



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 Families,

Season's Greetings to all our Arthur E. Wright families!

December is always an exciting time for our students and staff. We are so grateful to live and work in such a remarkably supportive community. As the snow falls and the winter holidays approach, it is the perfect time to teach our children about being helpful, grateful, generous, and kind.

We would like to thank you for supporting our collection for gift hampers. Our Koats for Kids Drive was also very successful. Thank you to all families who were able to donate gently used winter gear for children in need!

Our wonderful music and band teachers, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Laidlaw, and Mr. Thiessen have worked hard to prepare our students for the K-8 Winter Concert held on December 19 and 20, 2023. Our grade 6-8 choir students sang Christmas Carols at the Garden City Mall and Maples Senior Care Home. Amidst all our celebrations and traditions this December, we still managed to finish the year with great learning experiences for our students.

As the temperature drops, a reminder to all families that in the new year, children should come to school dressed for the weather to actively play outside every day. Hats, warm mittens, neck warmers, ski pants, and warm winter boots are essential outer wears. Research has shown that having fresh air and daily exercises are important for children's developing brains and bodies. As per our division's policy, students will continue to go outside for recess unless the temperature drops to below -27 °C. At -35°C, there are no patrols on duty.

We wish you all a restful winter break and we hope you enjoy this time with your family and friends. For the New Year, we wish you health and happiness! We absolutely love working with our students, parents, staff, and the community. We are so thankful to be a part of the Arthur E. Wright family!

We look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

Jillian Green



Land Based Learning

Students have had the opportunity to experience land-based learning near Anola, MB with two Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, Harmony and Jake. During their time there the students learned how to give thanks to the land by offering tobacco before taking from it, they identified diamond willow trees used for smoking meat, built fires and assembled a traditional tipi which was later used enjoyed some warmth in on a cold day! We are so thankful for these opportunities, and we are looking forward to continue to grow our knowledge with Harmony and Jake in New Year!





We celebrated the Winter Solstice with a school wide assembly, story telling with Elder Winston Wuttunee , shared a Bannock and stew feast and we ended the day staying warm by gathering around ceremonial fires.



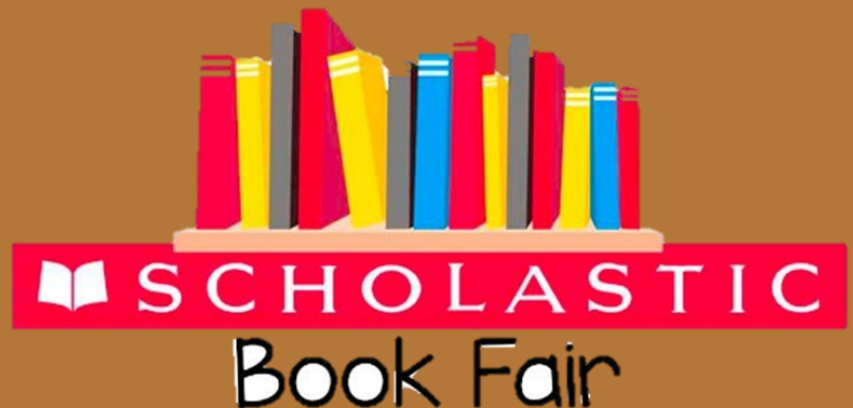
What happened at AE Wright this month?

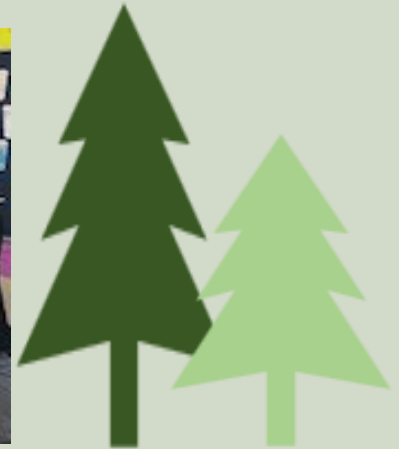
Winter Concert December 19th&20th



We are very glad to inform you that we have earned a total of **\$1269.91** worth books from Scholastic with our this year's bookfair.

