



ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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We take time to acknowledge that we are here on Treaty 1 Territory, and to honour the Peoples and lands of Turtle Island. Treaty 1 land is on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Inninewak, and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis.

Our water comes from Anishinaabe Treaty 3 territory from the waters of Shoal Lake First Nation #39 and #40.

The electricity powering our community comes from generating stations on river in Treaty territories 1, 3, and 5. The Northern Flood Agreement with five Indigenous communities in northern Manitoba remains unfulfilled.

A Message From the Principals

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break with your family and loved ones. We are now in the final phase of the school year, and the next two months will fly by before we know it. Still, we are happy to share with you all that there are many exciting things happening at Arthur E. Wright!

We are so proud of our students that put on amazing performances, captivating the attention of the audience during the Divisional Dance Day held on April 13, 2023 at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre.

One of the highlights at our school in April was the Family Literacy Night held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Thank you to all the families and teachers who attended this event. We enjoyed our conversations with you about how to spread the love of reading and writing at home. The Book Exchange was also well supported and received by our students and families. We truly believe that the pursuit of home-school connections never ends for educators.

Right now, our grades 6 to 8 students are busy this badminton season practicing before and after school and participating in games with other schools in the division. Moreover, teachers are running various clubs at school to help our students connect with their culture, discover their talents, learn to work effectively with others, and hone their creative skills.

As the weather is warming up, teachers are intentional in taking students on field trips as they provide unique opportunities for our students to learn in a new environment and make real world connections to the knowledge they gained in class.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

Jillian Green



GSA NEWS!



April has been a very exciting month for our GSA. On April 5th we were delighted to welcome a special guest! Azka, film maker and artist joined us to share their journey to film

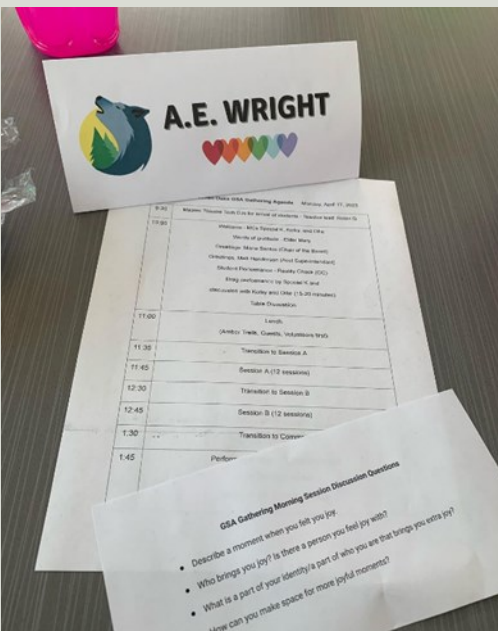
making and what inspires them to create the stories they share through the camera.

On April 17th our GSA got to meet up with all other GSAs in the 7 Oaks School Division for

the 8th Annual GSA Gathering at Maples Collegiate. There, we got to participate in Metis beading, joined in on conversations centered around gender in literature, listened to a presentation from The Other Skaters, and enjoyed

making paper dolls and pronoun buttons.

This month's Pink Picks for reading are: Little & Lion by Brandy Colbert for our Middle Years students, for our Early Years students, our pick is, And Tango Make Three by Justin Richardson, Peter Parnell, and Henry Cole. Both of these delightful reads can be found in our school library.

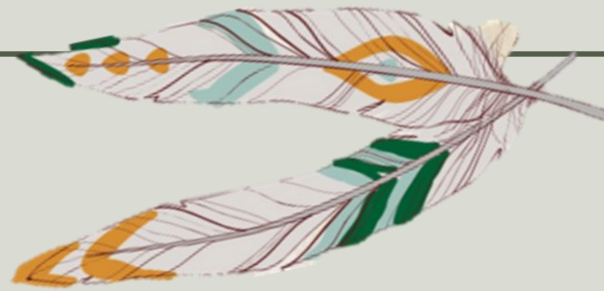


ROOM 1 students in grade 1 & 2 have been learning Ojibwe with the help of one of



our intelligent grade 8 students, Demi! She has been teaching the students in room 1 the names of colours , animals, certain fruits, how to count from 1-10, as well as how to introduce ourselves in Ojib-way! Demi has shared different books with our classroom and even taught us about beading.

We are so grateful to have share her knowledge with us, we can't wait to learn more!



ROOM 9 This fall, the students from Room 9, with the help of Taja (from Bridging the Gap) harvested the tobacco that we grew in our native medicine garden in the



2022 growing season. We would like to thank Ms. Rachel for coming into our classroom to teach us how to bundle it. With Ms. Argue's help, we made 35 tobacco bundles! Our goal is to share these bundles with all of the AEW staff and students to offer to any Indigenous Elder or guest speaker that comes to visit our school community.



Meegwetch, wâciye!, maarsii!

Creative Café

Parents and guardians are invited to attend A. E. Wright School's first Creative Café the evening of May 17th! It will be an enjoyable evening of original music, songs, poems, stories, jokes, and art - all created by our Grade 3 and 4 students. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have further questions, you can contact our school music teacher, Mr. Laidlaw at jordan.laidlaw@7oaks.org.

