




December 2020 **WHAT A YEAR...**

In these times of uncertainty, here's what we know for sure; this has been a year like no other. As we approach 2021, we can look back and say for certain that we are currently living in unprecedented times for our generation. We have all had to learn, adapt and trust in people which hold positions of authority to care for us and continue to think about what is in the best interest of our collective good. We are all working at this very hard every day and will continue to until there is a solution to this heavy challenge on all of us. In this newsletter I would like to celebrate our kids and our staff for their incredible resilience, courage and unwavering optimism. Teaching (Teachers and EAs) is such important work in our society and teaching in a medical crisis, puts pressure on our understandings of the way we do our work.

When we see the smiling, enthusiastic faces of the children that walk through our doors every day, the burden of the pandemic gets covered in joy! A joy that grounds us in our purpose and in the important work we do. As we have said before, and will continue to say, we are in this together and for that our AEW family is so very **GRATEFUL!** This newsletter edition is one of **gratitude!!** 

Thank you: AEW Staff, nurses, doctors, healthcare aides, grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, restaurant chefs and staff, school trustees, superintendents, clinical support teams, Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Red Cross, families, boys and girls, spiritual leaders of all faiths, and food bank providers!



A.E. Wright

School Builds:

Healthy



Minds!

Healthy



Hearts!

Healthy



Bodies!

Healthy



World!

December Important Dates

Thurs. Dec. 10

Happy Hanukkah!

Fri. Dec. 11

Divisional Professional Development

Fri. Dec. 16

HOCHO—PJ Day Red Cross Fundraiser \$2.00

Fri. Dec. 18

Last day of school for Winter Break

Fri. Dec. 25

Merry Christmas

Fri. Dec. 31

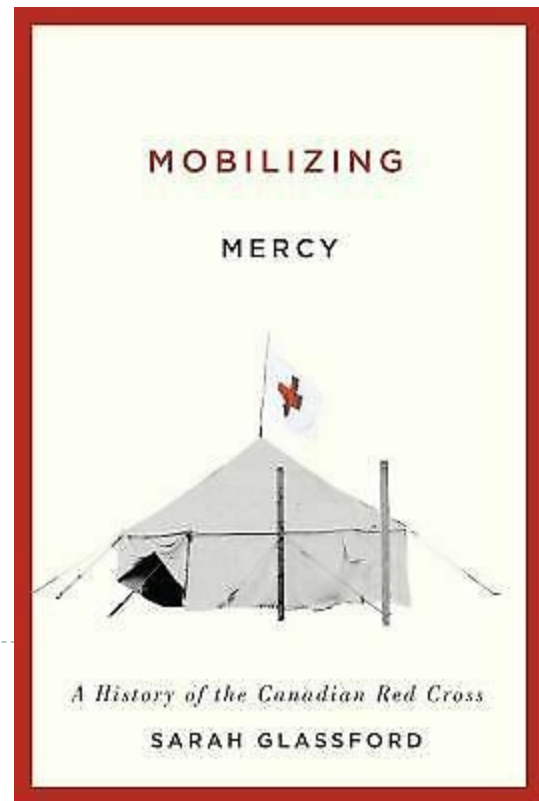
Happy New Year

Mon. Jan. 4

Welcome Back to School for the New Year Everyone! Grade 7/8s we will see you on line



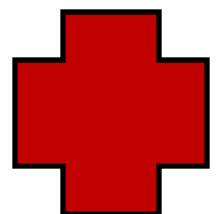
**A READ
YOU
NEED!**



“For more than a century the Canadian Red Cross Society has provided help and comfort to vulnerable people at home and abroad. In the first detailed national history of the organization, Sarah Glassford reveals how the European-born Red Cross movement came to Canada and took root, and why it flourished. From its origins in battlefield medicine to the creation of Canada’s first nationwide free blood transfusion service during the Cold War, *Mobilizing Mercy* charts crucial organizational changes, the influence of key leaders, and the impact of social, cultural, political, economic, and international trends over time. Glassford shows that the key to the Red Cross's longevity lies in its ability to reinvent itself by tapping into the concerns and ambitions of diverse groups including militia doctors, government officials, middle-class women, and schoolchildren. Through periods of war and peace, the Canadian Red Cross pioneered new services and filled gaps in government aid to become a ubiquitous agency on the wartime home front, a major domestic public health organization, and a respected provider of international humanitarian aid. Opening a window onto the shifting relationship between voluntary organizations and the state, *Mobilizing Mercy* is a compelling portrait of a major humanitarian organization, its people, and its ever-evolving place in Canadian society. “

We are excited for our library to get its first copy of this historical text this week. Our goal is to have it as a reference text in each one of our classrooms!! Let us know if you would like to borrow it. It will be in our school library by Monday, Dec. 14th.

