



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,

A new year signifies new beginnings, fresher hopes, and delightful dreams. Undeniably, last year might have posed some challenges to us for various reasons and circumstances we probably did not anticipate. This year, 2024, we will continue to uphold to our school commitment of decolonizing education as we intentionally work towards integrating Indigenous reconciliation and resurgence in our daily instructional walk with our staff and students.

We celebrated alongside everyone in our community the work that began last year with many of our staff and students, particularly the grades 7 and 8, in their social justice activism. This led to officially raising the Treaty 1 flag alongside our Canadian flag on January 16th.

Our literacy work using the framework from Regie Routman Residence has evidently continued to flourish in every classroom. We also take pride in our numeracy work with our students using various tried and tested frameworks and resources. Students thrive in a learning environment when they feel valued, heard, and their needs are met.

We are hopeful that our school and home partnership will continue as we plan for our Parent-Teacher Conferences in March.

It is our real joy to serve our amazing community.

Best wishes for 2024!

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

Jillian Green





PICKUP AND DROP OFF AT AEW

We would like to once again advise that parents should be dropping off and picking up on Manilla Rd. where we have staff to facilitate. Please do not pickup/drop off in our back-lane during the school day or during pickup and drop off times for the safety of our students.

We would also 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.

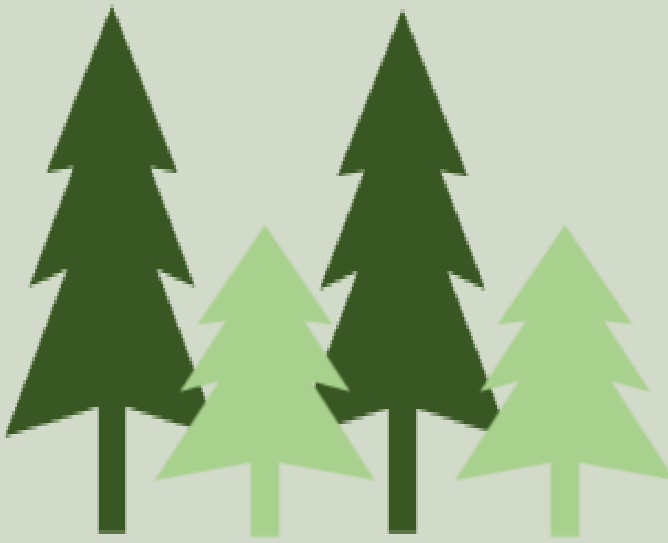
Lastly, we would like to remind parents that the pickup time at the end of the school day is **3:30pm**. Students should be picked up on time, at their pod doors. For any early pickups during school hours, please call 204-632-6314 to advise the office so that we are able to

What happened at AE Wright this month?



