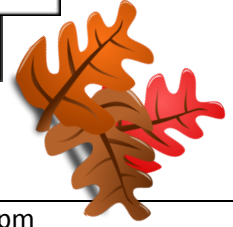


Arthur Hatton Elementary School

October 2020



Important Dates for October

Oct. 8th	Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct. 8th	PAC AGM 11:00am in gym
Oct. 12th	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 23rd	Professional Day (no school)
Oct 30th	Wear your costume

Thank you to our entire school community for contributing to an excellent school start-up. Students are now settled into their classrooms and are hard at work on various projects and activities. Much appreciation to Ms. McKenzie, Ms. Bennett, Ms. August and Ms. Zander for organizing a wonderful Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters on Sept. 30th.

Signing in

Please be reminded that we require your child to sign in at the office when arriving late. Parents can drop off their children at the front door when they are arriving late.

Parking and Drop-off

Please be reminded of the upcoming construction and road work being done throughout October on Chestnut Avenue. Parents may need to take an alternate street to access the school.

Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

Please note that use of any equipment with wheels on school grounds is not permitted. If students bring scooters and bikes to school, they need to walk them on school grounds. This rule applies before and after school bell times as well.

School Assemblies and Presentations

Please note that we are unable to host assemblies and presentations this year due to the new health guidelines we must follow. We will attempt to provide virtual recordings of school events for parents to view.

Weather

Please dress your child for the weather. Our plan is to have all recess and lunch breaks outside unless the weather conditions are very extreme. Students should come to school with appropriate footwear, coats and accessories (mittens, gloves, hats). Be sure to label all outdoor clothing.



Halloween

Students are invited to wear costumes to school on Oct. 30th. Masks and weapons of any kind are not permitted. Classroom teachers will advise families of the specific instructions and/or plans they will have for their classrooms.

We will also be organizing a pumpkin carving display. Students are welcome to carve a pumpkin at home and bring it to the school on Oct. 30th. Please make sure your child's name is clearly labelled on his/her pumpkin. Pumpkins will be displayed for classes to view and then the pumpkins will be taken home on the afternoon of Oct. 30th. Pumpkins can be brought directly to classes on the morning of the 30th. Entry forms will be distributed later this month.

School Messenger App

There are now three categories in the Safe Arrivals app to choose from when notifying the school of your child's absence due to illness. You will be asked whether the absence is due to a respiratory illness, gastrointestinal illness or the broad category of general illness. Distinguishing between respiratory, gastrointestinal, or general category of illness will provide more accurate data to Interior Health regarding seasonal flus and colds affecting the community.

Optional Accident Insurance SD73

For your convenience, we have provided a link for families to voluntarily purchase optional student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance program, underwritten by [Industrial Alliance and Financial Services Inc.](#) This is one option of several to choose from in the Province.

The accident policy that is issued is for "Family Coverage" and benefits an adult, spouse and any number of dependent children under eligibility definitions stated per the attached coverage details and limits. This is blanket coverage and is not restricted or limited to school activities. This insurance is available for any and all family activities.

The cost of the coverage is \$39.95 monthly (for all family members). The product is annually renewed and can be purchased any time of the year for the monthly fee of \$39.95.

[Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#)
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[Benefits Summary](#)

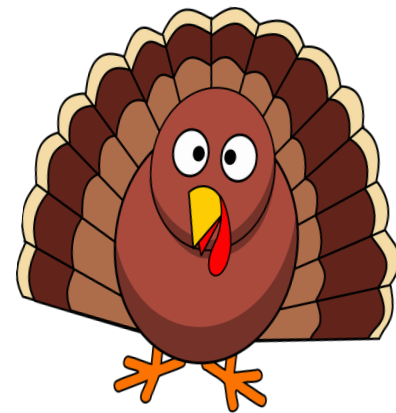
To arrange optional coverage:
Call toll free: 1.800.266.5667 during these business hours, Monday to Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. PST

Email: [Industrial Alliance Insurance](#) or [Dimitrio Nikolitsas](#)
Learn more at: <https://ia.ca/individuals>

Parent Corner

Here are some questions parents can use to initiate meaningful conversation with their children about their school day.

*What was the best thing that happened at school today?
(What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)*
Tell me something that made you laugh today.
Where is the coolest place at the school?
If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
How did you help somebody today?
How did somebody help you today?
Tell me one thing that you learned today.
When were you the happiest today?
Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
Tell me something good that happened today.
What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
Where do you play the most at recess?
Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
What was your favourite part of lunch?
If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?



Happy Thanksgiving