Thank you RED CROSS across the World!!!





ROOM 11 NEWS

Love grows at AE Wright! Or should we say, love grows from AE Wright? The amazing people in Room 11 handcrafted their very own post cards using paints and pastels to create images of joy, positivity and hope. We then wrote messages and wishes of hope for the residents of

Maples Care Home. Some of the kids wrote jokes and riddles to illicit smiles, some wrote inspirational quotes to illicit hope, and others wrote letters filled with love. Living through a pandemic is hard; living through a pandemic as a resident in a care home can be lonely, scary and incredibly depressing. We may not be working on the vaccine for COVID in our classroom, but we are certainly working on spreading some peace and positivity in any way we can! If you would like to make your own post cards at home with your family please contact Ms. Korade in Room 11 at AE Wright for



details, lesson plans and examples. Stay safe, stay happy!

“Love is all there is, it makes the world go around.”

~Bob Dylan~

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK
AND YOUR LOVE ROOM 11!!**



Thanks for Teaching US Mr. Militano's Class!!

What are our TMTT Groups?

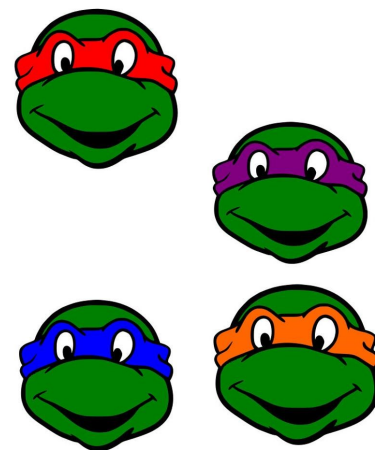
TMTT stands for “**Teenage Mentor Teacher Turtles**” and it is comprised of all students from every grade 7/8 class. Each class in the school is assigned to a grade 7/8 TMTT group. Our TMTT group is Donatello (Mr. Militano's Room 17). The purpose of the TMTT leadership classes is to educate the whole school about the really important issues in our community and around the world. As we continue to face the realities of Covid 19, we are grateful for non-for-profit organizations, such as the Red Cross, who continue to help those in need.

What is the Red Cross?

The Red Cross is a not for-profit organization that seeks to help those that have been affected by war, natural disasters, homelessness, and those without proper care in need. The Red Cross supports people by giving them food, water, shelter, supplies, and more; which is why we are supporting the Red Cross by educating our school about their cause and asking for a generous donation of 2 dollars to support their work. By donating 2 dollars over the next few weeks, you are not only helping the Red Cross, but our school family will receive a cookie and hot chocolate made by all the grade 7/8 TMTT groups!

Thanks for your help—sincerely,
David Pineda—on behalf of Room 17
Mr. Militano's Room—Donatello

**Thanks for inspiring us Teenage Mutant
Ninja Turtles and TMTT's**



**Stay tuned for more information
on our wonderful Virtual Holiday
Concert coming up very soon!**

A FEW REMINDERS...

Thank you for remembering **not** to park or stop in our parking lot back lane to drop off or pick-up your kids. This is a **very** dangerous spot in the morning and after school! We really need to keep everyone safe! On the East side of the school, Manila Rd., we have adults situated to make sure all kids make it into and out of the school yard safely. Please do not park on the cross-walk on Manila Rd. for any reason. Feel free to pull up passed there to let your kids out or for pick-up. You are also encouraged to decide on a pick-up spot further away from the school to avoid congestion.



Thank you for calling the school office when you know your child will be away. Please leave a message if you call after hours or if the phone is busy.




Remember to SIGN-IN to our office when you need to be in the building. This is very important to help with contact tracing should we require it.

**PLEASE
SIGN IN & OUT
HERE**

With Gratitude To Room 1—Spreading More Love!

Room 1 took part in a beautiful project called "Cards for Care." Cards for Care is a way for people to send messages of love and kindness to seniors in our city. Room 1 created personal cards with the goal of making these community members smile! From happy holiday messages to interesting facts about animals, room 1 worked very hard to ensure these cards made the day of the elders who received them.



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We just had our 5th anniversary—thanks for your support—306 Followers! Let's keep growing that number! Celebrate with us!