



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 come to the end of the first term, we want to thank all the families who attended the parent-teacher conferences on November 21st and 22nd. These meetings were a great opportunity to celebrate your child(ren)'s progress and work together to plan for their continued success. If you couldn't attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting time that works for you—before, during, or after school—and our teachers will be happy to accommodate you as best as possible. When parents and teachers work together, children do their best both at school and at home.

This month, our students organized two important school assemblies: the Diwali assembly on November 4th and the Remembrance Day assembly on November 12th. These events helped us celebrate the cultural diversity during Diwali and honor the courage and sacrifices of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country on Remembrance Day. In classrooms, teachers have been teaching how wars and conflicts have shaped human history. This helps students understand why these conflicts happen, what their long-term effects are, and why promoting peace is so important.

November is also Holocaust Education Month. This is a time for reflection and learning. Through learning and reflecting, we can work towards building a more inclusive and compassionate future. This month, we honor the memory of those who suffered and recognize the bravery of those who stood against hatred and injustice. We believe that this helps our students understand human rights, diversity, and the importance of standing up against discrimination.

We are excited to announce that our school is piloting Kids in the Know, a national safety education program developed by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. This program engages students through interactive activities designed to build essential skills for personal safety both online and offline. Empowering our children to recognize the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships is a vital part of fostering their well-being. Through this program, our teachers are helping students understand their right to make safe choices and seek help when needed. You will receive a letter from your child's teacher with more details when the lessons begin in their classroom.

We've had an incredible volleyball season, filled with teamwork, dedication, and unforgettable moments on the court. As the season comes to an end, we want to thank our players and coaches for their hard work and commitment. A special thanks to our parents for their unwavering support, including driving their children home after practices and games and cheering them on—your support made all the difference!

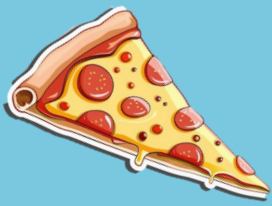
Our goal is to work together to support your child(ren)'s learning and well-being. By maintaining open and positive communication, we can ensure a productive partnership that benefits everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

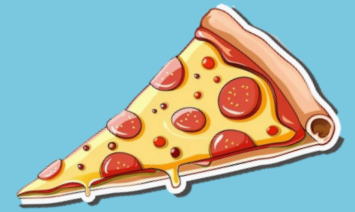
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Pizza Pizza Hot Lunch Fundraiser for Brandon Jazz Festival

Our Middle Years Jazz Band is fundraising to go on a trip to the Brandon Jazz Festival in March. We are selling pizza, from Pizza Pizza as a fundraiser. We will host two pizza days in December for grades 1-8. December 3, and December 17.

We are no longer selling pizza for grade 3-8 students every week. If you would like to order pizza for your child, please fill out the order form provided by the classroom teacher and send exact cash or cheque to school.



Join the

Arthur E. Wright School Middle Years Choir

for a

Magical Afternoon

of

HOLIDAY CAROLING



**AEW Middle Years Choir will be at
Garden City Mall on
Wednesday, December 10th from 1:30-2:15
to do some holiday carolling.**

**Friends, family, and community
members are welcome to come and
watch our students
spread holiday cheer!**

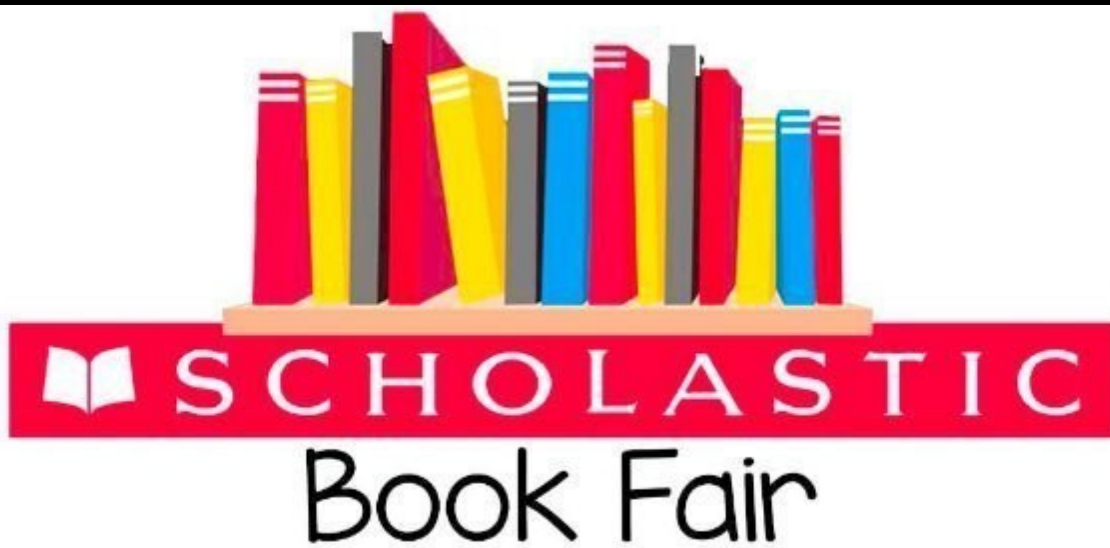


Koats for Kids Update!



Thank you to our A. E. Wright Community for all your support again this year with our Koats for Kids Winter Clothing Drive. We have collected a very generous amount of winter gear to donate to children in our own community as well as the Koats of Kids organization. At this time, we are no longer accepting donations this year. Thank you again for all your support!





