



ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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We take time to acknowledge that we are here on Treaty 1 Territory, and to honour the Peoples and lands of Turtle Island. Treaty 1 land is on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Inninewak, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. Our water comes from Anishinaabe Treaty 3 territory from the waters of Shoal Lake First Nation #39 and #40.

The electricity powering our community comes from generating stations on river in Treaty territories 1, 3, and 5. The Northern Flood Agreement with five Indigenous communities in northern Manitoba remains unfulfilled.

We are committed to our Treaty relationship. As a school community, we continually reflect on how we are contributing towards reconciliation today and everyday.

A Message From the Principals

Dear Families,

As we near the end of 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on a season filled with togetherness, gratitude, and celebration. As we reflect on the start of the school year, we are filled with appreciation for how smoothly the year began. Our students' enthusiasm, our staff's dedication, and our families' support have created a positive and vibrant school environment. As we approach the new year, we look forward to continuing this momentum. Together, let's keep fostering a love for learning and building a strong sense of community.

Winter introduces its own unique characteristics—cold winds, frosty mornings, and often gloomy skies. However, it is also a season for reflection, a time to pause, share stories, and create memories with family and friends. These moments of connection remind us of the warmth and resilience that help us endure the colder months.

We are also excited to announce that basketball season has just begun! Practices and games will continue in the new year, providing an excellent opportunity for students to stay active, build teamwork skills, and enjoy the spirit of competition. If your child has signed up to participate, attendance at games and practices is crucial to ensure our teams have a fun and successful season. Please ensure your child has timely rides home after all games and practices—carpooling is encouraged. Stay tuned for updates about schedules and events.

With the holidays approaching, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all families for a joyous and restful holiday season. To those celebrating Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas filled with peace, joy, and love. School will be closed for the holidays starting December 21, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in making our school a place where every child can thrive.

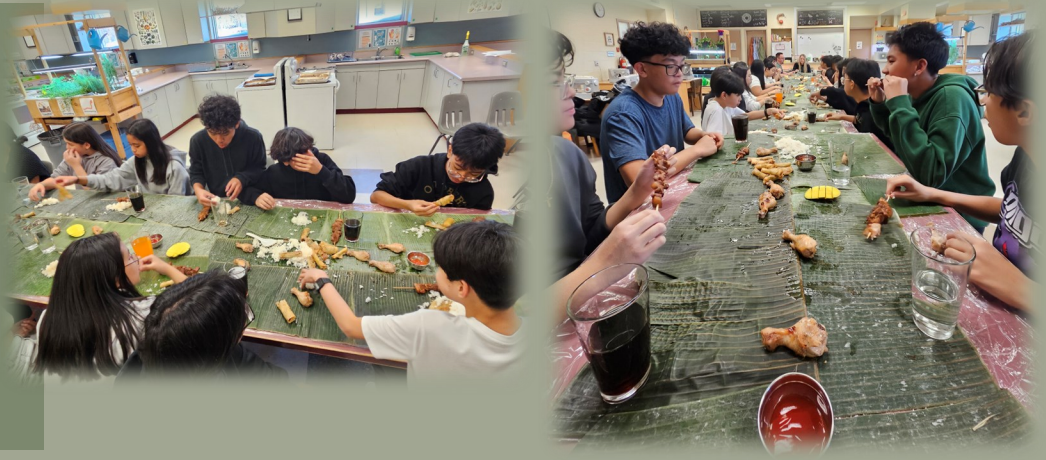
We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

John Holmes

Room 19 wrapped up their Term 1 TAA with a Boodle Fight also known as Kamayan! It is a big part of Filipino Culture.



Our Leadership students have been hard at work this year, making a big impact on our school community!

From planning exciting school-wide events like spirit weeks to organizing fundraisers that support important causes, their dedication shines through in everything they do. They've also played a key role in helping with school assemblies, ensuring these gatherings are meaningful and engaging for everyone.

Their efforts foster school spirit, build a sense of community, and set a positive example for their peers. Way to go, Timberwolves Leaders! Your hard work and commitment do not go unnoticed, and we're so proud of the energy and enthusiasm you bring to our school. Keep leading the way!



