

AMBER TRAILS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Report to the Community 2023-2024

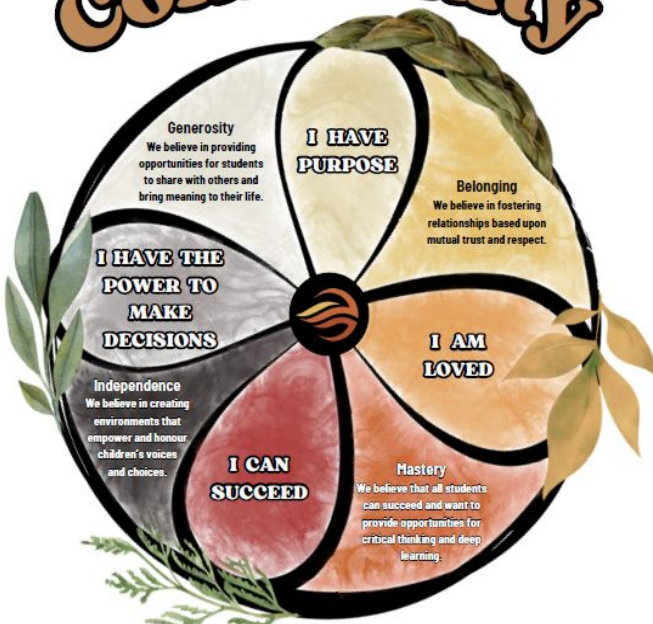


Amber Trails Community School is a diverse Kindergarten to Grade 8 School. The school serves many different communities and groups. The main purpose at Amber Trails is the overall development of children. We strive to help kids cultivate positive values and a commitment to lifelong learning. At Amber Trails, we are trying to create meaningful school programs that give students the opportunity to apply the skills acquired in the classroom to real life situations.



