



ARTHUR FORD PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

September 2021

AF HOME & SCHOOL MANDATE

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 Child

Introducing your 2021/2022 Home and School Executive Team

President: Lana-Lisa-Coombs-Jackman

Vice President: Gail Naraine

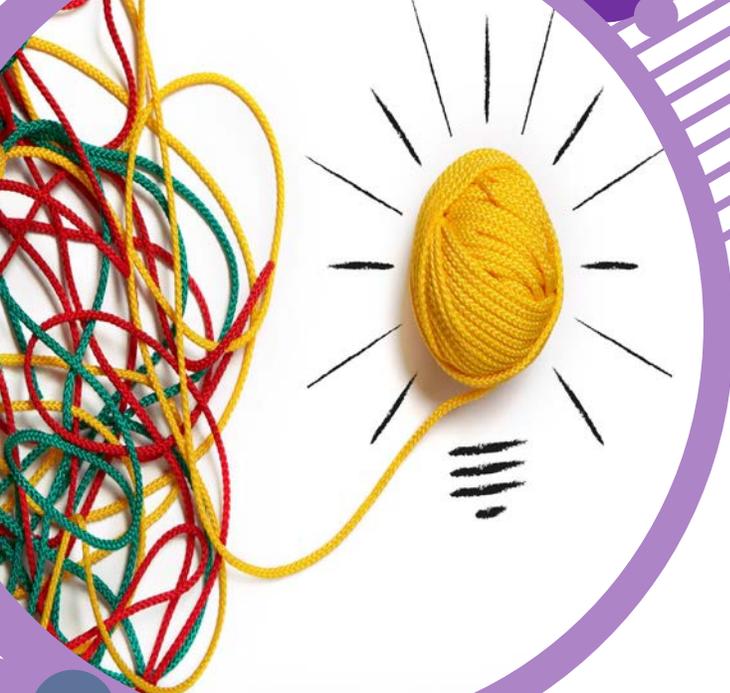
Vice President: Robyn Johnson

Treasurer: Brittany Hopkins (*Interim*)

Secretary: Erin Twist

Home and School Representative: Kim Seguin

Best wishes and best of luck to.....have a fantastic year! Remember Your Home and School Association is right there with you as we continue to navigate these strange challenging times. Always remember you are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem and SMARTER than you think.



WELCOME BACK ARTHUR FORD FIREBIRDS!!!

A very warm welcome back to school to our returning families, our new families, and staff of Arthur Ford! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and that your first week back has been great and you have all started to settle into your new school routines! We are so excited to have you here and cannot wait to help make 2021/2022 the best year you have ever experienced!

This month's Home and School edition is highlighting the Arthur Ford Home and School Association 2021/2022 "Membership Drive Campaign" that we started last year! With the switch to an online platform for meetings it has led to more members being able to attend, an influx of new parents, and the return of members.

In support of our 2021/2022 "Membership Drive Campaign" we want to take this opportunity to provide Home and School membership information and monthly meeting dates. We also want to introduce Home and School to our new families and to provide a refresher for our returning families and volunteers of the differences and similarities of the various groups within our Arthur Ford Community!



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 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

Times:

Home and School Meeting starts at 7:30pm
School Council meeting starts at 6:30pm

Virtual Platform:

Microsoft Teams (*invites will be sent out by the school administration prior to the monthly meetings*)

Please note that our next Home and School Meeting is on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:30pm (and School Council will be at 6:30pm).

For more details on membership and meeting info you can email afhomeandschool@gmail.com

Summary of Arthur Ford Home and School Association Membership Information

Your 2020/2021 Home and School Association currently consists of 31 members and your 2021/2022 Home & School Exec Team is:

President: Lana –Lisa Coombs-Jackman, **VPs:** Gail Naraine & Robyn Johnson
Treasurer: Brittany Hopkins (Interim) **Secretary:** Erin Twist **H&S Rep:** Kim Seguin

Being a member of your Home and School (and/or School Council) allows you to have a voice within the Arthur Ford Community, to vote at meetings, and to be an active member of supporting our school goals and student achievements.

