



# ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**March 2024**  
**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 national 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,**

*We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for attending the parent-teacher conferences that were held on March 14th and 15th. Your presence helped us celebrate your child(ren)'s learning. If you were unable to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), please feel free to contact the teacher(s) to arrange a meeting before, after, or during the school day.*

*This week before spring break, students and staff have been very busy at school. Our community was introduced to and celebrated the successes of our Filipino Bilingual Program during the Open House held on March 20th. The program has been running since 2018. On March 21st, the entire school held an assembly to celebrate student learning. The assembly was a vibrant celebration, bringing together the entire school community to recognize and applaud the hard work and dedication of students across all grade levels. In the evening, we had a Métis Cultural celebration, with representatives from the Louis Riel Institute, sharing by Knowledge Keepers Harmony and Jake, a Bannock tasting, a Beading Workshop, Storytelling by the fire, and more.*

*On the sports front, the basketball season has come to an end, and our students are preparing for the upcoming badminton season. As attention shifts to badminton, our students begin honing their skills in preparation for the season ahead. During practices, our coaches will also focus on team bonding exercises as players develop strong connections and trust with their teammates. The sense of unity and teamwork cultivated during the basketball season carries over into badminton, fostering a supportive and collaborative environment.*

*As always, we would like to extend our gratitude for your continued support. Your partnership with our school is invaluable and critical for the success of your child(ren). Together, we can ensure positive outcomes for our children.*

*Enjoy every moment of the upcoming Spring Break!*

**Harpreet Panag**

**Porfiria Pedrina**

**Jillian Green**



# Filipino Bilingual Program Open House

March 20, 2024



# Métis Cultural Night

March 21, 2024




# What happened at AE Wright this month?

The students of **ROOM 15** visited Health Minister Uzoma Asagwara to discuss about health and safety concerns in Manitoba. They observed the debate between ministers in the Legislative Assembly.



Middle Years Band students passed around beanie bags to a song called, "Rain Falling On Umbrellas". If the bags are incorrectly passed due to a change in tempo or direction, a few students will end up with a mound of bags in front of them! This is a fun singing game and it teaches the students a less common time signature of 5/4. The students are actively engaged in making music as the band room is full of singing, playing band instruments, recorder, and drama.





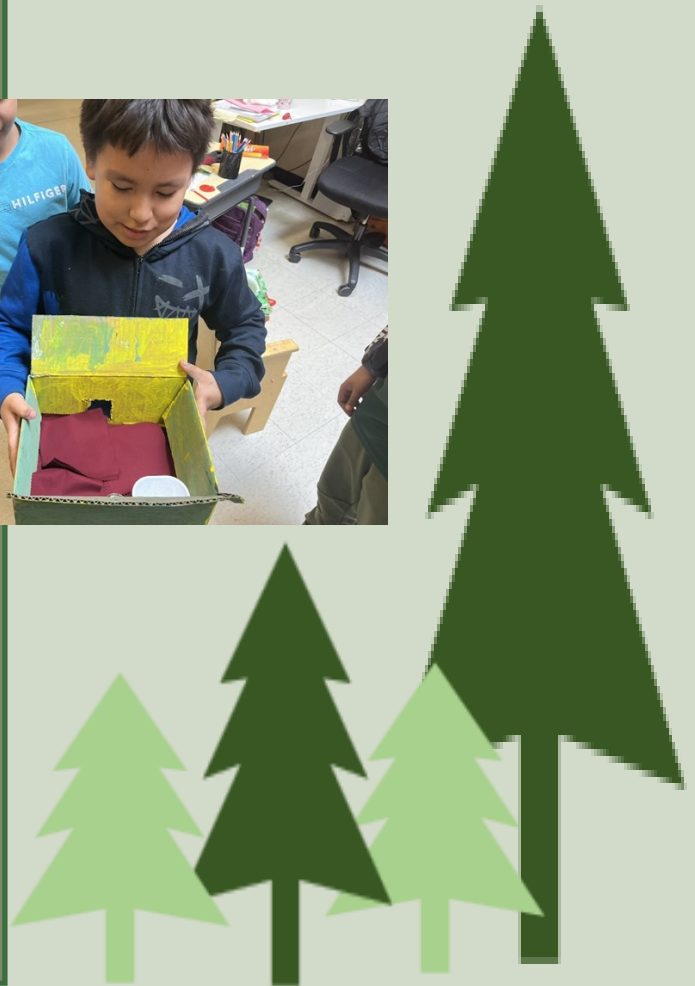
As students in **Room 4** study estimating and shapes, we combined these two essential ingredients in creating one artistic project. Room 4 K-2 Filipino Bilingual class make art pieces using one of the Philippines' staple foods: corn (mais) to form shapes (hugis) that we are studying in Math. Using colored corn kernels, the students enjoyed creating various shapes while doing estimates on how many colored corn kernels are needed to complete their individual art pieces. We witnessed how the Kindergarten students show their fine motor skills in sorting colored corn kernels and gluing them to the patterns of shape. Grade school students were so excited in experimenting with shapes and colored corn kernels. The entire Art cum Math Project experience that we called 'Hugis-Mais' proved that learning numeracy is indeed fun when done with artistry and creativity.



