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Minds!



Healthy
Hearts!



Healthy
Bodies!

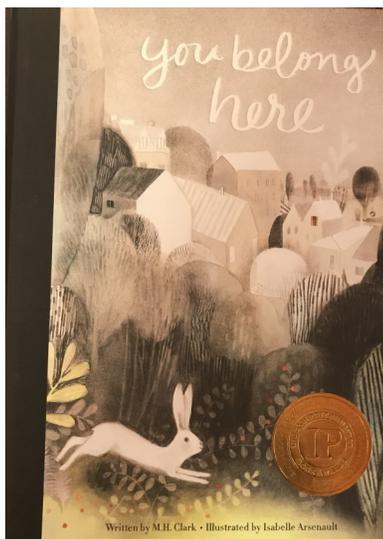


Healthy
World!

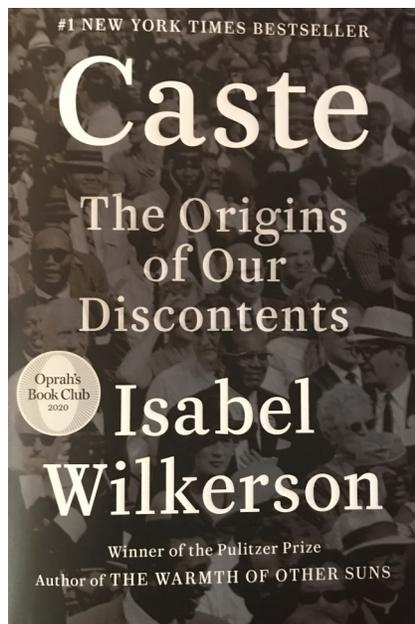


Diversity/Social/Environmental Justice

The more we teach and learn, the more we focus intentionally, the more we grow our understandings of what an expansive and important concept justice for all is. Our teaching and learning at A.E.W continues to work hard at helping kids and adults develop understandings that build our learning from historical perspectives and events, to present day perspectives and events. Our teachers and children are using texts, and the works of others to make sure we can take apart understandings of sameness, difference, and social/environmental justice that lead us, as people, to act and think in particular ways. As children learn key skills at our school, we make sure to base those skills in concepts that are important so that skills are not exercised for the sake of those skills alone, but built on concepts that matter to us and make a difference in the lives of all. Making that difference needs to be manifested in our learning and in our actions.



A Beautiful Teaching Tool to Explore a Sense of Belonging and Place.



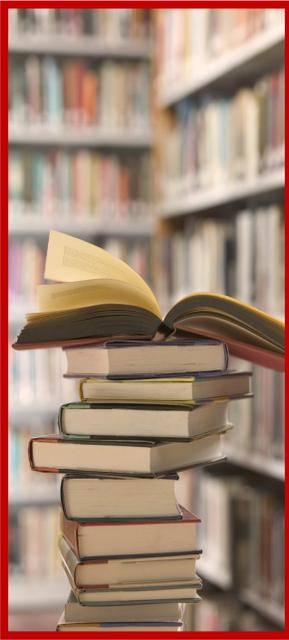
Staff Read This Year—
We are Learning So
Much!

February Important Dates:

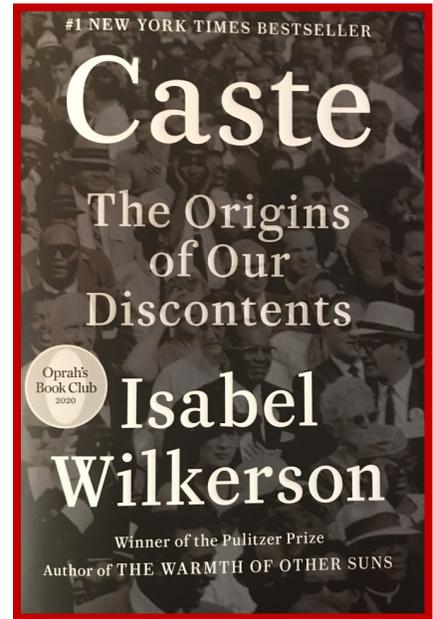
- Black History Month observed in the USA, Canada and the Netherlands
- Feb. 4 & 5—AEW PD Days—No School for Kids
- Feb. 7-13—JACK FROST CHALLENGE

[Jack Frost Challenge](#) | [Green Action Centre](#)

- Feb. 10—Winter Walk Day—Set a goal—our school will be heading outside, weather permitting
- Feb. 11—MET School Virtual Get to Know us—AEW grade 8s at AEW
- Feb. 14—Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15—Louis Riel Day—No School
- Feb. 19—Festival Du Voyageur AEW
- Feb. 22 Kindergarten Registration Begins ON-LINE or by appointment
- Feb. 24—Pink Shirt Day antibullying across Western Canada Campaign
- Feb. 25—Maples Collegiate Get to Know Us—AEW Grade 8s at AEW school library



