



ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

December Newsletter 2022

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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.

We are committed to our Treaty relationship. As a school community, we continually reflect on how we are contributing towards reconciliation today and everyday.

A Message From the Principals

“Winter is not a season, it’s a celebration.”– Anamika Mishra

Dear A. E. Wright Families,

While many people say that spring, summer, or fall are their favorite months, some may choose winter as their most favourite season of the year despite of having to embrace the constant coldness in the air. There is an ambiance of serene reflectiveness combined with fondness particularly in the month of December that can be compared to the beautiful colors of spring. The month of December allows us all to slow down from our busy work and enjoy time with family, friends, and probably, with new acquaintances as well. It’s a month where people all over the world hold big celebrations such as the Winter Solstice, Hanukkah Days, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and many others.

The holidays are a joyous time for families, with each celebration taking in many different forms. Understanding and celebrating many different holidays in the winter season is a great way to teach our children about cultural diversity. This will help our children develop respect for others and expand their perspective of the world and the people around us.

Finally, we would like to send our very warm wishes to our students, families, staff, and the community. Please have a safe, healthy, fun, and memorable winter break with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

Jillian Green



DROP OFF & PICK UP CONCERNS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear AEW Families,

We have shared information about drop off and pick up many times in an effort to keep our children safe. Unfortunately, we are still seeing students being dropped off in the back lane and on Jefferson Ave. This is extremely dangerous.

We ask for your support in dropping students off only on **Manila Road**, past the crosswalk and the loading zone. Please drop your child off as quickly as possible to allow space for other families who are doing the same. We have staff and student patrols in the area before and after school. Please respect their direction as their only goal is the safety of our children and families.

The best way to keep everyone safe and well is for students to walk to school! This is good for our environment and for our health, and creates less traffic for a safer community. Thank you for your support!



Thank YOU!!



We have the most amazing community of staff, students, and families here at AEW... we asked for hamper donations, and YOU responded in a way that allows us to create wonderful hampers to be distributed to some very deserving families.. And from the bottom of our hearts, we want to say "THANK YOU".



Vision Screening Information

Did you know that ...

- Vision screening is not compulsory for any student?
- Vision screening is not designed for students who wear glasses?

There is no cost for children under 19 years for an eye examination by an optometrist in Manitoba?

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be getting their vision screened by Lions Club volunteers on **Thurs, Jan 19, 2023** at AEW.

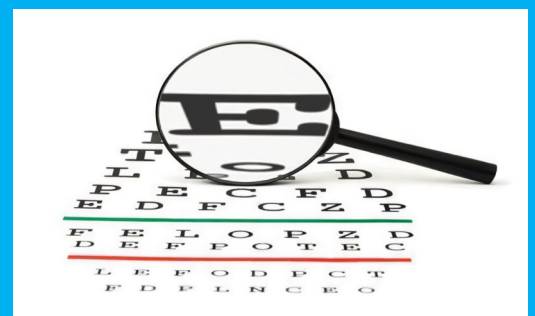
Grades 3, 5, 7 and any **new students** will be getting their vision screened during the week of **January 23-27** at AEW.

Parents/Guardians will receive a letter home if their child has been referred to get an eye test done by an optometrist.

If you would like to have your child screened for vision and they do not fall under the categories listed above, please email cara.gulay@7oaks.org to add them to the list.

Thank you and have a great holiday season!

Cara



Middle Years Treaty One Flag Initiative

Students in grades 7 and 8 have successfully advocated for the Treaty One flag to fly outside our school on its own flagpole. Keep your eyes peeled for its installation. We are the first school in the Division to have the flag fly on our grounds. However, our students did not stop there. They presented to the Board of Trustees to propose the flag be flown in front of every school in the Division and were very well-received. This is an example of how our students are working to honour the Treaty relationship and are acting toward reconciliation. Below is an example one of the letters students wrote to our Superintendent.

Seven Oaks School Division
Attn: Mr. Brian O'Leary, Superintendent
830 Powers Street
Winnipeg, MB R2V 4E7

Hello and good day Mr.O'Leary,

My name is Kris Galicia and I've been attending Arthur E Wright Community School since kindergarten and I'm currently in 8th grade. My classmates and I are writing to you for the purpose of raising the Treaty 1 flag alongside the Canadian flag in front of our school.

