



Arthur E. Wright Community School



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
community begins here

Principal Teacher — *Anna Mangano* Vice Principal — *Jennifer Hughes*

Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies

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WELCOME!

With open arms and open hearts, the children of P4 wrote beautiful letters to new coming Syrian Refugees. From sharing some of their favourite things about being Canadian to remembering some of their own experiences arriving to a new country, there is no doubt that the warm and kind messages in these letters will leave a lasting impact on some of Canada's newest families!

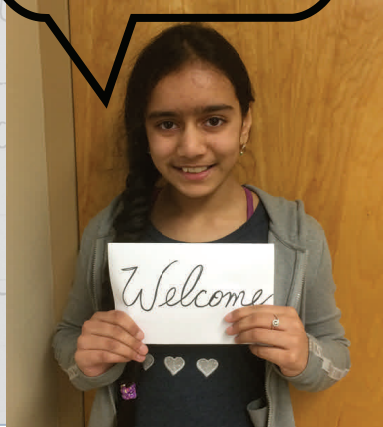
When I came to Canada from the Philippines, I was shy and scared. My letter will help them feel welcome and let them know not to be shy or afraid.

- John S.



I hope the refugees will have a better future here. I hope my letter helps them to feel like people care and that this is their new home!

-Jasmine D.



Writing this letter was important to me because it lets me feel that they are safe.

-Andrea M.





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Begins Monday, February 29th, 2016

8:30-3:30—School Office

For children born in 2011

Please bring child's birth certificate and Manitoba health card.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Please mark your calendars for February 10th to join us in our travels as we visit far off lands. Our students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 will entertain you as they share and celebrate in their learning of cultural music from various countries around the world! Please come and join us in our travels “**Wright Around the World!**”

Date: February 10th, 2016

Time: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Place: A. E. Wright Gym

Note: There will be a dress rehearsal in the afternoon on Feb. 10th from 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. If you are unable to make it to the evening performance, you are welcome to attend in the afternoon.

What's happening in the music room? On Day 2, the students from Grade 5 to 8 are coming into the music room to enjoy SINGIN' CLUB! The students are having fun going through some familiar songs!

Arthur E. Wright's Middle Years Music Program welcomes all friends and family to our 2016 Winter Concert! Featuring all the students in grade 5-8 including: the Junior Choir (Grade 5/6s), Senior Choir (Grade 7/8s), and Grade 7/8 Concert Band, you will have the opportunity to experience and celebrate the journey that these fine young musicians have been on in the last few months. We invite you to take a break from the harsh winter season... the combination of the music, our students, and hot chocolate is sure to warm you up!

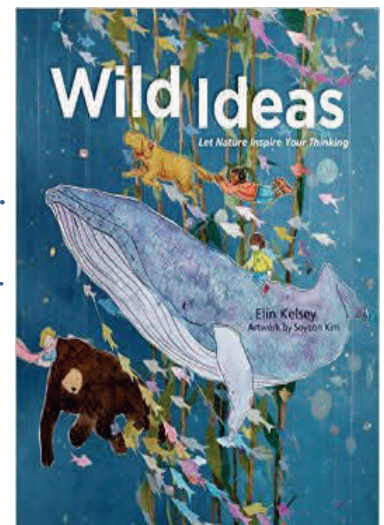
See you on **Thursday February 11th, 2016 at 6:30pm in the AEW Large Gym.** We look forward to seeing you!

Ms. Deck and Mr. Lee

A READ YOU NEED

Each month we will be featuring a “READ YOU NEED” contributed by different children or classrooms throughout the school.

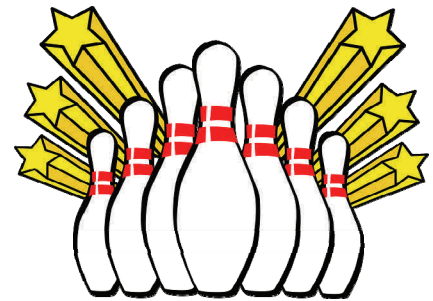
This month’s read is Wild Ideas by Elin Kelsey. This book takes you on a beautifully illustrated adventure filled with problem solving solutions and innovations brought to us from some of our favourite wild animals! Learn about the ingenious way that the chimpanzees have learned to sip water from jungle streams or why you shouldn’t be surprised to observe a sea otter carrying a rock on it’s belly! Ms. Babcock’s Room!