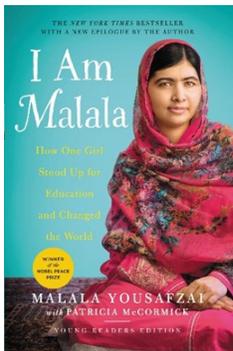
**A READ
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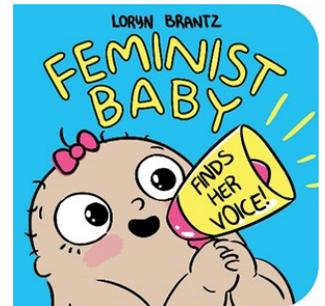
Our staff read of *Caste—The Origins of Our Discontents*, this year is so enlightening while we can't help but feel the pain and suffering of generations gone by and the continued residual affects of this pain which affects the values, actions and beliefs of societies today. This book is a difficult, but poignant read, making connections with historical elements we may have known and exposing so much more that continues to be the work of education, government and the people. Please feel free to borrow a copy from our library and consider joining the Seven Oaks Book Club gathering on March 15th. As a staff, we will be sure to take these developing understandings read to grow our teaching and the learning of all!!

A.E.W Presents F.E.M

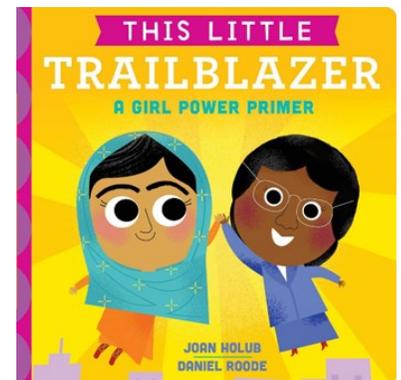
What is F.E.M? F.E.M stands for **F**emale **E**mpowerment **M**embers. It is a club that is for all students and staff in our school community that focuses on (equality, opportunity and education for everyone!)



Our goal is to center conversations around girls and women in the world that are doing amazing things to make our communities better places. Through books, open discussion, activities, interviews, videos, articles and so much more, we plan on inspiring and teaching our students that equity benefits everyone around the world!



Through education comes empowerment! Please check our A.E.W School newsletters for more information on F.E.M! If you have any questions or ideas for FEM please contact Ms. Korade at A.E.W School.



In room 4, Mr. Fiorentino's class, we have been learning about light and how it travels. We did experiments on reflection and absorption of light with Ms. Gill and Mr. Fiorentino. We also had fun making shadows bigger and smaller with flashlights. At the end of the unit, we created our own art piece with only one cool color, blue along with black and white shades. With reflection of light on the snow and shadows of the trees, we painted a winter night. Each masterpiece turned out beautiful and unique.



Mr. Fiorentino & Ms. Gill's Class

EXCITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOOL LOOPS!

THANKS MS. KORADE'S CLASS!!

WHAT ARE SCHOOL LOOPS?



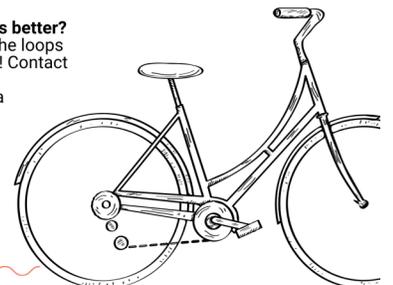
A GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS

School loops are a way of moving through a neighborhood. Easy to recognize signs easily followed by a person of any age help families explore and get things done. **They can be found all over the city connecting schools, streets, and trails.** These loops give an identity to routes that don't already have names. Maps can be found at schoolloops.org or on the **School Loops app**.

We believe that mobility is a basic human right, and that streets are public shared spaces that belong to all. Society must do all it can to ensure that everyone who wants to or needs to walk, use a wheelchair, ride a bicycle or any other form of human transportation can easily do so to access every area of their community and all aspects of their life. Kids can thrive when offered independence. **Biking or walking to school can have positive effects on mental health, alertness, social development and more.** It is also a great way to make kids feel like their world belongs to them.

How can we make loops better?
The best way to make the loops better is to get involved! Contact the project manager at daria@winnipegtrails.ca

The Winnipeg Trails Association is a non-profit organization working to develop a modern, sustainable city through the primary lens of active transportation.



WHAT ARE SCHOOL LOOPS?

School Loops are a great way to **get to school** and **explore your neighborhood** while walking or riding your bike!

Colourful signs will guide your way to school and around your neighbourhood!

Walking and biking to school are **great ways to stay active and help the environment!**

schoolloops.org



Go to schoolloops.org or get the school loops app to find a school loop to your school or through your neighborhood!

WAYS YOU CAN USE SCHOOL LOOPS:

- Find your house on the map
- Visit another school
- Explore another loop
- Dance your loop!
- Find good shortcuts
- Learn about your favourite animals
- Pull your friend on sled
- Join a bike club in your school

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What's Going On?

