



AMBER TRAILS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Land Acknowledgement

Amber Trails Community School operates on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininewak, Anishinin, Dene, and Dakota peoples, and on the national homeland of the Red River Metis.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of today and the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with indigenous communities, in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.



Principal: Harpreet Panag | Vice-Principal: Cameron Mackay | Vice-Principal: Scott Shier



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

We hope our families had a relaxing and joyful summer break and spent quality time with friends and family. We are excited to begin another year together as a school community. Our goal is to create a safe, caring, and welcoming environment where every child feels valued, included, and supported to learn and grow.

We are committed to ensuring that each student's identity, experiences, and story are recognized and celebrated. Every child brings unique strengths and perspectives that enrich our community and help make our school a special place.

A heartfelt thank you to the families who attended our orientation meetings. Meeting your child's teacher and sharing your hopes and goals for the year helps build strong connections from the very beginning. If, for any reason, you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher or the school to arrange an in-person meeting.

We firmly believe that when families and schools work together, students thrive.



SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS



Here at Amber Trails, we believe that creating a safe and supportive learning environment is a shared responsibility. Students, staff, and families all play an important role in fostering a school community where everyone is treated with respect, kindness, and dignity.

As part of the Seven Oaks School Division's commitment to student well-being and success, all schools follow the Safe and Caring Schools Code of Conduct. Behaviours such as bullying (including cyberbullying), harassment, intimidation, violence, discrimination, theft, vandalism, and any form of abuse are not tolerated. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, respected, and connected at school.

To support student learning and engagement, the division has also established clear cellphone expectations:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 8:** Cellphones **are not** to be used or accessed during the school day, including on field trips, school buses, recesses, and lunch breaks. Students should leave their phones at home or keep them stored in their backpacks or lockers throughout the day.
- **Students with specific educational or medical needs** outlined in a Student-Specific Plan will continue to have **access to devices as required**.

All students and staff are expected to follow the Division's Responsible Use of Technology Policy and contribute to a positive, respectful, and inclusive school culture.

When concerns arise, we work closely with students, families, staff, and community partners to provide appropriate support and guidance. Our focus is on helping students learn, grow, and make positive choices through restorative practices, collaborative problem-solving, and access to additional supports when needed.

For more information about Manitoba's Safe and Caring Schools Provincial Code of Conduct, please visit: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/safe_schools/pdf/code_conduct.pdf

Thank you for your partnership and trust. Together, we can continue to create a school where every child feels safe, respected, and empowered to succeed. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and connection.





IMPORTANT REMINDERS



STUDENT DROP OFF / PICK UP

A Friendly Reminder for Families:

Grade 1-8 Families:

- Please use the **Stop, Drop & Go** area for morning drop-off. Our staff are there to help, and students are doing a wonderful job heading into school independently.

Kindergarten Families:

- **Morning KG drop-off is at 8:55 am.** with **pickup at 11:30 am.** and **Afternoon KG drop-off is at 12:55 pm** with **pickup at 3:30 pm**
Thank you for supporting your child's growing independence!

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 1st

LifeTouch Photos- KG-Gr.3/4

Oct 2nd

LifeTouch Photos- Gr.4/5-8

Oct 7th:

Grade 6 Immunization Clinic

Oct 12

Thanksgiving Day-**No School**

Oct 23

MTS PD Day-**No School**

** Oct 16th PD has been moved to Nov 2nd**

REMINDERS

- If you need to pick up your child, drop off lunch, or bring a forgotten item, please enter through the front door and check in at the office.
- We understand that weather can affect plans. If your child requires an early pick-up, please notify the school as early as possible to help minimize classroom disruptions.

BUS CANCELLATION: STUDENT PICK-UP PLAN

If your child's bus is cancelled, please plan ahead for pick-up:

- Pre-arrange a meeting spot with your child where you will pick them up.
- Alternatively, park safely on a nearby side street and walk to the school to meet your child at their designated dismissal door.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and smooth dismissal for all students.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for activities and learning opportunities for your child? Visit our Community Information page for upcoming events, clubs, sports teams, programs, and more!

Current opportunities include:

- Garden City 14th Annual Community Tennis Event
- Spirit1 Taekwondo Academy
- KidFit60
- James Nisbet Nursery School Inc.
- SOSD Ojibwe Bilingual Program
- Silhouettes Gymnastics Club
- And more!

Please check back regularly, as new events and programs are added throughout the year.