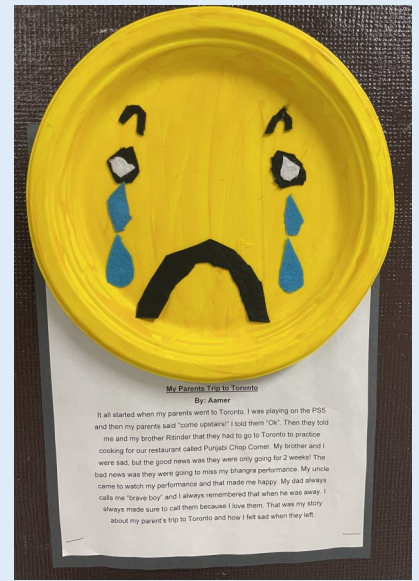
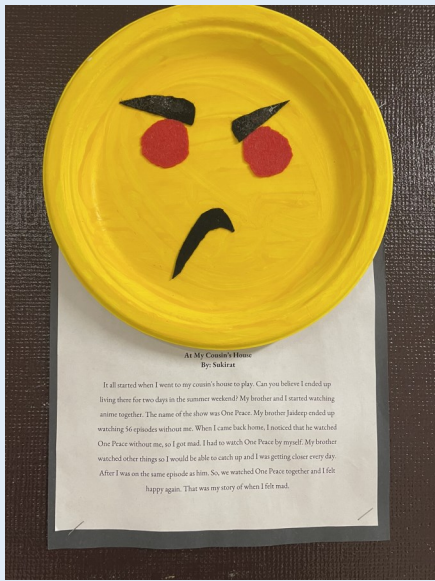
We realize and understand that you have to propose this request to the Board Of Trustees and await their approval for this; however, we greatly suggest doing so. Other provinces have the flag raised proudly on their school grounds, as well as the University of Manitoba. I feel as someone who is not of Indigenous descent that the people of the culture have been done an injustice not yet resolved, and raising the Treaty 1 flag will educate and bring Indigenous people and their struggle a little closer to the light.

Indigenous people have been mistreated and discriminated against for so many years, and though the Treaty 1 flag may not have been around for very long, the meaning runs deep and we hope you agree. My class as well as our entire school community will appreciate your response.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.
With optimism,

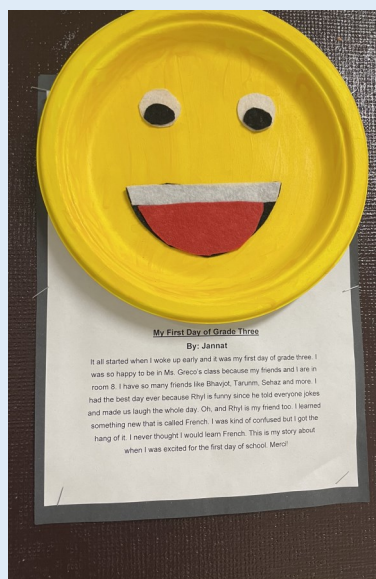
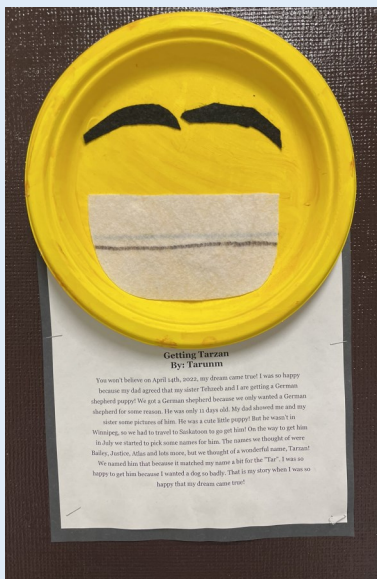
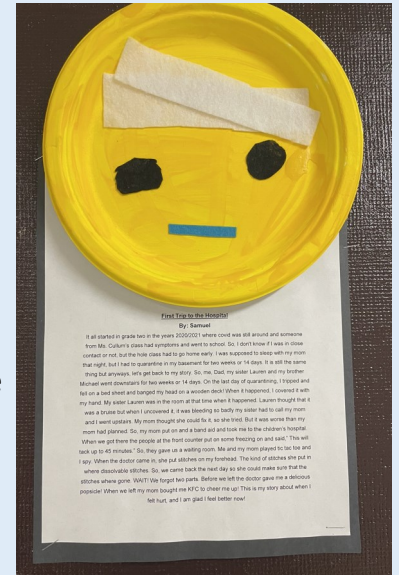
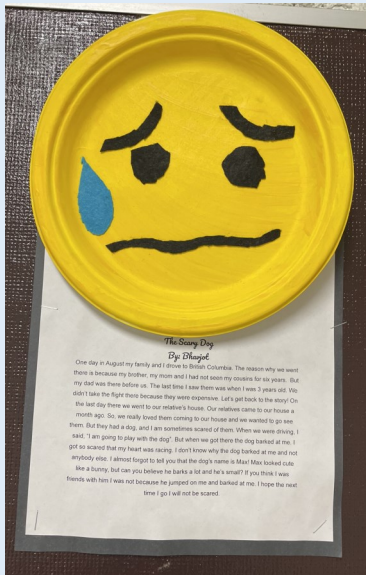
Kris Galicia