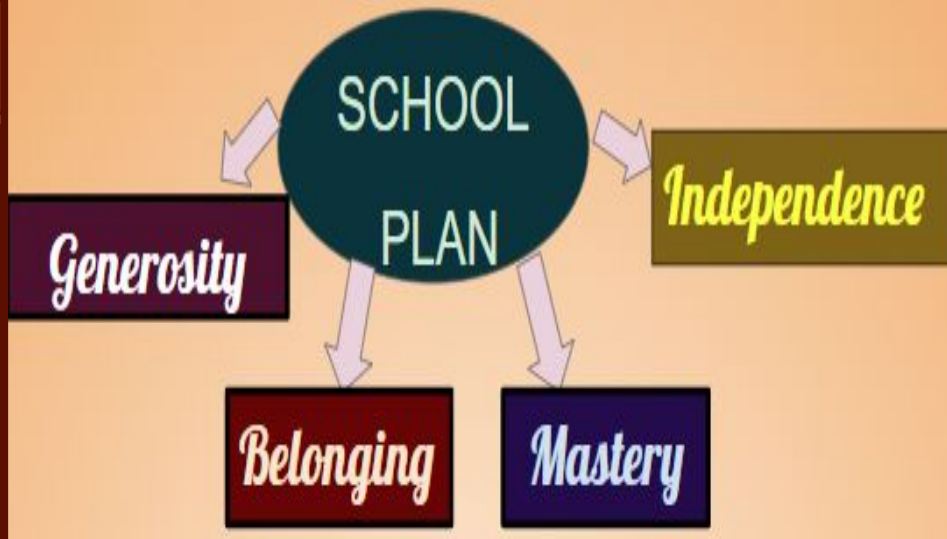
Amber Trails School Plan

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School Beliefs

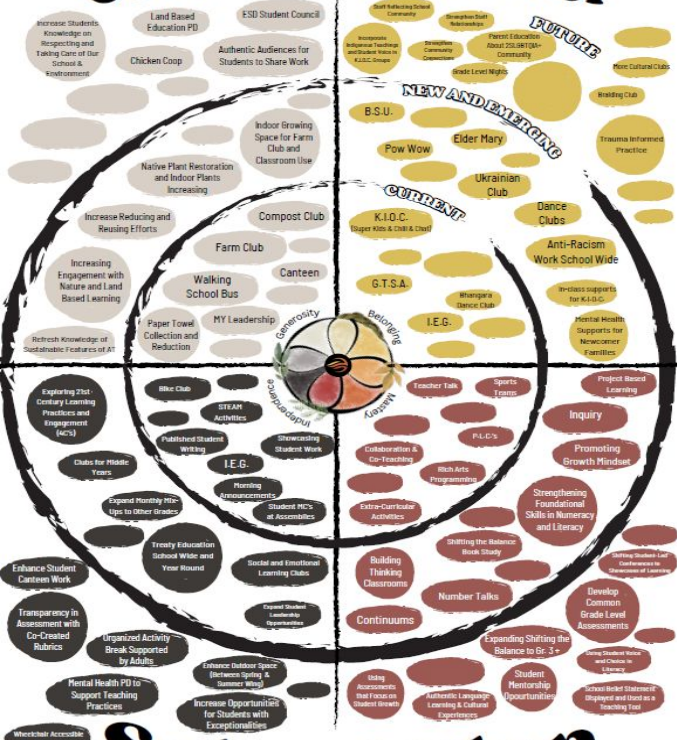
"Together we work to see the past more clearly, and to imagine a better future for everyone."



At Amber Trails School we believe that communities are more sustainable and mutually beneficial when we build upon relationships and responsibility to one another to ensure all our students benefit. At Amber Trails we recognize that everyone in our community can benefit from Indigenous education as it can enrich the experiences of all learners while supporting academic success for Indigenous learners. It is everyone's responsibility to incorporate Indigenous education in their lives and we commit to doing this work in our school.

Last year our school came up with a belief statement and a school plan that uses the Medicine Wheel and the Circle of Courage as a template. There are 4 parts in the Circle of Courage, and they are Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity. Belonging means we believe in fostering relationships based upon mutual trust and respect. Belonging makes us feel like "I am Loved." Mastery means we believe that all students can succeed. We want to provide opportunities to students to engage in critical thinking and deep learning. Mastery makes us feel like, "I can succeed." Independence means we believe in creating environments that empower and honour children's voices and choices. Independence makes us feel like, "I have the power to make decisions." Generosity means we believe in providing opportunities for students to share with others and bring meaning to their life. Generosity makes us feel like, "I have purpose."