Please consider joining our Arthur Ford Home and School Association (and/or School Council) for 2021/2022.

To support our 2021/2022 "Membership Drive Campaign" and be a Home and School member (to renew or a new membership) the following is a link to the Home and School Association Membership Form and information regarding how you can become a member:

- [H&S Association Membership form](#)
 - Please click on link above or we can provide hard copy of the form upon request. Please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com to request a hard copy.
- Cost of Membership Fee: \$20.00
 - Payment can be cash, etransfer or cheque (*made out to Arthur Ford Home and School Association*)
- How to submit membership Form and Payment* (*you can submit your forms and payments in more than one way*):
 - Please complete the form, scan and forward it to the email address: afhomeandschool@gmail.com
 - You can print your form and submit the completed form with payment to an Exec member via school yard drop off or pick up via, porch drop off at an identified Exec member's home and/or porch pick up upon request. **To make arrangements to do one of these please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com**
 - For anyone who would like to submit payment via etransfer please contact afhomeandschool@gmail.com (**this is not an etransfer account, you must email to make arrangements with the Exec team for the email account**).

Please submit Membership Forms and Payment by September 24, 2021

What are the benefits of being a Home and School member:

- An insight into the educational programs offered to our children and families
- A broader understanding of the educational system
- An independent source of information about educational change
- A voice in the shaping of those changes, at the school, the school board and the province
- Access to advice, training, and resources to help members be informed

For further information on OFHSA Home and School please see the below links:

- [ADVOCACY How OFHSA Members Make a Difference](#)
- [Home & School Association Guidelines](#)

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"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"

-Helen Keller...

ASSOCIATIONS, COUNCILS, and PROGRAMS!!!

One of the most unique things about Arthur Ford Public School is that there are multiple groups that we can be part of in order to get involved in the Arthur Ford Community, to have a voice, volunteer, and help support the school goals and students. Our Home and School (H&S) mandate of "We Build Futures" (Arthur Ford H&S) and "The Best for Each Student" (OFHSA) help support our "Firebirds Burning With School Spirit"!

The following are the descriptions of the various associations, councils and programs.

For more detailed information about them please click on the attached links.

Home and School Association

- Is an independent voice of parents actively supporting public education at the school, school board, and provincial level
- Aims to support children and youth through promoting welfare, care, protection and obtaining the best for each child
- Support the improvement of home life allowing children to flourish both at home and school
- Fostering cooperation between parents and teachers
- Confer and cooperate with organizations other than schools which concern themselves with training of children
- By joining, members can influence public policy, be covered by liability insurance both inside school and at outside venues, leadership training, and many more perks which can be found on the OFHSA & TVCHSA websites: <https://ofhsa.on.ca/about-ofhsa/> and <https://www.tvchsa.com/>

School Council

- Through active participation of parents, purpose is to improve pupil achievement and to enhance accountability of education system to parents
- Achieves these goals by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the board that established the council
- School councils may make recommendations to their principals or school boards on matters in accordance with Regulation 612/00 of Ontario Education Act
- For more benefits of School Council and information: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/school-councils-leadership-guide.aspx> and <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/thames-valley-parent-involvement-committee.aspx>

APPLE Program

- Recognizing the differences in individual learning styles, learning pace and developmental needs, the APPLE program aims to provide a range of opportunities in the curriculum to reflect this diversity
- Children experience a curriculum enhanced by the collaboration of parents, teachers and administration
- Parental participation and cooperative planning in each class increase individual student support and enhances classroom environment
- Collaboration of parents, teachers and administration fosters a sense of community between the school and home
- Believes in creating a community atmosphere of acceptance and belonging which provides students with a sense of security and personal worth while teaching them respect and care for others
- For more benefits of APPLE and information: <https://appleprogram.ca/about/vision-mission-belief/>

#Webuildfutures #ArthurFordFirebirds #ArthurFordPS

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

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