# Arthur E. Wright Community School Report to the Community



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#### At Arthur E. Wright, we build healthy minds, healthy hearts, healthy bodies, and a very healthy world!



It has been a true joy to be reunited in person and be able to share our learning and celebrate with our community. Our students and staff have worked hard each and every day to make our school a place where everyone can flourish. We have enjoyed an amazing year of learning at A.E. Wright!

### **Healthy Minds**

Our students are leaders in learning, and are supported in growing and sharing their ideas with the community. A.E. Wright staff has worked incredibly hard this year to continue our professional learning in order to bring rich and meaningful learning experiences to the classroom to promote growth for every learner in our school. We are proud also of our Filipino Bilingual Program, as it continues to grow and thrive.



Staff and students actively engaged in shared reading and writing to express ideas about truth, reconciliation and the Calls to Action. Staff studied Regie Routman's Optimal Learning Model to ensure equity for all in literacy learning. We saw this place from decolonized perspectives by engaging with the Blanket Exercise, cross-grade learning on the Calls to Action and the Indigenous Peoples' Map of Canada.



Literacy in mathematics, science and technology is also central to our approach. STEM activities took place across the grades throughout the year. Students learned through collaboration, music, language, activism and experience at the Sacred Fire, in the Peynikamun Nīcī (Cree musical) and on field trips around the city and province.

#### **Healthy Hearts**

We worked hard to promote equity within our diversity by providing opportunities for students to act in community on decolonization, Truth and Reconciliation, LGBTQ+ perspectives, antiracism, citizenship, democracy, and sustainability.



We are committed to making AEW a safe and welcoming space for all with Pink Shirt Day every month, an active GSA, and Roots of Empathy.

We shared our languages and cultures, and celebrated together at the annual Grad Pow Wow, our Winter Concert, Arts in the Park, Diwali, and Philippine Heritage Day.



We came together to share the music, dance, and culture with each other. The Arts flourish at Arthur Wright!



#### **Healthy Bodies**

We have continued to expose children to healthy food options and physical activity daily, and to promote this learning as a lifestyle choices to be practiced throughout life.



We are a So Active, So Healthy school, and as such, we make healthy eating and physical activity a part of our daily practice. We were thrilled to again have the opportunity to meet other schools in tournaments. We continue to use our bike track and the Safe Bike Program to learn safe ways to cycling for fun and transportation. Many classrooms have made gardening part of their learning. Our community Bike Bazaar was a wonderful event where many people came to trade a bike or get their bike tuned up.

Our identities and cultures come through in everything we do, including being active and healthy! We also got out in the community to run and walk for a various causes including the Terry Fox Run, the Sacred Fire, and Pride.



#### **Healthy World**

At A. E. Wright, our students are empowered to make change. This year, we provided opportunities for learning through projects and experiences such as gardening, recycling, composting, and biking. Students and staff worked together to make conscious choices towards a more sustainable future.



This year at Arthur Wright, we worked to understand that our culture, our health, our learning and our community are connected to the land on which we gather each day. Students explored land acknowledgments and made connections to this place from their diverse perspectives. We learned with Elders and other school partners to deepen our connections. We stood for peace.



We would like to thank you again for your unwavering support this year. We wish our students and their families a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall.