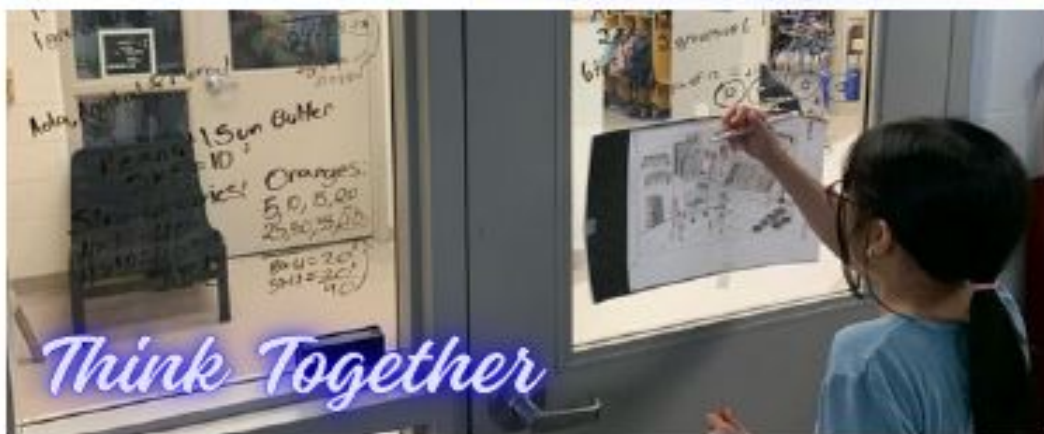
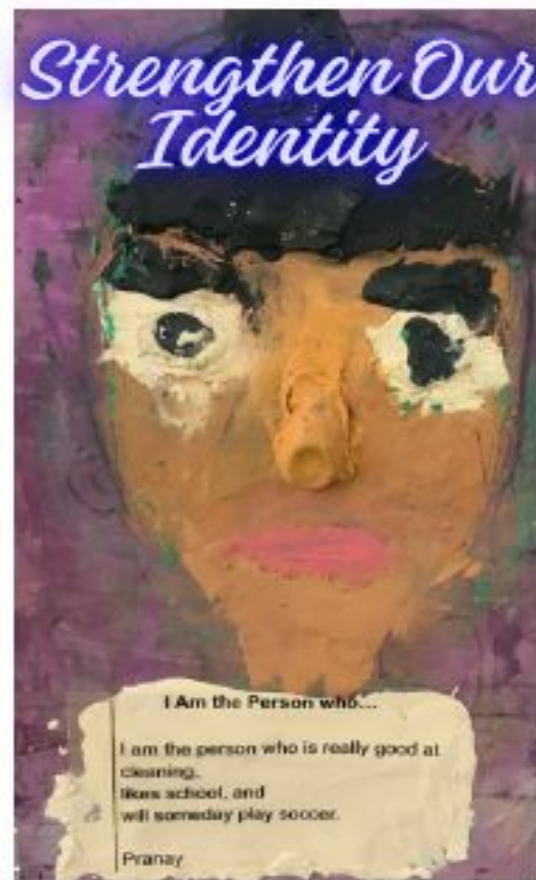
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School Plan

At Amber Trails...

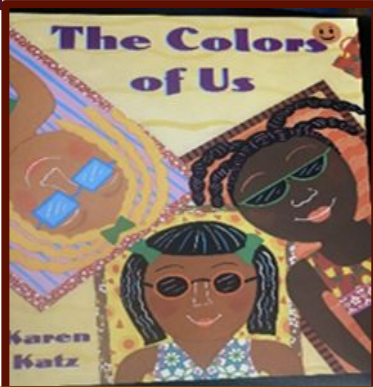
Kids learnt about ways to bring our belief statement to life.



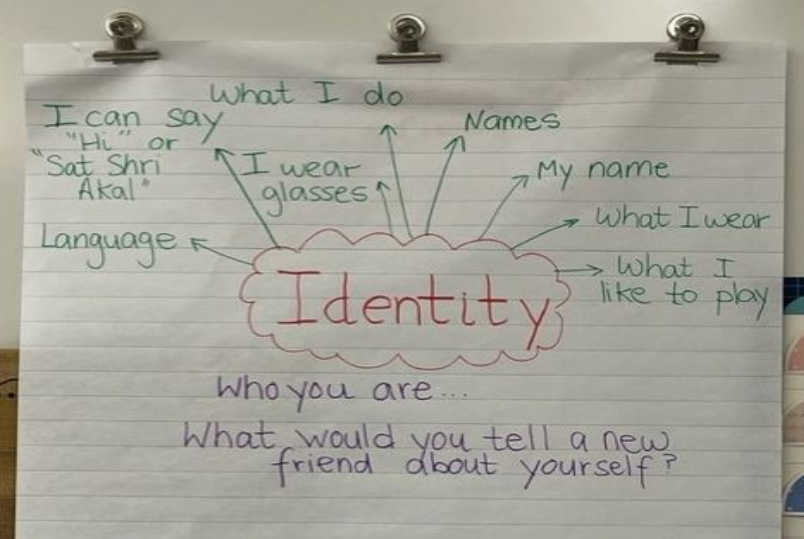
Our K-2 Punjabi Bilingual Program

In September, we welcomed our new K-2 Punjabi Bilingual classes to Amber Trails School!