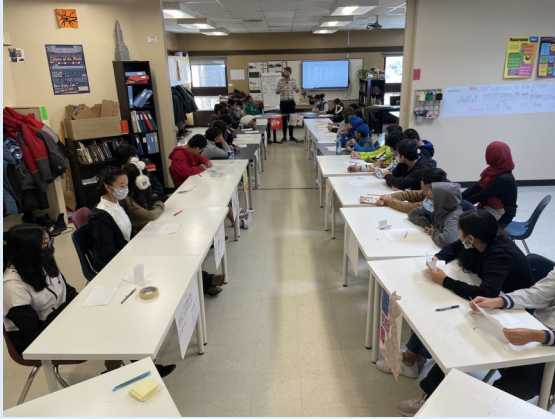


Room 8's Emoji Writing

Room 8 has been learning about the Zones of Regulation. We learned about emotions we feel, the different zones, and tools we can use and share with others to help regulate our different emotions. One of the tools we like to use is taking deep breaths using our "figure 8 breathing" tool! We took our knowledge of emotions and we each wrote a personal narrative about a time when we felt an emotion. We also know that facial expression and body language are some ways that we can tell how someone is feeling, so we added emoji art pieces to our writing to also demonstrate how we were feeling in our writing pieces. We were so excited to share our writing process, emoji art, and the final published pieces with our families at Parent Teacher Conferences.



What has Room 13 and 14 been up to?



Students in Room 13 & 14 have been learning about international cooperation through three different simulations: trade, conflict resolution, and innovation. With the help of an online climate simulation from MIT, we managed to keep global warming below



1.5°C....now we'll see if we can do it in real life!

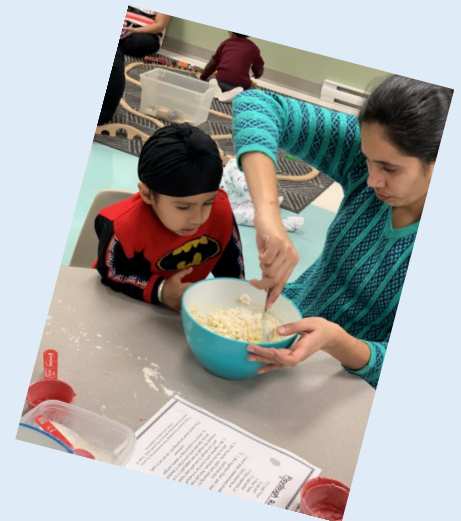


During our last week of programming before the winter break, each family made a batch of playdough to take home. The children measured and poured the dry ingredients into a bowl, mixed, and then chose a colour. The parents stirred in the hot water. The children got to help knead the dough when it cooled.

Best wishes to all for a great holiday season!

Our programs will resume the week of January 9th.