You can also find this information on the Seven Oaks website under:
Home → About Us → Community Information
<https://www.7oaks.org/community-information>



WELCOME BACK COMMUNITY GATHERING

Instagram: [ambertrails1575](#)



Together, we create a community where everyone feels welcomed, connected, and belonged!



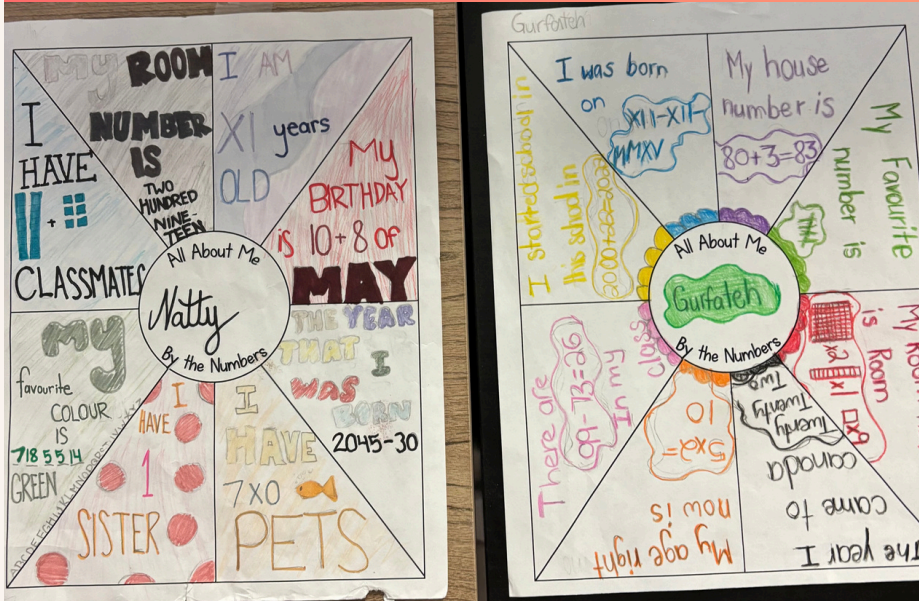
Thank you, Amber Trails' Community! What a beautiful evening of connection and community. A HUGE thank you to our amazing student leadership team & staff for making our Welcome Back Gathering possible, and all our families and community members who came to join us.

We were honoured by the presence of Elder Evert Linklater who blessed the food.

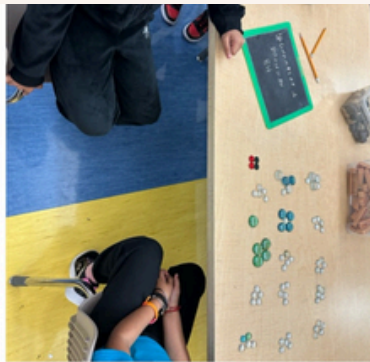
We are so grateful for everyone who helped make the evening possible!

Miss Holly Bernard started the evening with drumming

MONTH OF LEARNING, CREATIVITY AND GROWTH



Students in Room 219 completed a “Math About Me: By the Numbers” activity in which they identified facts about themselves involving numbers and represented those numbers in different ways.



Room 117

From learning how to care for our Earth to practicing skip counting $+$ and discovering ways to show others they matter, our Grade 1 & 2 students had a month full of meaningful learning, creativity, and growth

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY



September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across Canada. We encourage our Amber Trails community to pause, reflect, and acknowledge our shared history and our collective responsibility moving forward. At school, we will continue engaging in meaningful conversations with students, staff, and our broader community about the significance of this day.

