



**ARTHUR FORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

NOVEMBER 2021

**ARTHUR FORD
HOME & SCHOOL VISION**

We Build Futures

MISSION STATEMENT

Arthur Ford, a family school, a community where students, teachers, parents and families work together collaboratively to enhance communication and foster creative thinking in order to achieve the collective goal of laying the groundwork for students current and future successes.

VALUES

Communication, Collaboration, Connection,
Creative Thinking

OFHSA MANDATE

The Best For Each Student



Fall into Fall and Remember!

November is a month of transitions, changes and remembrance. The clocks have moved back - it is nice to have some more light in the mornings and not so nice about it getting darker earlier. The leaves have nearly all fallen and the preparations for winter are all but finished. The tradition of Remembrance will continue, and Canada's Fallen will not be forgotten.

For the Fallen

...They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them....

By Laurence Binyon

Your Home and School Association (and School Council) will like to bring in those November transitions, changes and time to remember with you!

Stay Safe, Be Well and Take Care!

Your Arthur Ford Home and School Association

Lest We Forget

"For those brave who gave their lives so we could live ours..." By Wayne Carter Homes



***"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between crosses, row on row..."***

By John McCrae Canadian poet, doctor, soldier



Join us for our next Joint School Council and Home & School Meeting

When: 1st Monday of the every month

Where: Via Microsoft Teams**

Time: 6:30pm School Council and 7:30pm Home & School

If you have not attended a meeting in the past please send a request to

afhomeandschool@gmail.com ** If you have previously attended, an invite will be sent by e-mail.

Meeting Dates for Home and School (and School Council)...

Wed, September 22, 2021

Mon, October 4, 2021

Mon, November 1, 2021

Mon, December 6, 2021

Mon, January 10, 2022

Mon, February 7, 2022

Mon, March 7, 2022

Mon, April 4, 2022

Mon, May 2, 2022 (AGM)

Mon, June 6, 2022

● *Next upcoming monthly meeting date*

Times:

Home and School Meeting starts at 7:30pm

School Council meeting starts at 6:30pm

Virtual Platform: Microsoft

Teams *(one link for both meetings will be sent via School Messenger by School Administration prior to the monthly meetings)*

Highlights from November 1st, 2021 Home and School and School Council Meeting

2021/2022 School Council Executive Team Members:

Co-Chairs: Deanna Perks and Mary-Anne De Couto-Gatschene

Treasurer: Kim Seguin

Secretary: Sarah Kelly

2021/2022 Arthur Ford Home and School Association Executive Team:

President: Lana –Lisa Coombs-Jackman

VPs: Gail Naraine & Robyn Johnson

Treasurer: Sarah Ruddach

Secretary: Erin Twist

H&S Rep: Kim Seguin

- Volunteers at Arthur Ford: There will be a gradual return of essential volunteers please see the [VolunteerLetter.docx](#) and [Offence&Declaration&Volunteers\(1\).docx](#) for information. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Bonello at t.bonello@tvdsb.ca
- Your Home and School approved request for funds for Forest of Reading Program which will be for the purchase of books for various grade levels and will be available to students via the Library Commons
- Some fundraisers will be allowed once they follow the strict TVDSB criteria's and guidelines and we are happy to report that Hot Lunch will be one of them *(please see below "supporting school needs" section for volunteer details)*
- School Council will be looking to create a Communication guideline and at updating their Bylaws *(please contact School Council for details)*
- For more on Home and School please contact afhomeandschool@gmail.com
- For more info on School Council please contact afschoollcouncil@gmail.com

Check out the Arthur Ford Public School Calendar as it has all the PA days, holidays, school events and special days listed!

<https://calendar-arthurford.tvdsb.ca/Default/Month>

In November 2021 one of the noted dates was on November 11th Remembrance Day *(please see below for details)*

Arthur Ford School Calendar for November 2021

November 1 – [Treaties Recognition Week](#)

November 4 – [Diwali](#)

November 6 & 7 – [Birth of the Bab](#)

November 11 – [Remembrance Day](#) *(please see below for details)*

November 11 – **PA Day**

November 13 – [World Kindness Day](#)

November 15 – [Shine the Light on Women's Abuse](#)

November 15 – 19 & 20 – [Bullying Awareness and Recognition Week](#)

November 19 – [Guru Nanak's Birthday \(Bikrami\)](#)

