



VICTORY SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are all Treaty People...

At Victory School, these words are a part of how we start each day. Land Acknowledgements remind us that we all live, work and play on Treaty One Territory. The signing of the Treaties was intended to signify a relationship rooted in mutual respect and stewardship of the land by all people. I recently had the privilege to attend a presentation by Niigaan Sinclair, in which he shared that Canada "...was never supposed to be *Indigenous* and *Settler* people. It was always supposed to be *Treaty Family*." This beautifully captures the spirit of Treaty Education.

Today, Treaty Education is being taught in every classroom, across all grade levels. To support this work, schools are engaging in two days of Professional Development – the first was on September 23rd, and the second is on April 11th. We will be collaborating and exploring a variety of learning resources, including those from the [Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba](https://trcm.ca/). If you are interested in learning more about Treaties and sharing this learning with your child at home, the <https://trcm.ca/> is a great place to start!

What's your Treaty story?

-Mr. Volk

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open online at www.7oaks.org. If you or someone you know in our community has a **child born in 2020**, they are eligible to register for kindergarten at their catchment school. Registering early ensures that you will be invited to our Kindergarten Orientation in May and helps us to coordinate with families who have daycare arrangements.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!



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VICTORY SPOTLIGHT

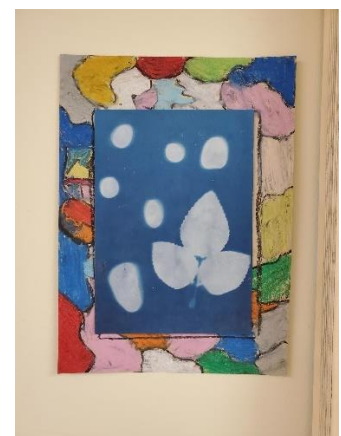
This month's **Victory Spotlight** is from Mrs. McQueen and the Grade 4 students in Room 1:

Room One has been busy learning about light in science this term! We have had many opportunities to experiment and explore light using flashlights, prisms, disco balls, and mirrors. We blended art with science by representing both white light as well as the individual colours of the spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet) in our acrylic swipe paintings! We made cyanotypes (a photographic technique dating from 1842!) using our garden light as artificial sunshine! Our most impressive experiment was growing Annapolis red lettuce in our classroom indoor garden, de-pigmenting the lettuce using a special green filter, and then applying a variety of small pictures to the green leaves and letting the pigment return, transferring the pictures to our lettuce leaves!! Our first picture ready is of a duck!!



CYANOTYPE

Cyanotype is a slow-reacting photographic print sensitive to the ultra-violet and blue spectrum. It's one of the oldest photographic processes discovered in 1842. Room One used the garden light which is white light with the whole colour spectrum.





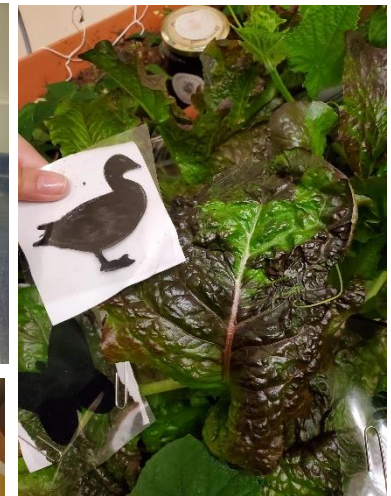
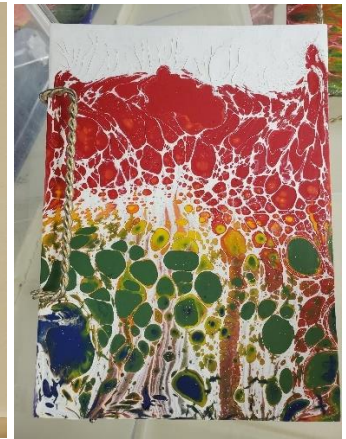
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White Light is a combination of all the colours of the visible spectrum: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Room One did an acrylic swipe using all the colours of the spectrum plus white!





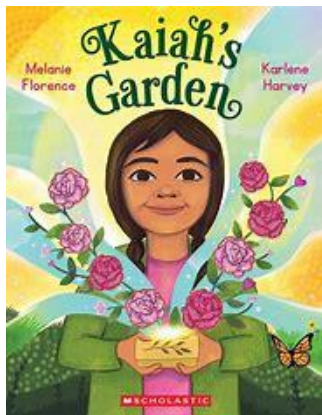
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VICTORY READS

Our April **Victory Reads** title is **Kaiah's Garden** by Melanie Florence, illustrations by Karlene Harvey.



An uplifting story of a girl's connection to her beloved grandmother through the beadwork art they created together.

As she wakes up one dull morning, Kaiah feels as cold and grey as the day. She longs to be with her grandmother again. Kaiah's life doesn't feel right without her. But through Kaiah's treasured bead box - and the beauty it holds - she is with her grandmother, in a garden that is full of colour and love.

This story celebrates the universal love between grandmother and child. Featuring bright, breathtaking illustrations, this book also features the Indigenous tradition of beading.

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS

Nature Walk & Mindful Observations

With the warmer weather finally approaching, find a moment to step outside for a mindful nature walk. Engage all your senses – listen for birds chirping, feel the breeze on your skin, and notice the different colors, textures, and sounds all around you.



How does it feel when the last of the ice crunches beneath your feet?

What animal do you think made the track you see in the mud?

What do you notice as you stare off into the distance?

Try a game of “I Spy” with nature-related items like leaves, clouds, or street signs.

Slowing down to appreciate these small details helps build awareness, reduce stress, and create meaningful family moments.



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MUSIC NOTES



Coming up...

April 9th: 7 Oaks Spotlight Dance Recital

April 17th: You Can Be Anything Youth Choir CBC recording

June 3rd: Annual Victory Talent Show



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		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Spring break March 31- April 4				
SUNDAY	MONDAY					
6	Day 4 7 CLASSES RESUME	Day 5 8	Day 6 9 Rm 1 Swimming Divisional Dance Day POW WOW	Day 1 10 Rm 9 Swimming	11 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	12
13	Day 2 14	Day 3 15 Kindergarten Concert	Day 4 16 Rm 1 Swimming POW WOW	Day 5 17 Rm 9 Swimming	18 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY	19
20	Day 6 21	Day 1 22	Day 2 23 Rm 1 Swimming POW WOW	Day 3 24 Rm 9 Swimming	Day 4 25	26
27	Day 5 28	Day 6 29 Kindergarten AM & PM Fieldtrip	Day 1 30 Rm 1 Swimming POW WOW			

