



December 2019

A.E. Wright Community School Community News

SCHOOL IS FOR LEARNING AND BECOMING!

At A.E.W school we continue to focus on ensuring that our children are learning to their fullest possible potential while understanding their role in a dynamic, kind, and involved society. Our children need to understand that what they are learning academically has relevance to who they are as people. We continue to be humbled by their empathy, sense of giving and commitment to community.

This year our grade 7/8 kids will once again connect to their school and greater community by focusing their learning on trying to better understand ideas of poverty and homelessness. The kids' T.M.T.T groupings will teach the youngers in our school about these issues and are spearheading a collection campaign for Main Street Project and the Christmas Cheer Board. Please help us support their "EVENING of GIVING" efforts by sending non-perishable food items and toiletries to school for the next few weeks. Thanks in advance for your continued and unwavering support.



Thank you Trustee Ed Ploszay for your incredibly generous donation of books to our school library! Your generosity speaks volumes to your commitment to the kids in the Seven Oaks Community and to society in general. We are so grateful!!!

A.E. Wright School Builds:

Healthy

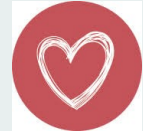
Minds!

Healthy



Hearts!

Healthy



Bodies!

Healthy



World!

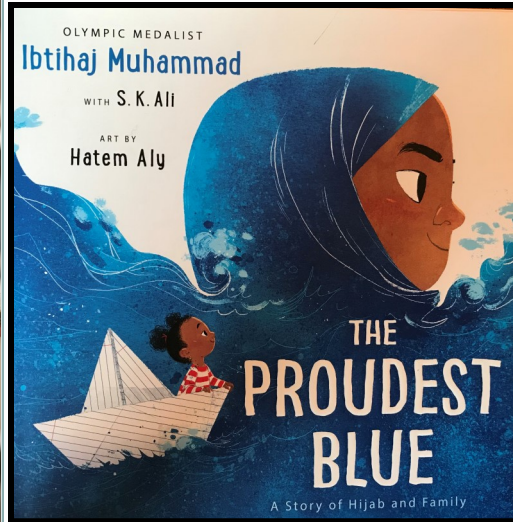


Important Dates In December:

- Dec. 4
Families as Partners Meeting—Evening of Giving Presentation
- Dec. 6
Grade 7/8 Day of Service and Evening of Giving
- Dec. 13
No School PD Day
- Dec. 11
Nuit Blanche
- Dec. 16
Grade 3/4 Children Perform at Deer Lodge Hospital
- Dec. 20
Last Day of School Before Winter Break



A READ YOU NEED!



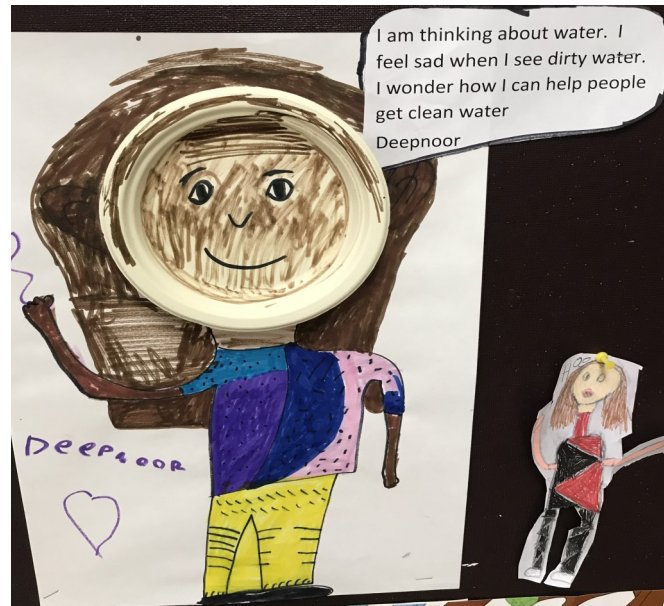
Diversity is an important word and an even more important concept. This book helps people of all ages understand the value of learning about who we are and making sure that who we are is respected! Living together in a world with many customs, religions, cultures and identities we must be open to each others' teachings. While people have a right to be who they are, no person has the right to make anyone feel less worthy than the other. Please feel free to borrow this book from our school library any time.

“Dear Ms. X thank you for teaching our kids to be great learners and also great people!” ~ Community Parent~

THANK YOU MS. CULLUM!