Thank you to all our families and teachers for helping to add more books to our school's library collection!





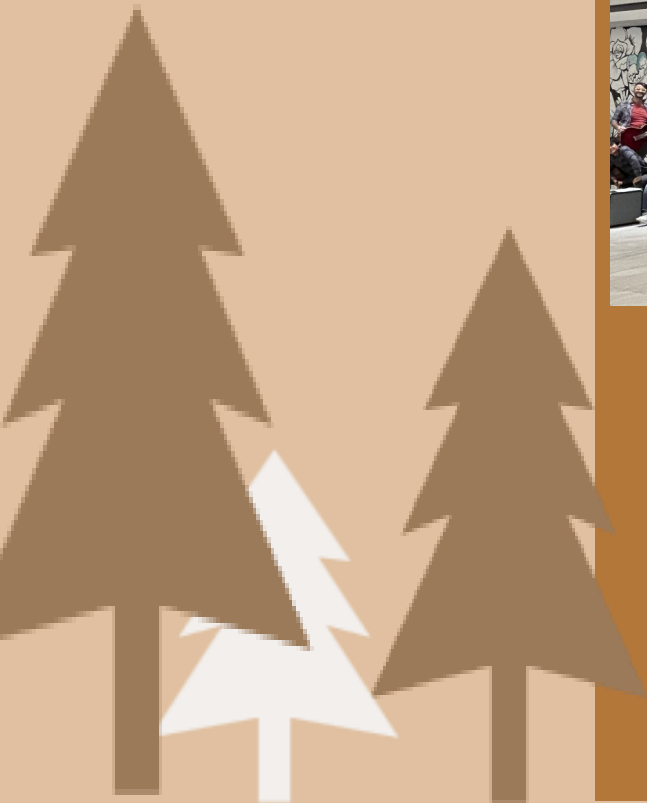
Sprit Week at AEW!



Room 14 students read the novel 'The Breadwinner' by Deborah Ellis and shared their learning and creative projects with rest of the classes in the school library. The projects were connected to the book and inspired by their learning about Afghanistan nation and its culture.



The **grade 6-8 choir** students had the opportunity to get out into the community and spread joy this holiday season with carolling performances at Garden City Shopping Centre as well as Maples Personal Care Home.





Christmas Around the World Project

A collaboration between **Room 7** (Mrs. Saray's class) and **Room 12** (Mrs. Espino's class). Students researched countries that celebrate Christmas. They learned how to say Merry Christmas in different languages, about the various dishes prepared and shared during this holiday, and how Christmas is celebrated in different places. The students made connections and comparisons among countries they researched. They also connected this activity to art by making the flags.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 WINTER BREAK- NO CLASSES	2 WINTER BREAK- NO CLASSES	3 WINTER BREAK- NO CLASSES	4 WINTER BREAK- NO CLASSES	5 WINTER BREAK- NO CLASSES
8 First Day of Classes RM9– Swimming	9 RM3– Skating	10 RM1- Skating	11 RM5– Skating	12
15 RM9– Swimming	16 RM3– Skating	17 RM1- Skating	18 RM5– Skating Parent Advisory Meeting	19
22 RM9– Swimming	23 RM3– Skating	24 RM1- Skating	25 RM5– Skating	26
29 RM9– Swimming	30 RM3– Skating	31 RM1- Skating		

Looking ahead...

- Friday Feb. 2 Divisional PD– No Classes
- Monday Feb. 19 Louis Riel Day– No Classes
- Thursday, Mar. 14 Parent/Child /Teacher Conf.—Evening
- Friday, Mar. 15 Parent/Child /Teacher Conf.—No Classes
- Mar. 25—Mar. 29 SPRING BREAK — No Classes
- Monday, May 6 School P.D. Day— No Classes

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