Patrol Outing @ Billy Mosienko Bowling Lanes



**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO
ALL OF OUR HARD
WORKING PATROLS!!**



Be sure to follow us on Twitter

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Join us for our Parent as Partners Meeting

New Date this Month, join us for the Seven Oaks School Division Public Budget Meeting @ Garden City Collegiate on February 22nd @ 7:00 PM.

Future PAP Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 8
- Tuesday, April 12
- Tuesday, May 10
- Tuesday, June 14



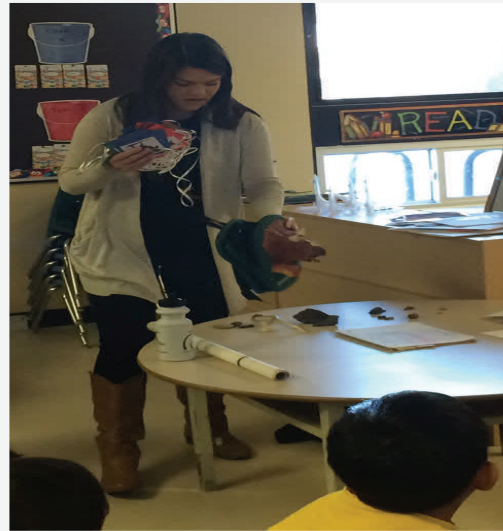
Mr. Bahadoosingh's Class

Our class did a special fundraiser for Winnipeg Harvest back in December. It was called, "Bowl-ing with Shakespeare." This event was held to raise money for Winnipeg Harvest and serve as source of entertainment to parents. Our class was split into groups and we were each given one of Shakespeare's plays to re-create. Since we all worked really hard to introduce these plays in a different way, Mr. Bahadoosingh and Ms. Lee decided to use the plays as a fundraiser for Winnipeg Harvest. Students created bowls made of molding clay and painted them with their own personal design. This process was called "Empty Bowls". With the help of each and every student, this job was completed and was a huge success! We raised \$320.00 on the evening of the production, and donated every last penny to Winnipeg Harvest. What a fantastic way to help our community and be a great example for our school! Great job and thank you to everyone who supported us! Lauren Zielke (Rm.14)



CHILDREN LEARNING and PLAYING!

At AEW we love any opportunity we can get to celebrate the learning in our school! We are so pleased to be able to offer you a peek into the work we do here!



To enhance our learning about dinosaurs and pre-historic time, we got the opportunity to ask some important questions to a real dinosaur expert. Paleontologist Shannon Tracy-Keach visited and brought along with her some ancient treasures including a fossilized tooth of an Albertosaurus and fossilized remains of sea creatures that swam the earth here in Manitoba millions of years ago! -Ms. Babcock's Class

The children in kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 got to experience a magnificent performance by the children in Mr. Sutton's grade 5/6 class. The 5/6s have been working hard in their dance class over at Maples Collegiate in preparing for this performance!



They combined drama and dance to convey an important message about friendship!



FEBRUARY 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday, Feb. 4**—MET School Tour (Gr.8) 10:15 am-11:15 am
- **Friday, Feb. 5**—No School/ PD Day
- **Tuesday, Feb. 9**— Parents as Partners Meeting 6:00pm -7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10**—K-4 Concert 6:30 pm-7:30pm
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10**—Indigenous Language Meeting—4:30pm-6:30pm @ The Seven Oaks Board Office
- **Thursday, Feb. 11**— 5-8 Music Concert 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
- **Monday, Feb. 15**—Louis Riel Day– No School
- **Thursday, Feb. 18**— Family Feast—5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- **Friday, Feb. 19**— Festival AEW—All Day
- **Monday, Feb. 22**—Seven Oaks School Division Public Budget Meeting—7:00pm @ Garden City Collegiate
- **Friday, Feb. 26**—Assembly @ 9:15 am

Phone Calls To A.E. Wright School

We would like to encourage families to have important discussions with your child(ren) before and after school hours. We try to limit the interruptions to the classroom, as this is important learning time for the students. If your child has an appointment or needs to be picked up earlier than usual, a note to your child's teacher would be very much appreciated.