Kindergartens
Enjoying the Book
Reading Session



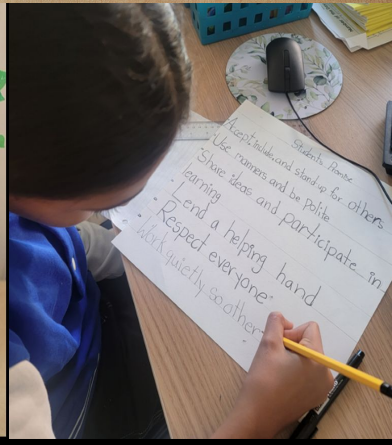
The classroom communities knew each other by exploring themes of identity, belonging, and taking care of each other. Those were the themes that were explored throughout the school year! Amber Trails School is a place where everyone deserves to feel a sense of safety and belonging.



Room 118 (grade 112) learnt about Thankfulness. The kids brainstormed the things we are thankful for. Inspired by Todd Parr's book "The Thankful Book", they made the class book-The Thankful Book. In the writing process, they wrote their first draft, then revised it to make it sound better. After fixing the spellings, they wrote good copies. They added their art pieces to writing to also demonstrate the things and the people we are thankful for in our writing pieces. The kids were very proud of their accomplishment!



Grade 6 class spent time discussing self-identity and belonging. They made several art projects, including self-portraits which expressed both the outward appearances and inner identities. They also painted their names in graffiti art on mini fences. As a class, they developed the classroom treaty and made promises to each other. They made a classroom medicine wheel, by identifying actions they can take to keep themselves (and our classroom) in balance and live a good life. "Minobimaadiziwin" means to live a life that is balanced, and in connection with family, community, and the land.



These pictures represent the heartwarming journey of older students and their pint-sized buddies as they embark on an unforgettable adventure early in the school year. Through laughter, teamwork, and the magic of games, these young friendships blossom into bonds that will last a lifetime. From board games to tag on the playground, these buddies teach us that age is just a number when it comes to building connections. Together, they were crafting the chapters of a friendship story that will be read with fondness for years to come, reminding us all that sometimes the most lasting lessons begin with a game."



Amber Trails Pets

Meet the friendly animals that you can find throughout the school!



Red Eared Slider Turtle

"Crunchy"
Room 104



Goldfish

"Luna"
Room 110



Beta Fish

"Mario"
Room 113



Crested Gecko

"Jimothy"
Room 108



Goldfish Group

"Neptune, Comet, & Angel"
Dance Studio



Tetra Fish

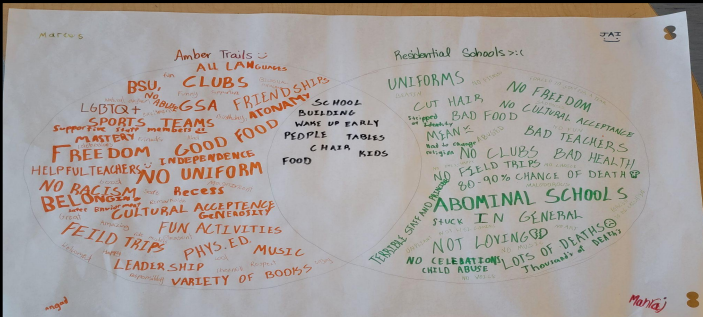
"Captain Highliner"
Room 104

I like to hide in the boat!

In Ms. Jaskiran's room, the children have been excited to share stories with each other after Reader's Workshop. There were couple special readers who paired up to be the voices of the characters in an Elephant and Piggy book by Mo Willems.



Ms Martens' and Ms Thompson's classrooms discussed the school beliefs and the Circle of Courage. Through watching videos, reading articles, having deep conversations and writing reflections, they focused on the importance of "belonging".



