



# Report to the Community 2023-2024



#### **Edmund Partridge Community School**

#### What we Believe:

We believe in the *dignity, value, and worth* of each individual, and strive to create a democratic and caring community that cultivates curiosity, while actively working towards *equity, anti-oppression, and reconciliation.* 

Our goal is to create conditions for all students to engage in rich learning experiences, achieve success, and develop self-worth so they can contribute positively to the world around them.

We actively seek to understand the complex and rich identities of self and others.

We are stronger together!





### School Profile

We are a Grade 6-8 School with an enrollment of approximately 440 students and 50 staff, located at 1874 Main St., and proud to be part of Seven Oaks School Division!

We are the home of the 7 Oaks Middle Years' Anishinaabemowin Program.

This year, our students have enjoyed a Middle Years experience that has included:

- Rich learning in classrooms
- TAS programs including Foods, Clothing, Graphics, Industrial Arts, Woods, Fiddle, Piano, Guitar, Media, Coding, Drama, Soccer, Hockey and Musical Production
- Extracurricular experiences and clubs including Black Students' Union, GSA, Chess Club, Art Club and Pow Wow Club
- Exceptional Arts programs and extracurriculars including Band, Choir, Jazz, Musical and Dance, including First Note, Band, Choir and Dance concerts and a full Musical Production
- Outstanding Athletics programs including Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field, Soccer, Lacorosse, Bike Education and Safety Training (BEST), Special Olympics and more, as well as 5 full periods of Phys. Ed. Per cycle for every class
- 7 Oaks first Esports program including Rocket League, Minecraft and Brawlhalla, with teams attending the MESA/Scholastic MY Esports Expo
- Indigenous Family Nights including Indigenous artists
- Indigenous Big Drum group led by Elder Derek and Jon Ellison
- Treaty Days including Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers, Michael Redhead Champagne, Community 204, First Row Collectibles, Beading, Bannock making and Slo-Pitch
- Assemblies: Welcome Back, Remembrance Day/National Indigenous Veterans Day, Black History Month, Louis Riel Day, Treaty Days, Grade 8 Farewell
- Pride Month
- AND MUCH MORE!



## Memories & Highlights

#### We invited Teachers to submit some of their own highlights... here's what they shared!

"The music program was very busy this year at EP... it is very difficult to pick just one highlight!

The students put on one of our best musicals ever in "We Will Rock You" earlier this year. After months of hard work and rehearsals, we were thrilled to perform in the beautiful SOPAC theatre in January.

Another highlight in the year was the EP Jazz Band performance at Arts in the Park. This is such a wonderful divisional event, and we had such a fun day and great performance there! Family and friends, students from the division all shared in our music that day!"

#### -Ms. Martin



We Will Rock You Musical Production





Jazz Band at Arts in the Park

"This year, one of the highlights for the grade 8 students of Room 129 was winning the grade 8 class wars! Together, they worked hard and secured victory by dominating in events such as blind bean bag toss, relay cup stacking, and tug of war.

Inside our classroom, students got creative by making beautiful pyramid models to conclude our studies on Ancient Egypt in a fun and innovative way. Each student group



showcased their creativity using cardboard, clay, and even Minecraft Education to craft virtual pyramids."

-Ms. Jimena



"This year in grade 6 for our Diversity of Living Things unit we got some special visitors in room 231! We had Prairie Exotics join our class and they brought their friends with them. They brought a corn snake, rainbow boa, pacman frog, brazilin white-knee tarantula, tortoise, bearded dragon, and a gecko. We got to see and touch all of these animals except the tarantula of course! We learned a lot more about each of these animals and we also learned some new vocabulary such as endoskeleton, exoskeleton, vertebrate, invertebrate, cold-blooded and warm-blooded. It was a good day and one of our favourite highlights from this year!"

#### -Ms. Kirton





Prairie Exotics visits 6 Kirton



"The best part of my year was watching students connect in my office at lunch every day! So many friendships blossomed during their time together, and I am very grateful to have spent so many lunch hours giggling over games of Mancala and Monopoly Deal."

#### -Ms. Stefanchuk



Q: What's your favourite subject at school?

A: Lunch with Ms. Emma



Check out more of our many 2023-2024 EP highlights!



Black Student Union (BSU) were champions of antiracism and put on our first ever Black History Month assembly featuring Bubba B. Thank you to Ms. Haines, Mr. Raquin and Ms. Grace for leading our BSU!





**BEST Bike Program** 











Grade 6 First Note – The beginning of a musical journey! Thank you to our amazing Music Team, Ms. Martin and Mr. Friesen!











Fall family BBQ featuring "Kookums Lounge" by Artist in Residence, Jaimie Isaac with Tipi Joe!











Manoomin! Anishinaabe students harvesting wild rice.









Orange Shirt Day at Kildonan Park

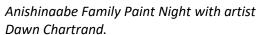








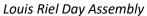
















Pow Wow Club proudly danced in the regalia they helped to make at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 7 Oaks Graduation Pow Wow! Thank you to JoAnn and Val for leading this amazing group of dancers and Anishinaabe students!

















Treaty Days Assembly and Activities



# Edmund Partridge Community School

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In June, EP held a student-led Culture Day. Students showcased their cultural dress and dance with PRIDE. Thank you to the Grade 7 student group who proposed this event and to Ms. Greene and Ms. Cormier for supporting them with making it a reality!



## WE WILL ROCK YOU!











One of the highlights of the year for many students, staff and families – We Will Rock You! After months of preparation, our very talented EP students took the SOPAC stage by storm with this Queen-inspired production that celebrated freedom, love and rock & roll! Thank you to Ms. Oye, Mr. Friesen, Ms. Martin, Ms. Bartecki, Ms. Worden, Mr. Raquin, Ms. Grimes and other supporting staff for your amazing teamwork and leadership on this memorable production!



## PE & Athletics









We had a great year in Phys Ed this year! Students participated in a variety of different games, activities, units and fitness challenges. Our EP Suns Athletics Programming also had a very successful year, with high numbers on all teams from our Grades 6's, 7's and 8's! We are looking forward to our students having multiple opportunities to be active and join teams again next year! -Mr. Castellano



## EP PRIDE MARCH!











## Grade 8 Farewell



Nahanni Fontaine presents the Angelica Houston Bursary



What a Team!



Proud Grade 8 Classes of 2024















Classroom, Athletics, and Music achievements to be proud of!



## Thank you for another great year!

Have a wonderful summer!

See you in September!