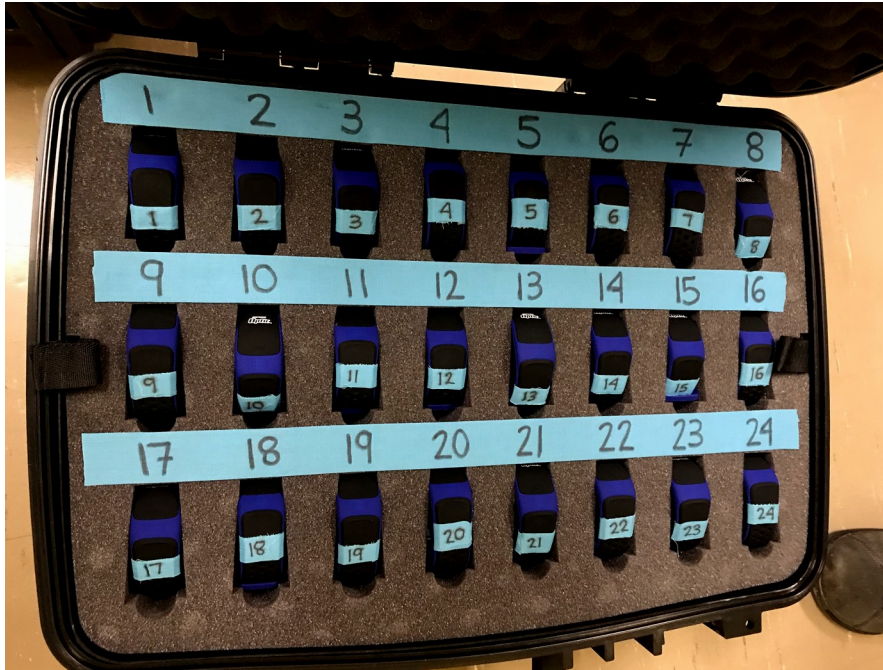
Ms. Cullum is once again teaching Roots of Empathy at our School. Ms. Sidhu's class gets to learn from Baby Riaaz. The kids will understand how babies develop and what they need to thrive.

MS. CAVANAUGH'S GRADE 1/2 CLASS IS DOING SOME THINKING...



Proud to see Ms. Cavanaugh's class learning about some meaningful comprehension strategies that help them reflect on rich learning experiences in meaningful ways. The kids demonstrated making their thinking

visible to all those who enter their room, so that people have an idea of what they are learning and thinking about. This also allows the children to think critically about their learning in visible ways so they can revisit what has been taught before. Powerful work!



Heart Rate Monitors in Our Gym Classes

WHY HEART RATE MONITORS?

<https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/resources/report-card>

With the National ParticipACTION Report Card highlighting that the youth in Canada received a D+ in overall physical activity, we need to be thinking about the way we teach kids in phys-ed and overall. Children are leading more and more sedentary lifestyles as a result of many factors. Helping kids see that they are in control of how much and how they move for overall health is critical now. Being active is not a luxury only for some, it is a right for us all. The spotlight is shining bright on the mind, body connection and we need to show kids how good results can be reached by being aware and by being active. We are excited to help our kids learn the language of fitness and the attitude to get to know it first hand. The children at AEW will learn how to use heart rate monitors to understand how their bodies are responding to being active and ultimately what the benefits of that are. We can't wait to share more with you about their learning as time goes on.

FILIPINO CULTURAL CLUB

Looking forward to the kids in the Filipino Cultural Club learning to play their specialized instruments that are part of the new marching band. The kids will also be keeping fit as they develop more moves in Filipino martial arts and dance.

AEW Performing Arts Presents

NUIT BLANCHE AEW 2019

Celebrating the creative work of
AEW's Grade 5-8 students

December 11 2019 @ 6:30 PM

AEW GYM

We look forward to seeing many of you as you come to support your children's learning of the arts. We are calling this year's event **Nuit Blanche AEW**, where you will get to roam through our school as it will be transformed into an interactive public art experience. We will also be collecting donations for the **Main Street Project**, a wonderful local community organization who care for our city's most vulnerable and in-need.

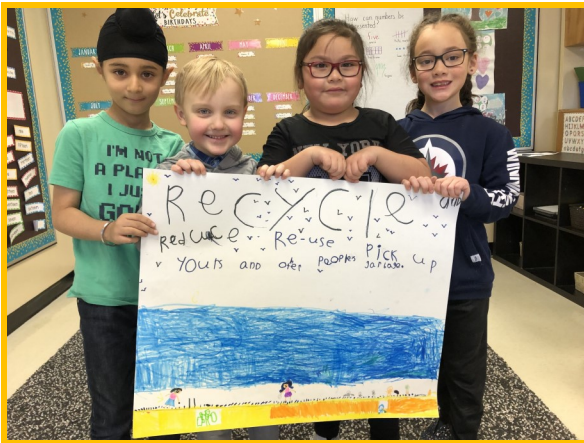
Our grade 5-8 kids will highlight some of their learning in the areas of band, choir, and visual arts. Please come and share an evening of fun, learning and community. We look forward to seeing all the families of grades 5-8 kids on December 11th, 2019 at 6:30 pm!

Geung Kroeker-Lee
Middle Years Music Teacher

MS. CULLUM'S CLASS IS MAKING SURE WE TAKE CARE OF THE AIR QUALITY IN OUR WORLD!

Thanks so much to Ms. Cullum's class for helping us think about Air Pollution at our assembly. We learned lots from you!

"We watched a news video from New Delhi, India and we saw that the air is very polluted there right now. We have been sharing our questions and our ideas about air pollution and how we can help the earth to be cleaner. Our class made a video to share what we have learned about the causes and the effects of air pollution. We want to help reduce air pollution. We hope you will help too!"



*Start with a reusable lunch sack and make sure drink containers, sandwich and snack containers, and utensils are also reusable. Use cloth napkins. Buy snacks like cookies in bulk, not in individual packets. If you have to invest in plastic baggies, buy recycled ones and reuse them as much as possible.
~365 Ways to Save the Earth ~ Philippe Bourseiller*