November 20 – [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

November 25 – [Day of the Covenant](#)

November 26 – **Jersey Day** - *Students are encouraged to wear their favourite TEAM JERSEY today!*

November 27 – [Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá](#)



Remembrance Day

(Click on link above for more details)

November 11th, 2021 was the day to honour and remember Canada's fallen Veterans and help ensure Canadians never forget. For many, the widely known activity (via the [Legion Canada](#)) of the [annual Poppy campaign](#) leads up to Remembrance Day. Legion members and other volunteers distribute tens of millions of Poppies, and gratefully accept donations to raise money in support of Veterans and their families. Most importantly, [take a moment now and then to reflect](#) on the freedoms and peace in your life, and to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for all we have today.

Remembrance Day at Arthur Ford



Staff and students at Arthur Ford set aside time to honour armed force members who fought and died in the line of duty and to reflect on how we can contribute to a peaceful community. Thank you to Ms. Bebee and Mr. Morelli for organizing a beautiful virtual Remembrance Day ceremony.

Advocacy Opportunity

Here is an opportunity for our School Community, School Council members, and Home and School Association members to provide public input into a TVDSB Board draft documents re Trustee Policy and Procedure and other procedures.



TVDSB Board Public Input Request

School Administration has asked us to share this information seeking public input for the following document(s):

- NEW - Trustee Recognition Policy – Deadline: November 23
- NEW - Trustee Recognition Procedure – Deadline: November 23
- REVISED – Records Information Management Procedure – Deadline: December 6
- NEW - COVID-19 Vaccination Independent Procedure for Employees, Trustees and Other Individuals – Deadline: December 17

For details, public input deadlines and contact information, please visit: [TVDSB Board website](#)

Here are some of the Arthur Ford School Calendar Info for December 2021

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
December 6 – **Grade 8 Graduation Photos**
December 6 – **School Council and Home and School Association Meetings**
December 10 – International Human Rights Day
December 20 -31 – **Winter Break Holidays**
December 26 - Death of Prophet Zarathustra



Grade 8 Students and Parents Information and Links



For details and further information
Please click on the links in green

[Information for
Grade 8 Students](#)

[TVDSB Student Portal](#)

[High School Here I Come](#)



[My Blueprint](#)

[Secondary School
Registration](#)

[Find my Local School](#)

[School List](#)

**Virtual High School Tours for
Grade 8 Families
(Parent Information Nights)**

[Check the TVDSB website](#)

[Parent Portal](#)



Planning for Secondary School: What students believe about themselves and their opportunities, and what their peers and the adults in their lives believe about them, significantly influence the choices students make and the degree to which they achieve their goals. Here are some links for planning, course pathways, course types and school supports.

The myBlueprint Education Planner is an online tool available to all TVDSB students (Grades 7-12), teachers and parents to: investigate and research educational options for all pathways (apprenticeship, work, college and university), discover learning styles, explore career interest surveys, plan secondary school courses, set short-term and long-term goals, build resumes and much more.

- [How to register](#) and why register
- [Secondary Student Programs](#)
- [Secondary Virtual Library Learning Commons](#)
- [Course selection guide](#)

- Most high schools will host a virtual tour for families sometime from November - January
- Check each specific secondary school's website for the most up to date information for their tour date(s) and time(s)
- Upcoming virtual secondary school tour(s):
 - **Bealart Virtual Tours For Grade 8 Families**
 - Thursday November 25th - 9:30 am, 1:00 pm, 6:30pm
 - Tuesday November 30th - 1:00 pm
 - Links to the tours will be listed on the [website](#)
 - Links will be posted for each tour just prior to the times posted
 - Check for the link prior to joining

- [Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Article about destreaming](#)
- Ministry of Education Information [Secondary Education](#) and [Curriculum](#)
- Other Important Links:
 - [School Messenger](#) and [Attendance Reporting](#)
 - [Online Payments/School Cash Online](#)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2021 FOREST OF READING NOMINEES!**

For the full nominated lists, visit accessola.com/forest

“You can’t stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes”

- *Winnie-the-Pooh* by A.A. Milne

Supporting Student, Community & Home Needs:

Forest of Reading Program -

This year our Arthur Ford staff continues to focus on our students' ability to read, and understand the text they are reading. Our Home and School is committed to support this goal where the school will be purchasing the Forest of Reading books for the school Library which our students can borrow. The Forest of Reading Program helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 270,000 readers participate annually from their school and/or public library.