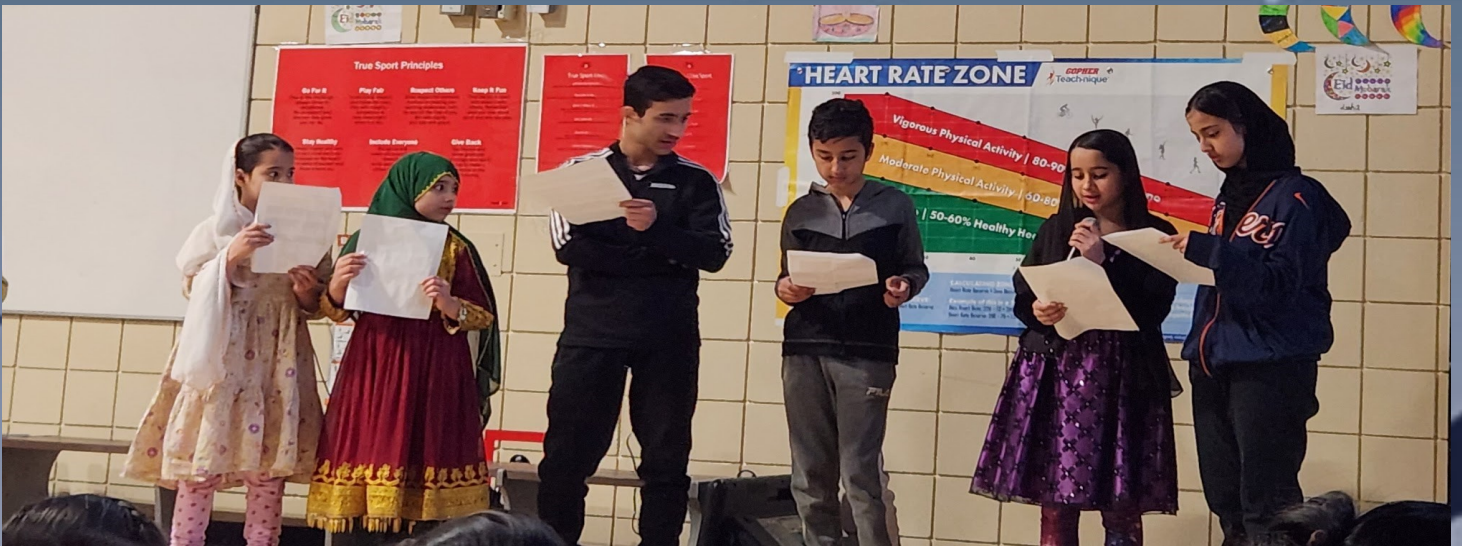


Eid al-Fitr

A.E. Wright held our first “Eid al-Fitr” assembly to teach our students about the celebration. With the help of our Muslim students, we learned that Eid celebrates the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is a holy month where Muslims fast during the daylight hours.

This year Eid fell on April 21st. Muslim families will break their fast, pray and celebrate with family and friends for three days.

Eid Mubarak!



ROOM 4, 11 & 12 On April 21, 2023 MLA Malaya Marcelino visited the Filipino Bilingual Classes and read to the kids. She also gave a strong message about loving



our native language as it is a very important part of our identity. Malaya shared her story being an immigrant and why her family decided to come to Canada. Most importantly, she walked us through her many responsibilities to the people and the community where she serves. She has been assertively pushing to make these bills into laws: equal pay for all regardless of gender and skin color; and immigrants who are nurses, doctors, teachers, engineers, etc. will be able to practice their professions here in Canada.

We are thankful to MLA Malaya Marcelino for coming to our classrooms to inspire us to be part of the change in our community.

Mabuhay!





PICKUP AND DROP OFF TIMES AT AEW

We would like to send a friendly reminder to our families that supervision at our school does not begin until **8:45am**, therefore no drop offs should be taking place before this time.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents that the pickup time at the end of the school day is **3:30pm**. Students should be picked up on time, at their pod doors. For any early pickups during school hours, please call 204-632-6314 to advise the office so that we are able to have your child waiting for you upon arrival.

Lastly, we would like to once again advise that parents should not be entering our back-lane during the school day or during pickup and drop off times for the safety of our students.

Thank you!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Grade 6 Badminton Jamboree Grade 3-5 Run Club	2 Grade 6 Badminton Jamboree RM7 Learn to Swim	3	4 Grade 3-5 Run Club	5 Grade 3-5 Run Club
8	9 Grade 3-5 Run Club RM7 Learn to Swim	10	11 Grade 6-8 Immunization Clinic Kool-Aid Kids Club	12 Grade 3-5 Run Club
15	16 Grade 3-5 Cross Country Meet RM7 Learn to Swim Kindergarten Open House	17	18 Grade 3-5 Cross Country Meet RAIN DATE	19 SCHOOL PD DAY NO CLASSES
22 Victoria Day NO CLASSES	23 Grade 3-5 Cross Track Meet RM7 Learn to Swim	24	25 Grade 3-5 Cross Track Meet RAIN DATE Kool-Aid Kids Club	26
29 Middle Years Divisional Track and Field Meet	30 RM7 Learn to Swim	31 Middle Years Divisional Track and Field Meet RAIN DATE		

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Looking ahead....

Friday June 2 Divisional PD Day– No Classes
Friday June 30 Last Day of Classes