



Arthur E. Wright Community School Report to the Community

JUNE 2023



We wish to thank all the people in the community who support the work we do at A.E. Wright: families, volunteers, and community partners. Most importantly, we thank our staff and students, who have worked hard and remained dedicated to learning, teaching and making our community a better place all year long. Our success this year has come through collaborative efforts and circles of support. We are so proud to be working toward a healthy community in which our children can thrive.



“We made so many memories this year.”
- Amitoz

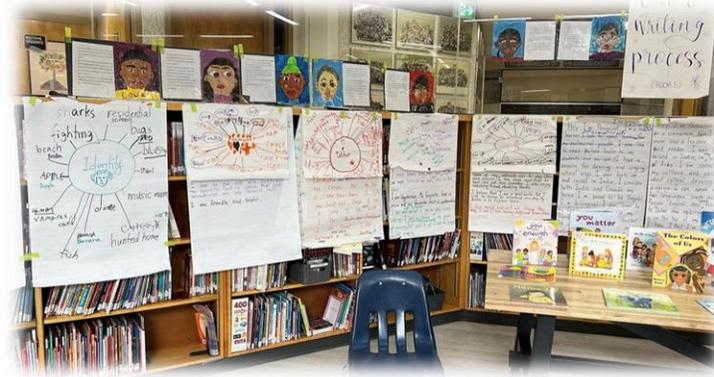
LITERACY

This year, our staff continued our work with the Regie Routman in Residence, with the purpose of further developing our practice to create impactful learning experiences across subject areas. Our overarching goal is for all students to have access to learning in equitable classroom and school environments, where their potential is realized through an ability to read and write proficiently for real purposes and audiences. We strive to give children the tools to be agents of change in our community, and to absorb and express powerful messages through language. This year, our community welcomed Sandy Figueroa for a week-long residency, where teachers from both A.E. Wright and O.V. Jewitt had opportunities to observe, reflect on and apply powerful teaching practices. This work will continue in the 2023-2024 school year.

“What’s better than having a class full of kids to join me and create some change that we want to see in the world?”
-Ms. Rowluk



“I learned how to be an upstander, and not a bystander, and how to be a better anti-racist person.”
- Haley



“I learned to engage my kids in a purposeful revision process”
- Ms. Gill

S.T.E.A.M.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

Our staff strives to give students confidence and tools to be empowered in their science and mathematics learning. We collect data from students throughout the year to ensure our work is having a positive impact on the learning. We use a variety of approaches designed for the unique learners in each classroom, to ensure every student experiences growth.



"A highlight was Math and Literacy Night. It was nice to see the community come out to learn different math games and resources to help their kids at home, which is what we've been hearing they wanted. It was awesome that our staff came together and did that for the community." - Ms. Greco



"I like school because it has a lot of friends."
- Nikkol-Anastasia

"When I was at the Pow Wow, I was brave. Pow Wow Club helps us all realize that we are special and awesome people."
- Jerzey



"Our diverse community is brought together through the arts. We grow and learn, teach each other, take risks, try new things and share in unity together. Nothing has brought me more joy than dancing with the brilliant children of A.E. Wright!
-Ms. Perillo

We believe that learning will be meaningful and authentic when it happens in connection with others in a community. As we continue to move through and past the impacts of the pandemic, our days are alive with culture, language, celebration and expression, both inside classrooms and out in the community. Our Filipino Bilingual Program continues to thrive, and next year will have an additional Grade 7/8 classroom. We have many, many projects, clubs, initiatives, and classes where arts, activism, language and culture are experienced. Some examples include the AEW Climate Action Team, the Human Rights Film Festival, gardening, land-based learning at the Aki Centre, sports teams, involvement in Red Dress Day and MMIWG awareness, Treaty One Flag advocacy, welcoming new community members from Ukraine and other countries, Anti-Racism learning, pow wow and hoop dancing, GSA, drumming, assemblies, Filipino Cultural Club, Heritage Language class, bhangra, giddha, tinikling and other dance clubs, Filipino Independence Day, Diwali and Indigenous Peoples' Day, and the Arts in the Yard Talent Showcase. Our students have made meaningful change in our community and have expressed their unique and varied identities in numerous ways. We are so proud of the many ways they have shared who they are with the community.

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"I don't want to forget my culture and I love to speak the language"

- Raffaella



"I've learned to be independent, not self-centered, and like who I am as a person."

- Hae Lee

"A highlight for me was doing assemblies together, having all the cultures together and learning from each other." - Mr. Andriano





**Thank you for being
our partners.
Have a wonderful
summer break!**

