

Arthur Hatton Elementary School

October 2021



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. Chapman, Ms. August and Ms. Zander for organizing a wonderful Truth and Reconciliation – Every Child Matters week this month. A special thank you to Mr. Denby and Mrs. Sweeney for taking students to sell garden produce at the Farmer’s Market this month.

Lunch Program

Please note that if you want your child to receive the lunch program you must sign the form each month. If the form is not returned your child will not receive daily lunch. Paper forms are sent home each month and they can also be picked up at the school office.

COVID-19 Protocols

Please ensure that your child arrives to school each day with a mask. We do not have a large enough supply of extra masks to provide one to students daily.

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.

Pick-up and Drop-off

Please be reminded that dismissal time is at 2:41pm. It is expected that parents/caregivers are here at this time for pick-up.

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 school wide assemblies and presentations this year due to the health guidelines we must continue to follow. We will attempt to provide virtual recordings of school events for parents

to view and possibly host smaller events as well. Thank you to everyone who came to our “Meet the Teacher” evening earlier this month.

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.



Winter Coats

We have a supply of brand new winter coats that were donated to our school. If you would like to access a winter coat for your child, please call the school office and we will arrange for your child to receive a coat.

Important Dates for October

Oct. 11th	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 19th	PAC AGM 1:15pm in library
Oct. 21st	Early Dismissal at 12:41pm
Oct. 22nd	Professional Day (no school)
Oct. 26th	Virtual Come Read with Me 9am and 6pm (for Grade 1 Parents) Return form to receive invite
Oct 29th	Pumpkin Carving Display



Halloween

Classroom teachers will advise families of the specific instructions and/or plans they will have for their classrooms.

We will be organizing our annual pumpkin carving display. Students are welcome to carve a pumpkin at home and bring it to the school on Oct. 29th. 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. 29th. Pumpkins can be brought directly to classes on the morning of the 29th. Entry forms will be distributed later this month.

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 Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance 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?

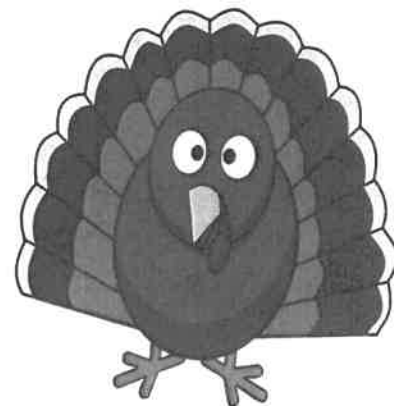
Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?

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