Mrs Yevtushenko led her grade 7/8 class in the Ukrainian Easter egg tradition Pysanky. This art is handed down from generation to generation and involves a mix of colorful, multi layered wax and dye process. The class had so much fun designing and representing their own culture and identity through this experience.



In celebration of Vaisakhi and Turban Day, Mr. Mavi's TAA class cooked and delivered a sweet rice dish with the support of parent volunteers, elders and teachers to all the classes at Amber Trails.



Our staff members participated in a "Lunch and Learn" to learn about the importance of pronouncing children's names correctly so that meaning of their names doesn't change over time. Staff also learned how to tie patka (small turban).

Turban Day Celebration at the Legislative Building.



Glimpses From Our Community Get Together



Students showed their support for the National Truth and Reconciliation Day wearing their orange shirts, participating in an assembly and a community walk . Every Child Matters ❤️



From the Phys.Ed Department



GLIMPSES FROM DIWALI CELEBRATION



Glimpse from activities from Early Years



Our K-2 classes created classroom promises for how they want to take care of each other every day.



Ms. Lexi's class learnt about the treaty promise that has helped to shape our life here on Treaty 1 Land. They created their own classroom treaty promise.

"A Treaty Is A Promise for as Long as The Sun Shines, The Grass Grows , and the Water Flows."

Joshua Beauchamp jiggging at the Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards



Black History Month

In support and celebration of Black history month, we reached out to Natasha Haines of Mumzie's cakes to showcase a local Black-owned business.



The students from many classrooms enjoyed baking with Ms. Paulette in the school Canteen.

In honor of Black History month Room 115 invited former Winnipeg Police Chief Devon Clunis to their classroom. He is the first black Chief of Police in Canada. While there, he shared his book "The Little Boy From Jamaica".

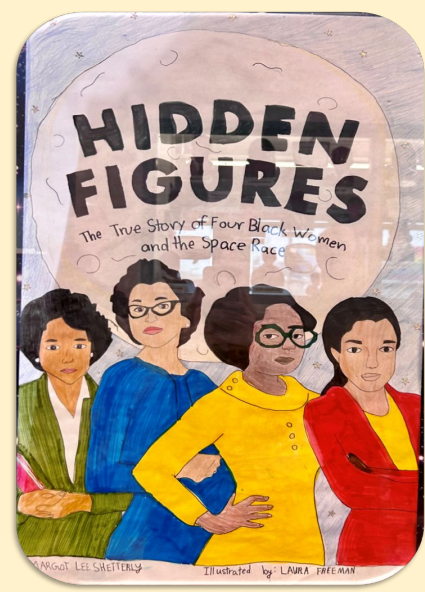
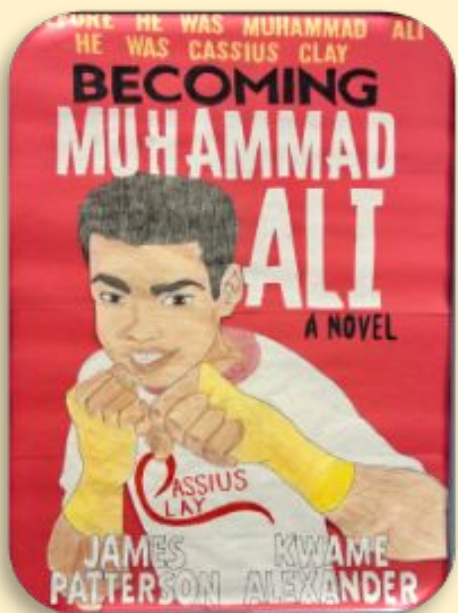


Amulet 9 Book Launch Party

Door Decorating Contest

As part of I Love to Read month, Mr Mavi and Mrs Garwood hosted a book launch party on February 7TH for the highly anticipated Amulet 9 book. They listened to the author do a live reading, he answered questions and they did an Amulet art activity. Students were encouraged to do a 6 word synthesis about the book as they received a ballot to enter their name into a draw to receive one of the three copies. Congratulations to Luca, Aarav and Sifti (not pictured) for winning their own copies of Amulet 9!

