



# ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**February 2023**  
**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 Parents/Guardians,**

It may sound cliché that there are so many great and exciting things happening at schools after the pandemic but it is actually the TRUTH at A.E.Wright.

This month of February, our staff and students have engaged meaningfully in various reading activities. We have a month-long celebration of “I love to Read” that coincided with our look into “Black History.” On February 6<sup>th</sup>, our entire school held an assembly with Elder Barb, an Indigenous Elder who has long been part of our community. She did our land acknowledgment and shared a piece of her story to our students. Several classrooms were actively involved in planning for wonderful presentations that recognize different literary pieces particularly of those significant contributions made in our society by African-American’s.

The following weeks, students in early years have recorded their reading minutes while the middle years students have counted the number of varied books that each class was able to read for the duration of the special reading activity. Moreover, everyday, after lunch break, student-volunteers from assigned classrooms use our school PA as they proudly read their own writing to the entire school. Our teachers exchanged classrooms for one period so they can read with another classroom. We also welcomed guest readers and some staff volunteers to read with the students during library time. These are only some of the powerful tools that our children got to experience at our school for this month that really help them develop their reading and writing skills.

Pink Shirt Day was celebrated on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to signify our stand against bullying. At our school, we teach our students to value and respect one another despite individual differences.

As we anticipate warmer weather in the coming days, we hope to see our students get involved more in our outdoor activities that promote active living. Stay tuned for our student-led climate initiatives to encourage walking to school.

**Harpreet Panag**

**Porfiria Pedrina**

**Jillian Green**





## *PICKUP AND DROP OFF TIMES AT AEW*

We would like to send a friendly reminder to our families that supervision at our school does not begin until **8:45am**, therefore no drop offs should be taking place before this time.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents that the pickup time at the end of the school day is **3:30pm**. Students should be picked up on time, at their pod doors. For any early pickups during school hours, please call 204-632-6314 to advise the office so that we are able to have your child waiting for you upon arrival.

**Lastly, we would like to once again advise that parents should not be entering our back-lane during the school day or during pickup and drop off times for the safety of our students.**

Thank you!



# MATH NIGHT AT AE WRIGHT!

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, our early years classrooms hosted our first ever Math Night! We had a wonderful turnout thanks to our families, community and our very own student leaders. There were 11 stations in total, each with various math games to engage both students and parents

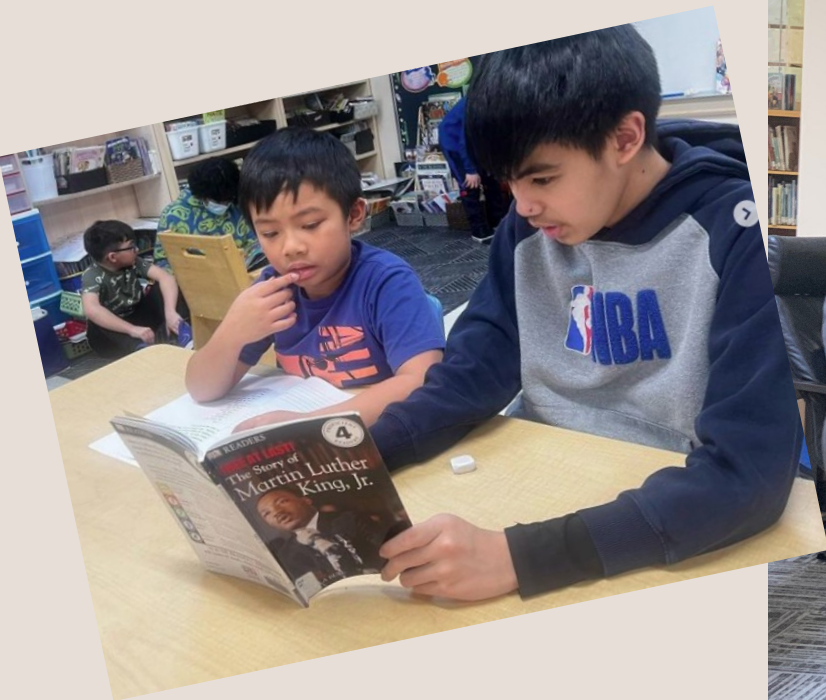




## *Cool2Be Kind Campaign*

*Our grade 7 and 8 students participated in a letter writing campaign to all of the big box stores in our community, asking for monetary, or food donations to help our school create hampers for families that were in need of some help over the holidays. Our project began around learning what inflation was and how it affects consumers and the cost of groceries. We looked at data that was supplied by Statistics Canada that showed how the cost of groceries, homes, and vehicles, had gone up greatly within the last 7 years. We wrote letters to Lucky's Supermarket, Save on Foods On McPhillips, Superstore on McPhillips and FreshCo on McPhillips. Save On Foods donated \$350.00 in gift cards that our students were able to shop with and Superstore donated over \$600.00 of food, toys, and activities. With their help, we were able to make twelve overflowing hampers for families in our communities. Congratulations grade 7/8 Team!*





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**Room 19** In honour of Black History Month and our freedom to read, students are exploring the powerful childhood memoir of award-winning author Jaqueline Woodson. “**Brown Girl Dreaming**” has been banned in some states in the USA. This novel in free-verse poetry bears witness to growing up during the Civil Rights and Black Power movements of the 1960s and 70s. It touches on the universal themes of friendship, family, identity, racial justice, and never giving up on your dreams. This book takes us to places we have never been, teach us about our world, and help us better understand the human experience.



**Room 18** student , Gurnaj Toor, wrote a letter to winter and expressed his desire for winter to end



Dear winter,

You were really fun in start,  
But then you got a little smart,  
You started keeping people apart,  
With your snow army covering roads and grass.

First I used to play with snow,  
But then it started to grow,  
With the temperature dropping freezing low,  
I couldn't play for long because it got really Cold.

First your snow was already enough,  
For us to barely survive.  
But you said it is not,  
So it evolved into black ice.

More and more snow you add,  
You get glad and we get mad,  
When I go for a drive with my dad,  
The streets are white and the climate is bad.

C'mon winter make your mind,  
Stop acting like you are blind,  
Show us if you're a little kind,  
Go away It's summer time.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 RM8 Swimming Kool-Aid Kids Club	2 RM9 Swimming RM3 Skating	3
6	7 Grade 5 Badminton Club	8 RM8 Swimming Grade 5 Badminton club	9 RM9 Swimming RM3 Skating Maples Open House	10 Grade 5 Badminton Club
13	14	15 RM8 Swimming Kool-Aid Kids Club Grade 5 Badminton club	16 Parent teacher evening conferences RM3 Skating Grade 4/5 Handball Club	17 Parent teacher conferences No Classes
20 Grade 4/5 Handball Club	21	22	23 Filipino Bilingual Program Open House Grade 4/5 Handball Club	24 Grade 5 Badminton Jamboree Grade 4/5 Handball Club
27 SPRING BREAK No Classes	28 SPRING BREAK No Classes	29 SPRING BREAK No Classes	30 SPRING BREAK No Classes	31 SPRING BREAK No Classes

Looking ahead....

- Friday, Apr 7                      Good Friday- No Classes
- Friday, Apr 14                    Divisional PD Day– No Classes
- Friday, May 19                    School PD Day– No Classes
- Monday May 22                   Victoria Day– No Classes

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