Here's to our kids learning!

Thank-you!



REMINDER

Please be sure to update the office with any changes in personal information (ie. address, phone number etc...) It is very important that we have correct information for safety



COMMUNITY COORDINATORS CORNER

NO BATTERIES REQUIRED!

Getting cabin fever this winter? Here are a few things to do with your young ones when it's too cold to go outside. (From Today's Parent January 2016)

HUNT FOR TREASURE

Kids love finding hidden objects, especially when there's a prize at the end. Write clues on slips of paper and place them around the house, starting off with an easy hiding spot (like your kid's bed) and getting increasingly creative. Leave as many clues as you like, with the trail leading to the prize.

Or keep it simple: have your treasure hunt lead them to coins scattered around the house that they can collect for their piggy banks.

GO BOWLING (AT HOME)

This is a great way to reuse plastic bottles from your recycling box. Line up 6 – 10 bottles at one end of a hallway. Place a line of masking tape on the floor at the other end to stand behind as they bowl. Give the kids a medium size indoor ball and let them go to town trying to knock down the pins. To stabilize the bottles or make it a bit more challenging, partially fill them with water – make sure the lids are on tightly.



HAVE FUN WITH A GIANT BOX

If you've never given your kids a huge cardboard box to play with, give it a go! Nothing beats their excitement as they imagine all the possibilities: spaceship, castle, time machine, fortress...Refrigerator, washing machine and hot water tank boxes work great. Ask a local appliance store or water tank repair business for one. Each side can be decorated to create a number of different ideas. All you need to do is help with the cut-outs for safety reasons.

It's super easy to make a balance beam (less the height) with masking tape on the floor. Put on some music and have the kids take turns walking one foot over the other, backwards or hopping on one foot. The line can curve and run all over the place – it doesn't have to be a straight line.



PLAY A BOARD GAME

Board games are a great way to unplug and have fun – and the kids won't even realize they are building a range of skills, from math to deductive reasoning. Snakes and Ladders, Memory Game, Candyland, Connect Four, Monopoly Jr and card games are just a few suggestions.

PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

You can never go wrong with a game of hide and seek. If your brood gets bored with the standard play, add a twist to shake things up. Have a parent hide and all the kids seek, the first one to find the mom or dad wins. Play in teams. Or combine tag and hide and seek – everyone who's hiding has to make it back to home base (where the seeker started out) without getting caught.

SHOOT SOME HOOPS

You can't be too little for this version of basketball. All you need is a bucket and a rolled up pair of socks (or a small lightweight ball). Take turns throwing the sock ball from different places, start of close and move further and further back until you miss. Use masking tape to mark shooting spots, and count up how many shots you make.



MAKE A TOUCH AND FEEL BOX

For this guessing game, find a small cardboard box with a lid (like a shoe box). Cut a hole in one side of the box big enough to get the child's hand in easily. If you're feeling creative, decorate the box with glitter or question marks, or anything that will add to the mystique. When you're ready to play, put an item in the box and have your child reach inside and guess what the item is. They can ask questions or you can give clues as needed. You can use things such as small toys, cotton ball, crayon, dice, utensils, brush, a piece of fruit or almost any household item.

BLOW BUBBLES



You don't have to go outside to have fun with bubbles. All you need is a plate and straw for each child. Place a dime size drop of dishwashing liquid in the centre of the plate. Pour a little water onto the plate and gently mix until some suds start to form. Have your child place the straw in the suds and blow very gently. Watch as massive bubbles start to form.



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SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

Invites the Community to the 2016 - 2017

Public Budget Consultation Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Seven Oaks School Division invites the public to an open meeting to discuss the 2016-2017 school year budget. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about funding provisions and current budget discussions and to invite comment on educational and budget initiatives.

Monday, February 22, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Garden City Collegiate - Commons
711 Jefferson Avenue