

ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1520 Jefferson Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R2P 1K1

Telephone: (204) 632-6314
Fax: (204) 632-6198
www.7oaks.org/site/aewright



***A.E. Wright Community School is a caring
community of learners dedicated to
respectful relationships,
responsible actions
and
lifelong learning.***

Arthur E. Wright Community School was opened in January of 1979, the third elementary school built in the Maples. It was named after Arthur Edgar Wright who served as a councilor and mayor of West Kildonan. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature from 1958 – 1966. The school has always been known for its strong educational practices, dedicated staff and supportive parental community.



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
community begins here

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Arthur E. Wright Community School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 School with single grade and multiage classes. Classroom teachers, in most cases, teach many of the subjects to their students with the exception of Physical Education, Technology and Applied Arts, Band and Music. Art and Computer Technology are integrated into the classroom program.

Physical Education is taught at least three times each cycle. Students are also encouraged to take part in the variety of extracurricular programs during the lunch hour and before or after school hours. Details on these programs appear in the monthly newsletter.

Beginning in Grade 6, the school has an optional band program.

Technology, Arts and Sports (T.A.S.) is offered at Arthur E. Wright for Middle Years students. There are three different activities/programs offered during the year. These programs introduce students to skills that help to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. The grade 6 and 7 students stay at A. E. Wright or walk to École Leila North School. The grade 8 students walk to Maples Collegiate. All classes are 9:00 10:20 a.m. on Days 4 and 6 of the cycle.

HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER

A.E. Wright Community School is a caring community of learners dedicated to respectful relationships, responsible actions and lifelong learning. The general atmosphere of the school is one of people helping people. Our expectation is that children will be respectful to one another and their surroundings, and that they experience freedom of choice and a “voice” within defined limits.

When a student does not abide by these expectations, the situation is taken seriously. Aggressive acts provide opportunity to consider *discipline*, whose root word means *to teach*. Through each mistake or wrong action of a child, there is an opportunity for teaching and learning. Staff members make attempts to hear and understand the context of each incident from all points of view, contact is made with parents and other supportive adults (guidance counsellor, social worker, psychologist) and a plan is developed that can include restitution, time away from class or school, and finally a successful return to class. Students take responsibility for their actions and find a way to resolve issues while maintaining their dignity, optimism and “voice”.

2009 - 2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7/8	Orientation Days
September 9	Classes Begin
September 24	Divisional P.D. Day – No Classes
Oct.1	In School P.D.-No Classes
October 11	Thanksgiving – No Classes
October 22	Provincial SAG P.D. – No Classes
November 11	Remembrance Day – No Classes
November 26	Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day - No Classes
December 22	Last Day of Classes
January 6	Classes Resume
January 28	In School P.D.-No Classes
February 21	Louis Riel Day –No Classes
March 4	In School P.D.-No Classes
March 18	Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day – No Classes
March 25	Last Day of Classes
April 4	Classes Resume
April 22	Good Friday- No Classes
April 25	In School P.D.-No Classes
May 20	In School P.D.-No Classes
May 23	Victoria Day – No Classes
June 27	Admin. Day- No Classes
June 30	Last Day of Classes

Please note: Please check school newsletters and school website calendar for any changes to in-school PD dates.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are asked to notify the school by telephone between 8:30 and 8:55 a.m. if their child is going to be absent. Our school has a call-back system whereby parents are phoned when students are absent without a known reason.

Late Arrivals

Students who arrive either after 9:00 a.m. or 12:55 p.m. must report to the school office.

Illness

Students becoming ill during the day will remain at school until a parent or emergency contact has been notified.

DAILY TIMETABLE

The school follows a six-day cycle.

Students enter the school at 8:55 a.m.

8:55 a.m.	Morning Registration
9:00 a.m.	Classes Begin
11:55 a.m.	Lunch Break Begins
12:50 p.m.	Afternoon Registration
12:55 p.m.	Classes Begin
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

10:20 – 10:35	a.m. Recess - Early Years
2:15 – 2:30	p.m. Recess - Early Years

Middle Years students have a 5-minute indoor break at 10:20 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We believe that parents play an important role not only in the lives of their children at home but also in the education of their children at school. Parents contribute to student success by reading to their children, helping to set guidelines around homework and by helping to create a positive attitude toward school and learning. We value communication as an important aspect of the home and school partnership. Staff will contact parents throughout the terms as needed. As well, parents should feel comfortable contacting the teacher should the need arise.

Student-Parent-Teacher-Conferences

The student-parent-teacher conferences are another way to share information regarding your child's learning. All parents, students and teachers meet in November and March after formal reports, known as Growth Statements or Learning Summaries, are issued. These conferences provide parents with an opportunity to see work samples and to celebrate the accomplishments of their child. They also provide opportunities for parents, teachers and students to review educational goals, establish new goals and discuss strategies to support student learning.