This year for our I Love to Read door decorating contest, classrooms took it to a whole new level! Congratulations to Ms Jaime's grades 1/2 class for winning the Kindergarten to grade 2 category, Ms Hartung's class for winning the grades 3-5 category and Ms Martens class/Ms Morka's class for winning the grades 6-8 category. Each classroom won \$50.00 to buy books for their classroom libraries..



Evening of Black Excellence - The students from BSU(Black Student Union) performed at the Evening of Black Excellence



Grade 6 students making Pizza in the Food's class.



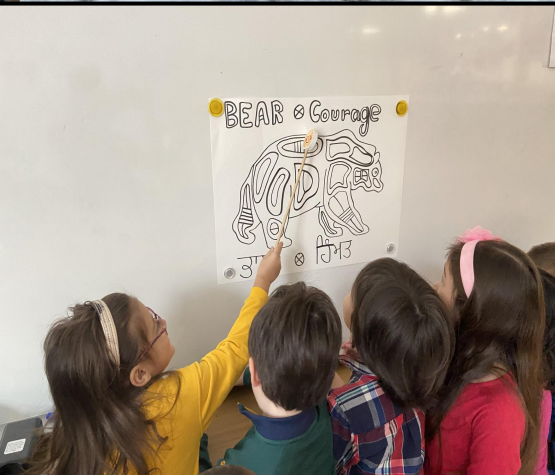
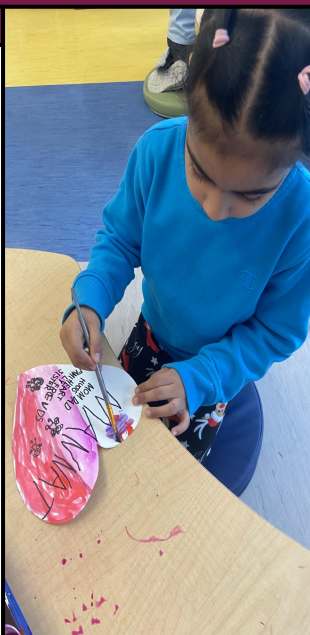
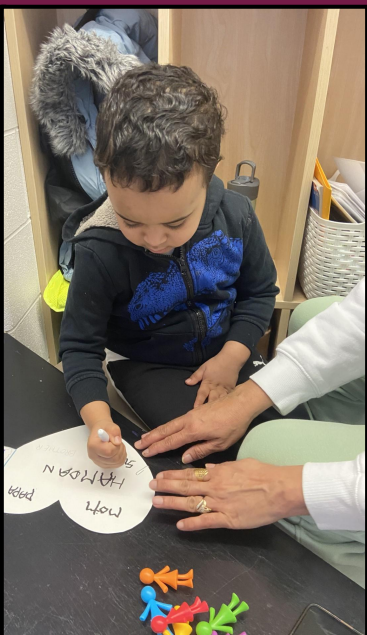
GSA

The Seven Oaks School Division is committed to ensuring a safe, positive and respectful learning environment for all students and staff who identify as two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, non-binary or who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Division is committed to enabling all students to see themselves and their lives positively reflected in the curriculum.