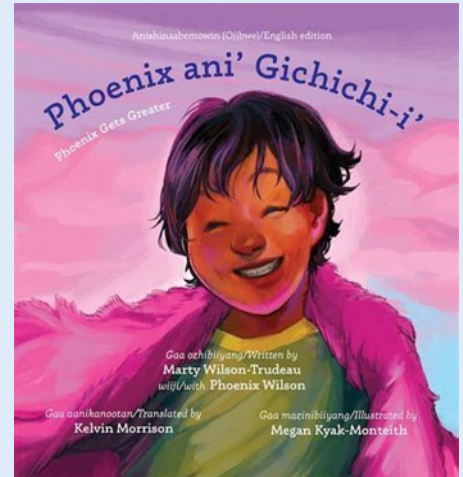
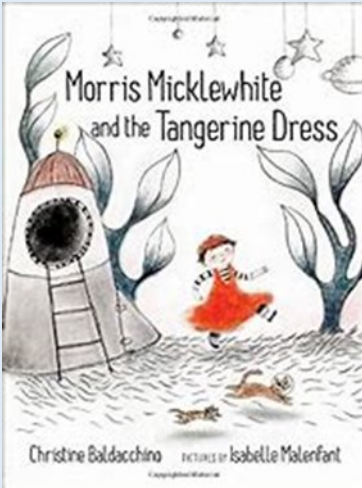
Dave



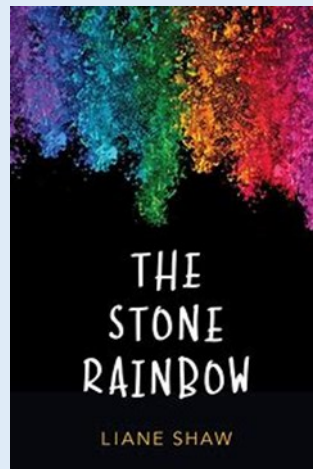
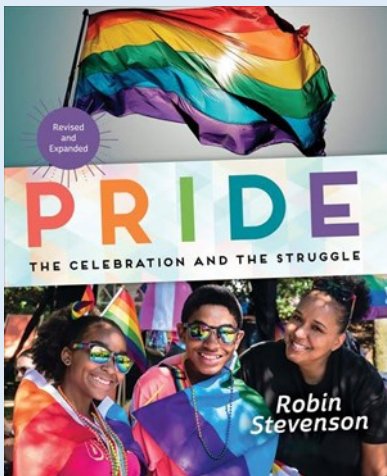
Think Pink

One of my favourite parts of GSA is getting together with the students and sharing our recent favourite reads that have authors and characters that are part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. It's very important that we see representation for our students and community members so that every voice feels heard and welcomed. Here are some of the books that have been recommend by members and Ms.Korade:

For Early Years:



For Middle Years:



FILIPINO BILINGUAL PROGRAM

The "Christmas in the Philippines," CBC News Special Edition, with our Filipino Bilingual Program students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 is now available for download on podcasts beginning December 20th. Please check the link below.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-111-up-to-speed/clip/15955025-bilingual-filipino-classroom-share-holiday-traditions>

RF Christmas special will be aired at noon on 89.3FM on December 26th, Boxing Day, across Canada.

Mr. Jim Agapito, associate producer of CBC News Current Affairs and the host for **Recovering Filipino** from CBC Manitoba visited our school and interviewed our students to compile the report.



Winter Concert 2022
Kindergarten – Grade 4



On December 14th and 15th, our students put on a wonderful performance for our community to celebrate the season. We want to thank Mr. Laidlaw for his hard work and care in putting these shows together. Thank you to all the other staff who supported this event. The biggest thank you of all goes to our students, and of course their families. We were so happy to celebrate together!