Thank you Arthur E. Wright families for all your support during the book fair!

All of your purchases helped us raise **\$766.54** in book rewards from Scholastic for our school's library!

We would like to congratulate the winner of the door prize Gurkirat Singh from Ms. Dombek's class!





Room 3, Room 12, and Portable 2 registered to participate in TAKE ME OUTSIDE program, a weeklong activity that ran at the end of October. The program aims to provide educators and students with rich learning experiences outdoors and meaningful connection with the land. Day 1, Community Walk around the AEW neighborhood; Day 2, Scavenger Hunt; Day 3, Nature Art; Day 4, Sit-Spot activity.



Room 4 Filipino Bilingual Literacy Project



The Giving Tree:
A Retelling of a
Traditional Metis Story

Written and Illustrated
by Leah Dorion

Metis Translation
by Norman Fleury

Upon study of the Treaty land and the ever-changing environment, Room 4 continues to ask how ideas and events are inter-connected. The class started to identify that in Winnipeg, one of the treaty lands in Canada, we experience longer winter that affects the life of living things especially the trees and animals. Unlike animals that can migrate or hibernate, trees can't travel or move to avoid harsh winters. Yet, the beauty of the changing colors of the trees gives us inspiration of the coming spring. Using the book: *THE GIVING TREE, A RETELLING OF A TRADITIONAL METIS STORY*, students can understand what trees symbolizes in the Metis culture and how these trees were helpful to Metis travellers and families. An eye-opener that indeed all living things are connected to each other even in the changing seasons.

Visual Arts: Using the Hydrangea dried flowers, our students created miniature models of trees that change their colors during fall season. This symbolizes that darker days are coming and the green coloring of plants started to decrease due to the drop of temperature and the absence of warm light from the sun. This gave inspiration for the students to paint their 'trees' in various colours.



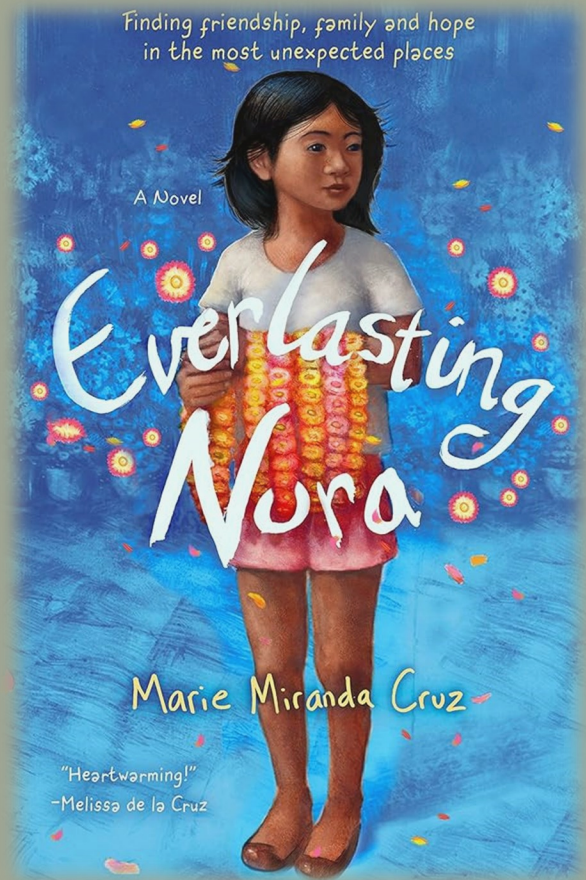
Social Studies. The information we gathered from the Metis story, brought us back to our study about the first nation community that shows respect to nature and values the land that gives us what we needed. Thus, a cycle of giving should be taught to the next generation. This culture of respect and giving is the one we want to achieve in class.

Science. In spite of the weather and natural changes, trees never stop serving their purpose. From the book, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein that we read, they were enlightened that trees become shelters to hibernating animals and storage of food to some. They never stop giving!

Literacy. The students finally wrote and expressed their understanding through a written piece entitled, *The Giving Tree*. A short narrative of their reflection about the ecosystem and beautiful culture.



Inspired by the novel "Everlasting Nora" and Ms. Marion Willis' commitment and dedication to end homelessness in our community, students, staff and families from **Rooms 12 and 19** organized a food drive to donate to St. Boniface Street Links, a non-profit organization that provides services and shelter for the homeless. This is just the beginning; we will continue to take positive action for the community.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 P5– Learn to Swim	3 Pizza Day– Brand Jazz Fest Fundraiser	4 P5– Learn to Swim	5	6
9 P5– Learn to Swim	10 GR 6-8 Choir Holiday Caroling at GC Mall	11 P5– Learn to Swim	12 GR5 Volleyball Jamboree GR 6-8 Choir Holiday Caroling at Maples Care Home	13 GR5 Volleyball Jamboree
16	17 Pizza Day– Brand Jazz Fest Fundraiser	18 Gr 7-8 Mino-pimatisiwin Maples Group	19	20 Last Day of Classes
23 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	24 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	25 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	26 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	27 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES
30 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	31 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	JAN 1 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	JAN 2 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES	JAN 3 WINTER BREAK NO CLASSES

Looking ahead...

Friday January 31– Divisional PD Day *no classes*

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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