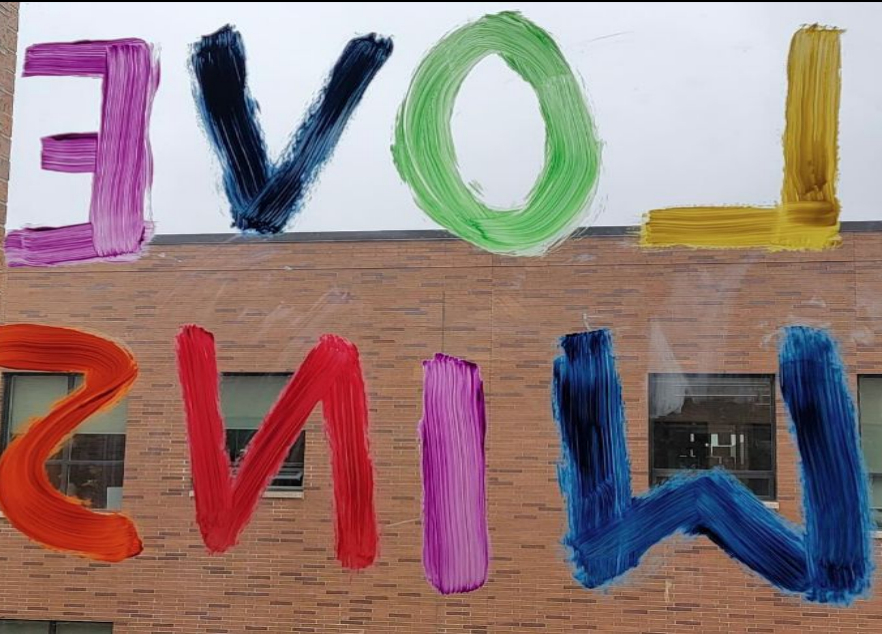




Kindergarten Activity Corner : Kinders learnt about the teaching of Love and Courage at school this month. They had conversations around what is Love, who we Love in our lives, the meaning of Courage and how can we show Courage. They read many books about Love and Courage and Kinders got to make many connections and share their ideas. They learned that Eagle represents the teaching of Love and Bear represents the teaching of Courage. Kinders made Heart Maps to show what and who they love in their life. They learned about Dot Art and about the Indigenous Canadian Artist Norval Morrisseau. The collaborative art posters for Eagle and Bear can be seen in the pictures. The Kinders had so much fun working together to create this amazing art. They even got to share with their families during conferences!



On April 2nd, Amber Trails' GSA group attended the 9th Annual Seven Oaks School Division GSA Gathering. Students participated in a dance workshop, made buttons, friendship bracelets, and learned about the importance of allyship. Thank you to the staff and students who actively participate in GSA groups. GSAs are proven to foster acceptance, improve mental health, and encourage social justice.



Highlights from our Vaisakhi and Turban Day celebration happened at Amber Trails Community School



Earth Day Assembly & Community Clean-up



Felt Critters made by Grade $\frac{7}{8}$ students



PIC•COLLAGE

Sewing is the art of creating something beautiful from Chaos.



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Amber Trails Community School has been celebrating the Asian Heritage Month through cultural arts, weekly read aloud, dance workshops, games, artifact displays, and clothing that are unique to every Asian community! We'd like to thank everyone for your ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of our school community!

A shout out to Ms. Meaden's class for doing a fantastic job in decorating their glass windows with Asian flags and information about different Asian history, cultures, and traditions!!!



AMBER TRAILS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Amber Trails Community School offers FREE preschool programs for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to age six to enjoy together. This program is for parents and child to be a part of the learning environment together in the school. In this program, kids play, create art, read stories, sing songs and share a healthy snack. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to play, learn and meet other families in the community.



The month of May has been officially announced as Asian Heritage Month in Manitoba. Our Asian Heritage Month planning committee worked hard work to plan all the beautiful learning opportunities, activities, celebrations, and fun for our staff



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Treaty Days Learning



LOCAL INDIGENOUS LEADERS





Pride Day Picnic

Amber Trails students and staff got together to celebrate our similarities and uniqueness. Diversity amongst staff and students makes our Amber Trails community school a beautiful place to be where great learning and teaching happens. We want to thank our staff and students GSA action group for their hard work in planning the beautiful Pride Month celebration! Our Pride Walk was very powerful spreading the messages of Love, Respect, Courage, and Humility.