Newsletters

Newsletters are sent home with the students regularly. Our newsletters provide families with information regarding school programs, insight into educational issues and information about community events. Newsletters are one more way to celebrate and highlight the efforts and achievements of

individual students, classrooms, teams and clubs. Once again this year, we thank **Mr. Lupu and his Grade 7 students** who are responsible for the production of our excellent and informative newsletter. Newsletters are also available on the School Web Site: www.7oaks.org/site/aewright

School Website Calendar

When logging on to the Arthur Wright website, there is a school calendar that is constantly updated with information for students, parents and community members. All important school dates, field trips, TAS, parent council meetings, all after school programs and much more can be found there,

Teacher Web Sites

Individual classroom teachers have developed web sites that provide students and parents with another way to communicate with the teacher. The classroom sites can be accessed through the school web site.

Parent-Teacher Council

Arthur E. Wright is fortunate to have a supportive and committed Parent Teacher Council. The council meets monthly to discuss issues related to the school and the community. Please plan on attending! These meetings are on the last Wednesday of every month. Check the school website calendar or the newsletter.

The council is also involved in organizing fundraising events to help school programs. The money raised goes towards our school improvement projects. Your support for ongoing fundraising is greatly appreciated.

MEDICATION

In accordance with Divisional policy, parents are advised that school staff may not administer medications of any form unless written authorization from the parents is on file. Forms are available in the school office. All medication is kept in the office.

STUDENT SERVICES

Learning Support

Classroom teachers and the learning support teachers work together to assist students who are experiencing difficulties. Often, the learning support teachers work side by side with the classroom teachers assisting all students.

Guidance and Counseling

Arthur E. Wright has a guidance counselor who assists students through special programming such as Family Life, drug and alcohol education, personal safety and individual and group counseling.

Educational and Clinical Support

The Seven Oaks School Division provides support services on a referral basis to social work, child psychology and speech and language pathology. Parental permission must be obtained prior to the school's initiating a referral to Seven Oaks Educational and Clinical Services (ECSS).

LUNCH

Students are permitted to eat lunch at school. Lunch is eaten in the classrooms and Arthur Wright staff

provides supervision. Following lunch, students can participate in available indoor activities with supervision or go outside. Arthur Wright staff supervises outdoors on the school grounds before school, during recess and the lunch break.

Eating lunch at school is a privilege, and students are expected to behave appropriately.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students in grades 1 through 5 who stay for lunch must remain on the school grounds at all times.

Middle Years students (grades 6 – 8) may leave the school grounds during the lunch break with parental permission.

The school cannot take responsibility for supervising Middle Years students who choose to leave the school grounds.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Seven Oaks School Division provides textbooks, library books, computers and other learning resources or equipment. Students are asked to respect and care for school property.

Students who damage or lose school property (i.e. textbooks, library books, etc.) may be assessed a damage or replacement fee. Improper use of school computers may result in a loss of privileges as outlined in the Acceptable Use of Technology document.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

Students will be able to make important or urgent phone calls through the office provided they have permission from their teacher.

Use of cell phones is discouraged during school hours.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School clubs and activities are offered throughout the year. The school newsletter provides information about what activities and clubs are occurring before school, at lunch or after school.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

The decision to cancel school due to severe weather conditions is the responsibility of the Superintendent. The decision will normally be reached before 7:00 a.m. and announced on local AM radio station CJOB (680).

Should our school experience a major problem during the day that necessitates evacuation, students will walk to École Leila North School.

Should the decision be made to close the school during the day, parents will be contacted.

STOP, DROP AND GO

At 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, parents are asked to drop off and pick up students on Manila at the crosswalk. Staff members and Gr. 6 and 7 *Drop Zone Kids* will be there to greet / see off your

child. Please do not get out of your vehicle. Please drop off only on the school side of the street and not in the back lane of the school parking lot. Please do not make a U-turn at the Stop, Drop and Go site. Thank you.

SUPPLIES

All school supplies will be provided by the school. Parents are asked to pay \$30 for the purchase of their child's supplies.

In gym class students are requested to wear Gym apparel consisting of running shoes, shorts or sweats, t-shirts or sweatshirts. Students are asked to bring a bag to store their gym clothes.

SCHOOL PATROLS

Our Multi-age Middle Years and Grade 5 school patrols help students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 cross the street. Generally, patrols will be on duty in front of the school along Jefferson Avenue and beside the school on Manila Road. Patrols will be on post approximately 15 minutes before school starts in the morning, and after lunch. After school the patrols will be available to cross students for 10 minutes.

Students are encouraged to walk to and from school. This helps alleviate traffic congestion around the building. It is better for the environment, and healthier too!

Bicycles may be locked to the racks next to the Kindergarten entrance.

