allowed to climb or sit on top of the rails
- no pushing
- take turns
- rocks/mulch stay on the ground
- if the structure is wet it is not safe to be on
- play equipment (balls) are not allowed while playing on the structure



**Junior/Intermediate Play Structure:** Our new junior intermediate structure is soon to be installed. We are looking forward to accessing this play space before the end of the school year. We have encountered some challenges for the installation with all the recent rainfall. We are still optimistic that the installation will occur soon.

**Sunscreen:** We have experienced some warmer weather lately! We remind parents that students are outside for two 20 minute recess breaks each day. We strongly recommend that parents take appropriate precautions to protect their children from the harmful rays of the sun. Students are encouraged to wear hats, sunscreen and sunglasses when on the playground. Students should apply their sunscreen before coming to school. If they need to reapply at school, lotion is preferred. If spray sunscreen is used during the school day, we ask that students step just outside the exterior doors to spray it on, in order to maintain safety for those sensitive to scents.

**Final Report Cards:** Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, June 26.

**Jump Rope for Heart:** We would like to thank all families and students for participating in this year's Jump Rope for Heart! Together we raised \$650! We reached our Hat Day milestone as well as our wheel of misfortune milestone; thank you Mr. Cox for volunteering for that. We had an amazing Jump Rope Event - it was so nice to see our whole school out jumping together for a good cause.

**Pride Flag** - Arthur P.S. believes that our school is safe and inclusive spaces for everyone. Everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Additionally, regardless of your personal values and beliefs, we all must follow the Ontario Human Rights Code that protects marginalized groups from discrimination and harassment.”



We support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Flying the Pride flag for the month of June is just one of many ways to show our support.



**Trips** - At this time of year we have many year end trips that have been organized. We ask that parents/guardians please keep an eye out for permission forms coming home as well as information from classroom teachers. If you are a parent volunteer on a school trip, please remember that a vulnerable sector check is required in order to be a supervisor. Vulnerable sector checks are available online.

**Talent Show-** Our Talent Show was AMAZING! Thanks to all of our students who performed on stage at this Talent Show. As well, thank you to the stage crew that helped to make the show run smoothly. We must recognize and thank Mrs. Backer, Ms. Farrell, Ms. Bokor, and Mrs. McCabe for all their time and energy to ensure our Talent was a big success.

**School Council BBQ-** Mark your calendar for June 18 as our school council is organizing our annual APS BBQ. With the help of the APS staff, we look forward to an evening together with our APS for dinner, a visit with other families and time to watch the children play and interact with each other.



**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 as well as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6-8pm, for families to pick up food supplies. Please email [arthurfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:arthurfoodbank@gmail.com) to register/book your appointment. Food boxes are pre-packed for families so appointments are necessary.

**IMPORTANT! 🧴 Medication:** If you have medication for your child at school, please stop in at the end of school to take it home for the summer. In September forms will, once again, need to be filled out to have medication administered at school. Any medication not picked up by the end of this school year, will be disposed of before the summer break. Thanks for your assistance.

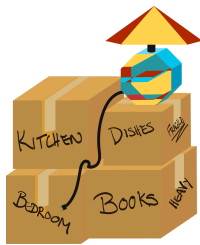
**Student Government-** Friday June 14th will be our Equity and Empowerment day. Students are encouraged to dress in their favourite rainbow colour that day.

The last day of school will be our Canada day ( dress in red and white)

**Grade 4 - Mini Manufacturing Fair** -Mrs. Backer's grade 4 students have been working hard creating their own business and will be selling their business products at the school bbq on June 18th. Products vary from bookmarks, bracelets and hair ties to active games you can play. Prices are from \$1.00 to 5.00 depending on the products selected. The students have been promoting their business with posters around the schools and have surveyed students about preferences and any suggestions. Please come support these young entrepreneurs and see what they have come up with. We thank all the families for their support throughout this process. We hope you enjoy our businesses!  
Mrs. Backer and the Grade 4 class

### **Class Placement Process during a time of Community growth**

Another administrative task that we begin to explore at this time of year is determining the 2024-2025 school organization, and the make-up of classes for next year. Teacher collaboration occurs around determining student placement for the subsequent year. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time determining the best possible placement for each student. Teachers have the expert knowledge about how your child learns, their learning style and work habits, and what kind of social groupings foster their growth. Although the staffing process and student placements begin at this time of year, teaching assignments, school organizations, and student placements will not be finalized until the second week of September. We continue to work towards minimizing disruptions to class organizations; However, student registrations in August may result in changes to class placements. We appreciate your trust and understanding in our professional judgement in the student placement process.



**Are you MOVING?**- If you are moving and haven't yet let us know, please do. It helps us to have accurate numbers when making up classes for next year. Likewise, if you know someone who is moving into the neighbourhood, or who has not registered for kindergarten, encourage them to let the school know that they will be joining us next year. During the month of June, we will welcome our newcomers on our school sign.

**Food and Friends/Snack Program**-Thank you to everyone who has supported our snack program this year! We could not run the program without our volunteers: Theresa, Kayla, Raeleen, and Sam. 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 thank the students who have helped out for the year with cleaning up snack bins and loading our dishwasher. So you can prepare ahead for your child's lunches, we will serve an additional fun snack on these days in June: June 20th Fruit Salad (apple, strawberry, pineapple, banana) with optional vanilla yogurt & plain granola topping - this allows for lactose-free option. June 21st Popcorn, June 24th Tostitos and mild salsa.

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