

AMBER TRAILS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2024

FAMILY MEMO




DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, OCT 31 - K-5 Halloween Dance Party
- Friday, NOV 1 - Diwali Assembly
- Monday, NOV. 11 - Remembrance Day - No Classes
- Thursday, NOV. 21 - Parent / Teacher Conf.- Evening
- Friday, NOV. 22 - Parent / Teacher Conf.- No Classes



Thank you for letting the school know when your child will be away from school or late. Call **204-697-5965** (Voicemail is 24/7)
Or email us at ambertrails@7oaks.org



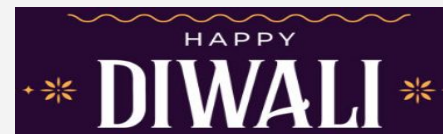
Wednesday, Nov 6
Lifetouch Photo Retakes
Picture Retake Day

Note from Admin

Happy November, Amber Trails Community! It is hard to believe that we are already two months into the school year. October saw much learning not just for the children in our building, but for our adults too. This past month, staff participated in our Divisional P.D. Day in which we listened to keynote speaker, Cadmus Delorme, deliver his talk: *Truth and Reconciliation: What We Inherited and Building a Long Term Relationship*. Teachers also participated in MTS P.D. Day where a variety of learning opportunities were offered. As the calendar turns from October to November, we would like to wish our entire community a happy Diwali! May this special time of year bring great light into the lives of you and your family.

Family BBQ

A BIG thank-you to the many family members who attended our school BBQ last month. It was a beautiful night with a tremendous turnout of children, families and staff.





This year middle years students have the opportunity to take Art as an option. Several middle years teachers teach Art to students three times a cycle. Students have been learning about Brazilian artist Romero Britto, name art, Halloween graffiti art and more.





Fort Whyte Field Trip

On Thursday, October 17TH, Mr Turner and Ms Nonato's grade 7/8 classes went to Fort Whyte to further their learning around ecosystems. They engaged in activities around a variety of plant species, animals and where they belong in food chains/pyramids and took part in a Predator vs Prey game. What a fabulous fall day to be outside and learn from the land and each other.





LAND EXPLORATIONS



Why is it important?

Land explorations encourages students to inquire about the land, to ask questions about the natural processes that they are observing, and to think deeply about the world around them. Moreover, it teaches students about having respect and responsibility for the land.



Who lives here and how can we take care of them?

Students in Room 108 are researching and studying the living creatures in our community with a special focus on the insects and amphibians that live near the school. These explorers will soon be creating public service announcements to help our community understand why it is important to care for our land and the creatures that live here.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

@ AMBER TRAILS SCHOOL



Students carried signs to raise awareness of the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.



Our community walk was accompanied by students tying an orange ribbon to the “Every Child Matters” piece on the front fence. This orange tie was a symbol to represent our commitment to taking action.



Classrooms spent time learning about what the importance of the Orange Shirt and how it connects to Truth and Reconciliation. Many classrooms created art showing their learning about residential schools and displaying their love and support for those who attended.

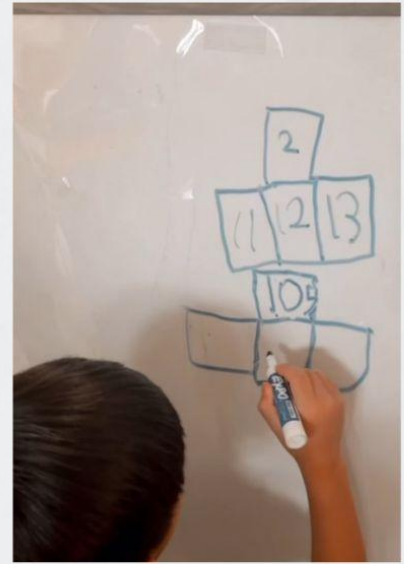
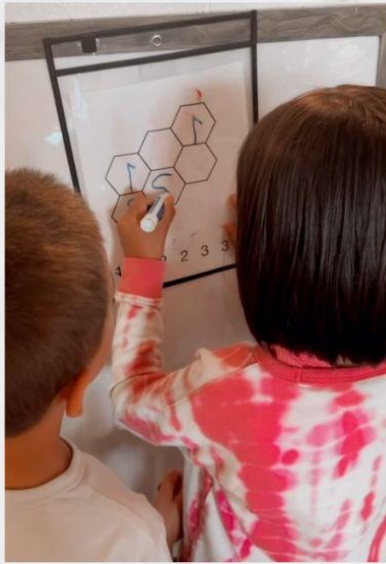
Our past two professional development days were spent learning about Treaty Education and Truth and Reconciliation. We all reflected on how to ensure this work is carried on throughout the year, not just for a single event or day.



MATH IN ROOM 100

BUILDING THINKING CLASSROOMS

In room 100 students are solving math problems in ways that promote collaboration and critical thinking.



RANDOM SMALL GROUPS

We work in random groups of two or three. This helps us stay focused on the task. It also helps us work with any member of our class. This makes our math class feel welcoming for anyone.



VERTICAL WRITING SPACE

Writing on our whiteboards helps everyone in our group see what we are thinking. It also lets us change our ideas, see our thinking process, and come up with many ideas.



ONE MARKER PER GROUP

In our groups only one person has a marker. It is their job to **record** the thinking. If you aren't holding a marker, you can share your thinking. This helps make sure everyone in the group knows what everyone is thinking.



Reminders

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedure

Student Drop Off/Pick Up: Thank you to everyone for supporting our new drop-off and pick-up routines. Please remember that the staff parking lot is staff only and cannot be used for pick up/drop off. The front parking loop is reserved for kindergarten and daycare families, as well as student who have mobility concerns. Please do not park/stop on left side of loop (fire lane) and by the intersection on Novara street. Parking passes are required to enter the loop. Please continue to park a minimum of one block away from the school to avoid traffic congestion.



Thank you for using the streets surrounding the perimeter of our school yard as a drop-off/pick-up location. Please be respectful of our community residences by not blocking or parking in driveways or using them to turn around. We thank you for your support!

If your child needs to be picked up early from school, we request the parents call the school and inform who would be coming to pick up the child and call at least 15-20 minutes ahead of the pick-up time to give the student enough time to gather their belongings and come to the office. We also ask that parents (or any visitors) check in at the office and not go directly to the classroom. We will call the student to the office for their pick-up. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Calling the school to reach your child



With almost 840 children, we have been receiving a high number of phone calls where parents/guardians request to speak with their child during class. Please plan and discuss non-urgent matters with your child outside of school hours if at all possible. If it is an emergency or urgent matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We appreciate your help with this!