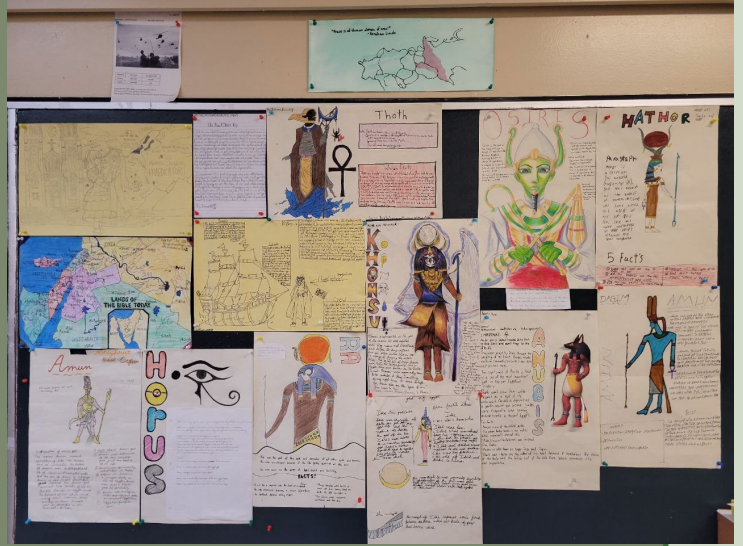
Students in **Room 6** were inspired to make some Leprechaun Traps after reading the book, *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day* by Natasha Wing.

Many students put bait in their traps like shiny coins to try and lure a leprechaun into their trap. Others tried to design a home that was cozy and relaxing, thinking the leprechaun might want to move in! One home even had a bubble bath in it!

Did we catch any? No! Ms. Korade and the students were very surprised to come into school on Monday and find that leprechauns had trashed our classroom! There was a spray painted, "Ha! Ha! Ha!" on our whiteboard, the traps were destroyed, green glitter was everywhere, and small clovers were left on our desks. That's okay, maybe we will catch one next year!



**Room 13** students took some time to focus on Ancient Egypt, discovering their culture, religion, and way of life. Through their discoveries, they began to compare the similarities and differences that Ancient Egypt has to the modern world. They have shared their learning through creative posters about their deities, imaginative travel brochures, and advertisements about their inventions!



## IMPORTANT REMINDER: SPRING IS HERE!

The snow is melting, and our playground is very wet. Please pack a change of clothes (pants, socks, underwear) in your child's backpack should they need to change wet clothing after recess. Thank you!

# Drugs Addiction

First time taking drugs,  
and getting high,  
wondering why everyone is saying,  
you are going to give your family a goodbye.

Tasting good, sweet,  
Wondering why blurriness is taking over the street.  
Drowning inside the bottle of alcohol,  
all the ambient audio  
feels like a huge nightmare but,  
It isn't, instead a rodeo.

It seemed like It would cure all my life problems,  
It would pick me up from rock bottom  
and send me high up in the sky.  
The feeling I got,  
felt like flowers blooming  
under the bright blue sky,  
Until, the effect died.

# Poems by Students in Room 18

## No More Stolen Sisters

In the dark, their voices never fade,  
Indigenous lives lost, a debt never paid.  
We stand with them side by side,  
Defending their rights, with pride.

In the news, their faces appear,  
Each day, more voices we hear.  
Colonization's scares, deep and wide,  
Racism's wounds can't hide.

Our women and daughters,  
So dear and pure,  
We want them safe,  
that's for sure.

Through the journey, we cannot turn away,  
For our sisters and brothers, we'll find a way.

Their dreams and hopes would soon decay.  
Unless we walk besides them on their way.  
We'll stand up tall, We'll shout it loud,  
We won't let injustice be allowed.  
For the MMIWG2S, we'll fight and strive  
So they can truly thrive.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4 RM10 Swimming	5
8 P5 Swimming	9	10	11 RM10 Swimming	12
15 P5 Swimming	16	17	18 RM10 Swimming <b>PTA Meeting 6-7pm</b>	19
22 P5 Swimming	23	24	25 RM10 Swimming	26
29 P5 Swimming	30			

*Looking ahead...*

- Monday, May 6      School P.D. Day— No Classes
- Monday, May 20      Victoria Day— No Classes
- Friday, June 7      Divisional P.D. Day— No Classes

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