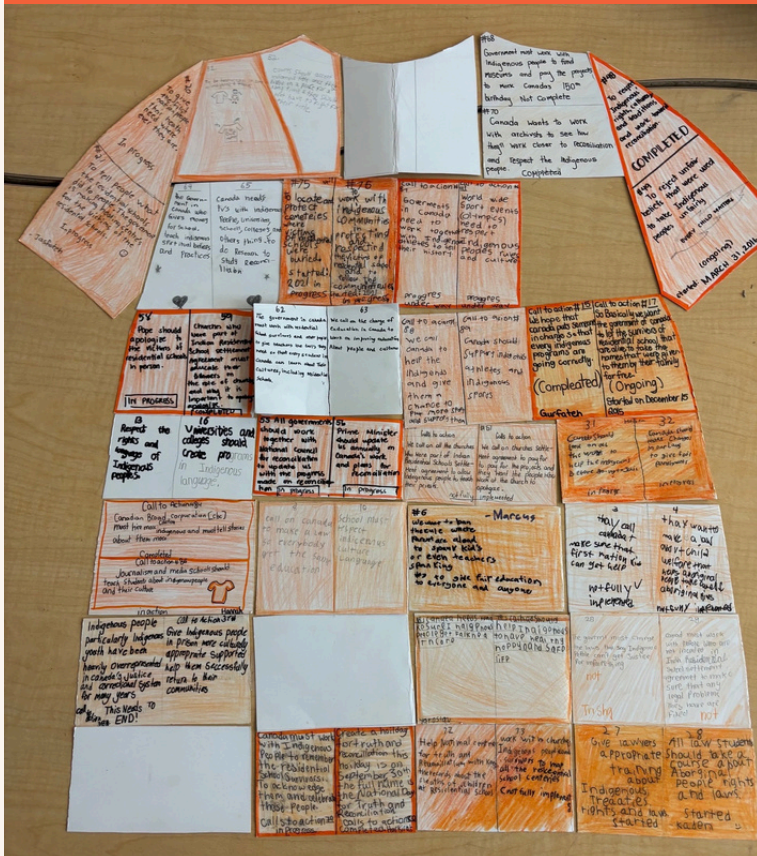
Together, we will deepen our understanding of Canada's history and the lasting impacts of residential schools. These conversations help us honour the truths of the past and strengthen our commitment to reconciliation. We hope to use this day as an opportunity to listen, learn, and reflect. Together, we are committed to advancing truth, reconciliation, and respect for all. Our goal is to carry the spirit of this day beyond September 30 through our daily actions, relationships, and learning.



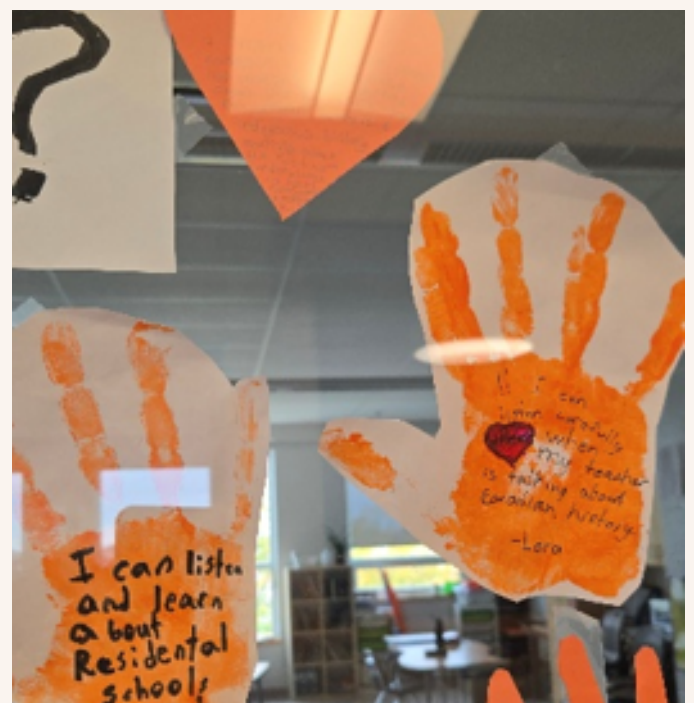
Room 116 kids learned about Orange Shirt Day and the importance of kindness, respect towards each other. Through meaningful discussions, students reflected on the message that "Every Child Matters."

To connect their learning with creativity and environmental responsibility, students reused and recycled old puzzles to create a beautiful Orange Shirt Day project. They shared thoughtful messages, artwork, and ideas on their puzzle pieces, demonstrating both their understanding of the day and their commitment to caring for our community and the environment.

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Students in Room 219 read the book called “Fatty Legs” by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, discussed the experiences of children in residential schools, and talked about 94 Calls to Action. In this photo, our class is currently finishing our “orange shirt”, where they wrote their assigned Calls to Action in their own words and researched if it is already implemented, in progress, completed, or has not been started.



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Room 216 has been learning about the 94 Calls to Action and thinking about what reconciliation means to us. Students have been exploring ways they can take action and make a positive difference in their school and community.

It's important to learn about Canada's history because it's good to know what has happened in the past so we can make a better community, country and world. We can make a better world if we know what has happened in the past. We can fix the world, but it will take lots and lots of time. -Lora

Reconciliation is making sure everyone feels safe and is treated equally. -Rockeeh
Reconciliation is learning about Residential Schools, Indigenous peoples, and most importantly their culture. -Vince

I can practice reconciliation by treating people equally and listening to those who share their stories. -Cae

I can practice reconciliation by listening when Elders come to our school. -Japneet