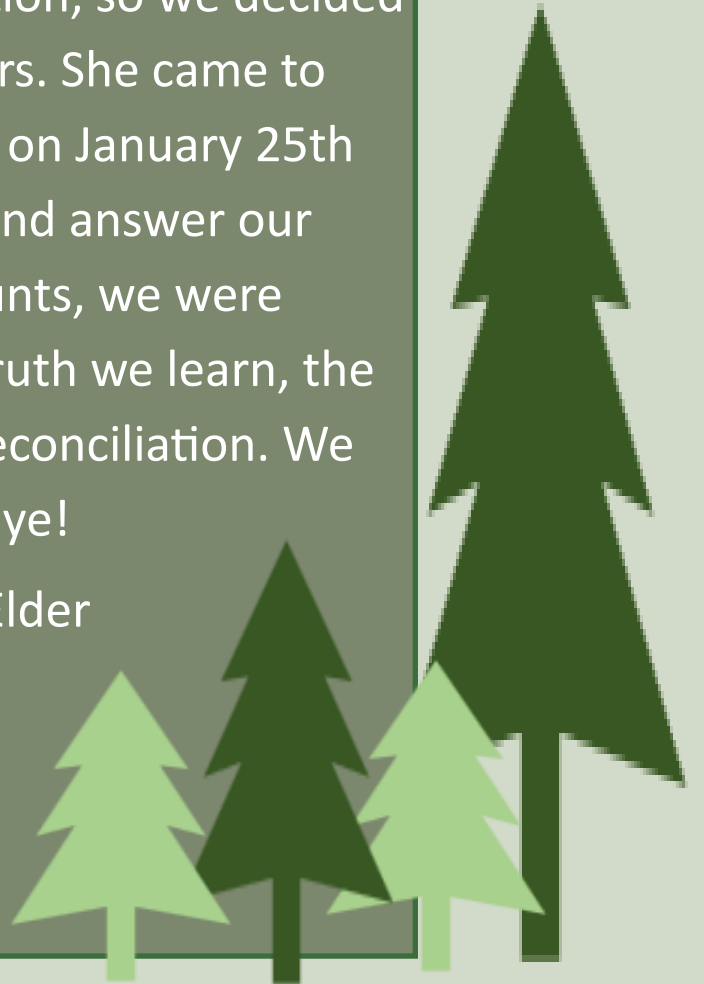
Room 4 classroom began reading books by Eric Carle, an author, designer and illustrator of children's books. This author is known for his eye-catching collages, vibrant colors and rich textures making his books popular amongst young children. Room 4 students created a book project inspired by one of Eric Carle's books, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?". Students created beautiful artwork using different tools such as pine needles, sponges, brushes, okra fruits, celery stalks, and combs. They made a 'paper bank' that they shared with everyone as they created their chosen characters for the class book project entitled, *'Room 4, Room 4, What Do You See?'*. We also incorporated a Filipino translation entitled it, *'Room 4, Room 4, Ano ang Inyong Nakita?'*. We hope that this work will inspire the students to continue to write literary pieces that they can be proud of.





In honour of Truth and Reconciliation week, **ROOM 7 & P3** viewed a live stream interview with a survivor of the Cross Lake St. Joseph's Residential School. Her name is Betty Ross, and she is an Elder in Residence for the Seven Oaks School Division. After the interview, our students were left with question, so we decided to reach out to her by writing her letters. She came to our school to meet with ROOM 7 & P3 on January 25th to accept our letters, tell us her story and answer our questions. As we listened to her accounts, we were touched by her truths, and the more truth we learn, the closer we move as a society towards reconciliation. We thank you for sharing Elder Betty. Wâciye!

If you would like to learn more about Elder Betty Ross' story , we invite you to read the book "Sugar Falls" written by David A. Robertson.





Treaty 1 Flag Raising Ceremony

A Treaty 1 Flag-Raising Ceremony was held on our school grounds on January 16, 2024. In October 2022, around 100 persuasive letters were written by grade 7 and 8 students under the guidance of their teachers, Julie Rowluk, Wendy Di Curzio, Darren Sancartier, Joshua Bergmann, Navreet Wander, Arnan Shaikh, Braden Berens-Squires, and learning support teacher, Reanna Korade. The letters were presented first to former Seven Oaks School Division Superintendent, Mr. Brian O'Leary, and later on, to the board of trustees. Mrs. Korade also helped organize visits with some of our other schools in the area, where students had the opportunity to share about their letter writing campaign and the passion they had towards realizing their goal of having a Treaty 1 flag permanently displayed on our school grounds. We recognize that by flying the Treaty One flag in our school community, the benefits will be undeniably positive. Our students see this action as a tangible step towards reconciliation.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Skating RM5 Literacy night	2 Divisional PD Day- NO CLASSES
5 Swimming RM9	6 GR5 basketball jamboree Skating RM3	7 GR5 basketball jamboree Skating RM1	8 Skating RM5	9
12 Swimming RM9	13 Skating RM3	14 Skating RM1	15 Skating RM5	16
19 Louis Riel Day- NO CLASSES	20 Skating RM3	21 Skating RM1	22 Skating RM5	23
26 Swimming RM9	27 Skating RM3 MY basketball jamboree	28 Skating RM1 MY basketball jamboree	29 Skating RM5 MY basketball jamboree	

Looking ahead...

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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