In **Room 7** we are working on spelling, capitalization, and punctuation by doing a daily edit in the mornings. First, the teacher writes a message on the board with lots of mistakes in it. Students then use their individual white boards and dry-erase markers to make corrections as they see fit. Once everyone has finished making their own corrections, we correct the whole message as a class.



In **Room 6**, students are actively collaborating in teams to solve mathematical problems and present their solutions to the group. This approach fosters deep mathematical thinking as students spend more time articulating and explaining their reasoning while also learning from their peers.



First, they apply their knowledge in practice by suggesting ideas to support their team. Next, they engage in meaningful discussions, refining their thinking through collaboration. Finally, they sharpen their problem-solving skills by considering feedback and critiques from others.

Students also enjoy independent study time, using it to self-reflect and evaluate their own understanding. This process encourages maturity, critical thinking, and peer review, helping students grow into confident and capable mathematicians.

Filipino Bilingual Program Choir participated in the Holiday Open House at the Legislative Building on December 7, 2024. The kids serenaded the audience with Silent Night (Talang Patnubay) and Pasko Na Naman.

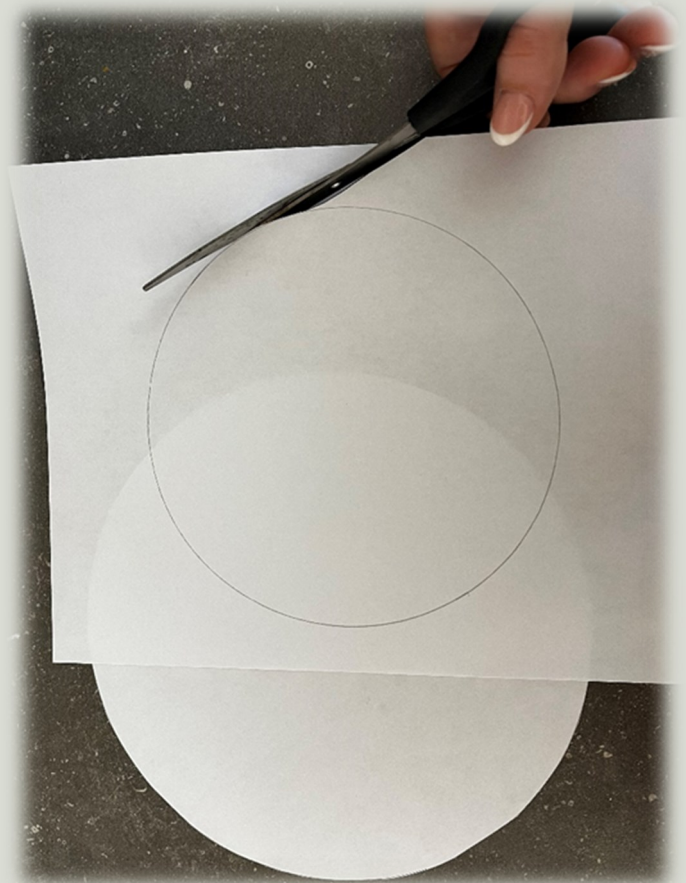


Room 6 and Room 19 enjoy being reading buddies with each other! The students are taking turns in reading and the students are able to practice in using various reading techniques in order to enhance their learning. Apart from reading, Room 6 is also practicing subtraction with the assistance of their buddies. They are employing a number of games which are, Number line, Counters, Pictures, Mental calculation, Counting back to help make subtraction more fun to do. It is fun to see students learn from each other and practice the skills learned in class while engaging in so much fun at the same time do mathematics!



Practice Tabla!

The Grade ½ classes have been making practice Tablas in music, so they can keep practicing even if it is not a Tuesday Tabla class!



January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	2 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	3
6 First day of classes RM8 Swimming Epiphany	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10
13 RM8 Swimming Lohri	14 Orthodox New Year	15	16	17
20 RM8 Swimming	21	22	23	24
27 RM8 Swimming International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29 Special O Bball Lunar New Year National Day of Remem- brance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamaphobia	30	31 DIVISIONAL PD NO CLASSES

Looking ahead...

Wednesday February 12– Kinder & GR8 Grad Photos

Monday February 17– Louis Riel Day *no classes*

Thursday March 13- Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday March 14– Parent Teacher Conferences *no classes*

March 31– April 4- Spring Break *no classes*

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