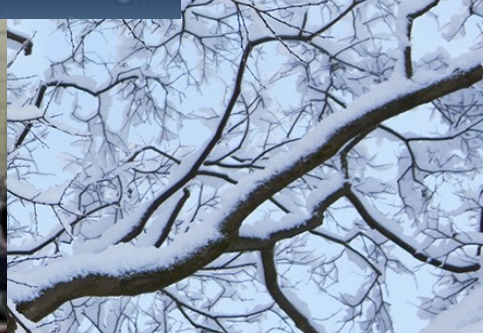
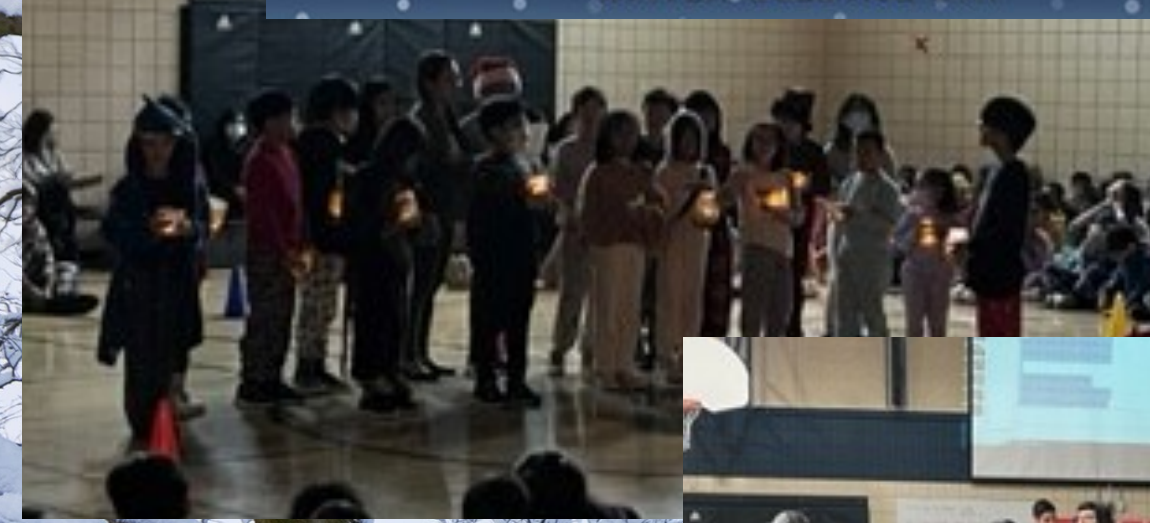
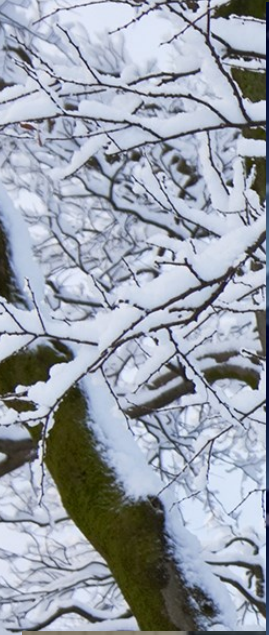




Spirit Week



- Chocolate Chip Cookies**
- Ingredients:
- 1 Cup Butter
 - 1 Cup White Sugar
 - 1 Cup Brown Sugar
 - Eggs
 - Teaspoons Vanilla Extract
 - Teaspoons Baking Soda
 - Teaspoons Hot Water
 - Teaspoons Salt
 - Cups All Purpose Flour
 - Cups Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips



JANUARY

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 School Re-Opens	6 Gr. 5 Basketball Club
9	10 Gr. 5 Basketball Club	11 Swimming Rm. 8	12	13 Gr. 5 Basketball Club
16 Gr. 5 Basketball Club	17	18 Gr. 5 Basketball Club Swimming Rm. 8 Kool-Aid Kids Club	19	20 Professional Development Day—NO CLASSES
23 Gr. 5 Basketball Club	24 Gr. 5 Basketball Club	25 Swimming Rm. 8	26 Gr. 5 Basketball Club	27 Rm. 8 Field Trip
30	31 Gr. 5 Basketball Club			

Looking ahead....

December 22 to January 4—Winter Break

Friday, Feb. 3

Divisional P.D. Day— No School

**Friday, Jan. 20
School**

A.E.W. School P.D. Day— No

Monday, Feb. 20

Louis Riel Day— No School

**Thursday, Mar. 16
Evening**

Parent/Child /Teacher Conf.—

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