We need YOU!

We need YOU! In order to reach our OFHSA mandate of “The Best for Each Student”, we need parents just like you to be the voice for our Arthur Ford Students. Attend our monthly meetings and share your thoughts and ideas!

Mental Health and Well Being Supports

As our children “Return to Learn”, here are some resources to help you with the Mental Health and Well-being for students and families!

Supporting School Needs:

One of the ways the Home and School supports the school needs is by fundraising. This year the school has identified Literacy as one of their needs.

One of our more successful fundraisers is the “**Hot Lunch**” Program and we are happy to say that this year TVDSB is allowing schools to proceed with this. **To get the “Hot Lunch” program up and running we need volunteers** and the below are details of volunteer roles, requirements and time commitments.

Volunteer Roles:

- Co-Leads (a couple of people who will share the lead on coordinating the menu and volunteers, setting up menu on the on the online platform, dealing with the vendors re menu and payments, money collection, set up/coordinate hot lunch days)
- Administrators (couple people to share doing hardcopy paper entry work, updating the online platform, purchase of supplies/snack/drinks, support co-leads, etc.)
- Hot Lunch Days (people who will be able to volunteer on hot lunch days for set up/clean up, and giving out the hot lunch to classrooms etc.)

Volunteer Requirements:

All volunteers in school will need to sign in/out every time at entry, have a police check and/or annual signed declaration form on file, 2 weeks post double vaccination, must provide (one time) visual proof of double vaccination to administration, and must do their daily online screening

Volunteer Time Commitments:

Lunch would be first break, 11:00-11:25 (for the students in the school to eat) and 11:25-11:50 (for students in the portables to eat). Volunteers will be needed at least 15 minutes before (set up) and after (clean up) Lunch.

If you are interested in volunteering for Hot Lunch Program for any of the above roles, please email by Nov 30, 2021 to afhomeandschool@gmail.com

Supporting Student & School Needs:

Our Home and School Values are the 4 c's:

Communication, Collaboration, Connection and Creative Thinking and we are looking for ways we can do this with our Arthur Ford Community.

One of the ways we can do this is by putting a call out for class parent/guardian reps for each class so that it would help;

- 1) Foster communication between parents/guardians at the class level;
- 2) Improve collaboration to/from the class level and the Association and School Administration;
- 3) Ensure that there is connection to/from the class level and the Association and School Administration; and
- 4) Bring your Creative Thinking (thoughts, ideas etc.) to our meetings to help “Build Futures” for our Arthur Ford students

Are you interested in connecting with other parents/guardians in your child’s class, your School Administration and Association? Would you help Home and School foster “The Best for Each Student”? If so please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com.

#WeBuildFutures #ArthurFordFirebirds #ArthurFordPS

The four C's of Possible Dreams: Communication, Collaboration, Connection, and Creative Thinking

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/arthurfordfirebirds

Email:

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AF School Twitter:

[@ArthurFordPS](https://twitter.com/ArthurFordPS)

Fall Crafts for Kids

[Video on How to Make Your Fall Handprint Tree](#)

Or

Steps on How to Make Your Fall Handprint Tree

1. First paint your paper plate green and set aside to dry
2. Cut slits in the bottom of the paper towel roll and tape to your paper plate.
3. Then trace your hand and arm on the brown cardstock so that the “trunk” of the tree is long enough to cover the paper towel roll.
4. Glue your handprint “trunk” to your paper towel roll.
5. Now trace regular handprints with your orange, yellow and red cardstock. You’ll need 5 handprints (1 for each finger) so you can choose which colors gets traced twice. We did orange, red, yellow, orange, and red.
6. Now you can glue your handprints to your tree! Add one to each finger.
7. To cover the tape at the bottom, add some pinecones and sticks for decoration. Glue these down if you want them to be permanent. You may need to use hot glue if you want them to stay permanently. Have adults do this part or use cold hot glue that is rated safe for kids.



Supplies to make a Handprint Tree

Here are the simple supplies you’ll need to make your autumn handprint tree:

- Cardstock – brown, yellow, red and orange
- Paper Towel Roll
- Glue Stick
- Tape
- Paper Plate
- Green Paint
- Pinecones and sticks for decoration