On Tuesday, February 2nd, Mr. Militano's class and Ms. Rowluk's class will be walking to the historic Seven Oaks House Museum on Main Street. In class, we have been learning about the formation of the **Metis Nation**, while connecting it to our big topic of **water**. We began thinking about this when we considered our land acknowledgement, asking ourselves the critical question of whether or not we really know what it means... We have been learning about the two different perspectives when examining this... The Battle of Seven Oaks (Settler perspective) or The Victory at Frog Plain (The Bois Brules perspective). On this historic site, the Battle occurred over 200 years ago. Along the way, we will be learning about our community of Seven Oaks. The walk is a little over an hour (one way) so this will be a lengthy field trip, but the student's are excited to learn about the history of our community, while connecting it to the learning they are doing in class. This will not only be an awesome opportunity to extend our learning, but will also be a day in which we continue to practice our school philosophy of building: **healthy minds, healthy hearts, healthy bodies** and a very **healthy world!**

[Pallister misses the boat on flood protection by misleading Manitobans and all Canadians about process and impacts \(manitobametis.com\)](http://manitobametis.com)

Some think abouts for you:

Who are the Metis People?

[Victory of Frog Plain \(manitobametis.com\)](http://manitobametis.com)

How does Festival Du Voyageur connect to the Metis People?

[Parks Canada - Battle of Seven Oaks National Historic Site of Canada \(pc.gc.ca\)](http://pc.gc.ca)

How does the idea of having clean water as a fundamental Human Right relate to the Treaties?

What is a Treaty?

What is a settler?



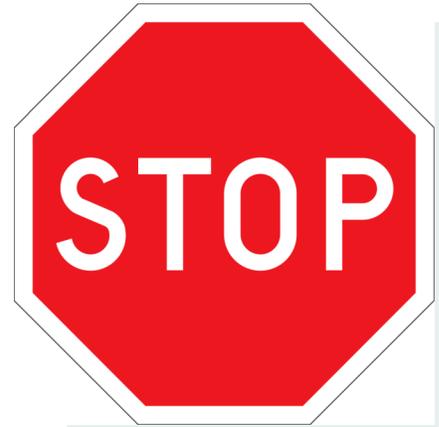
Can't wait to learn more with everyone again in 2021 as we celebrate Festival A.E. Wright this month! Ask the kids about their learning throughout the month!

A FEW THINGS...

Thank you for remembering **not** to park or stop in our parking lot back lane to drop off or pick-up your kids. This is a **very** dangerous spot in the morning and after school! We really need to keep everyone safe! On the East side of the school, Manila Rd., we have adults situated to make sure all kids make it into and out of the school yard safely. Please do not park on the cross-walk on Manila Rd. for any reason. Feel free to pull up passed there to let your kids out or for pick-up. You are also encouraged to decide on a pick-up spot further away from the school to avoid congestion.



Thank you for calling the school office when you know your child will be away. Please leave a message if you call after hours or if the phone is busy.



Remember to SIGN-IN to our office when you need to be in the building. This is very important to help with contact tracing should we require it.

**PLEASE
SIGN IN & OUT
HERE**

Ms. Larsen's Grade 1/2 Class Explores Community Too!

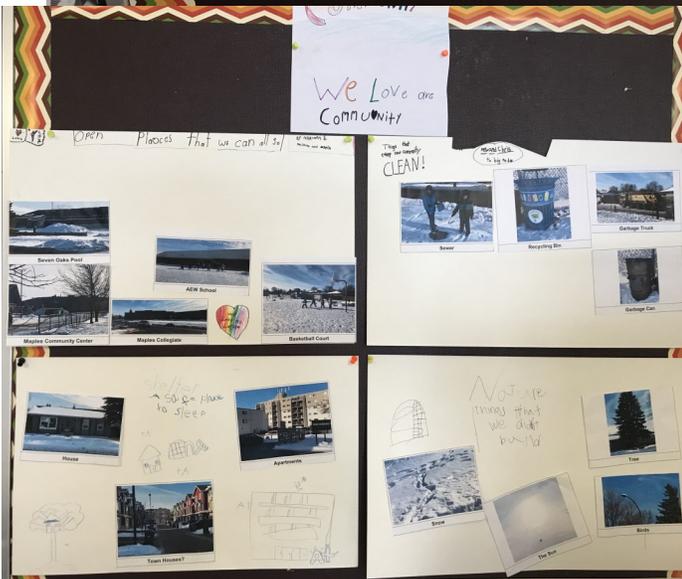


Don't forget to follow us on [TWITTER](#)



@ AEWrightSchool

We just had our 5th anniversary— thanks for your support—306 Followers! Let's keep growing that number! Stay in touch! Celebrate with us!



In the community we LOVE, we know that there are things that have been made and things that come from nature and cannot be built. We know that our community has people to help us and ways to help us get around to places. We know that we need to take care of our Community!

HOW ARE YOU STAYING ACTIVE THIS WINTER? HOW ARE THE KIDS STAYING ACTIVE THIS WINTER?



Dr. John Ratey author of *SPARK, THE REVOLUTIONARY NEW SCIENCE OF EXERCISE AND THE BRAIN* reminds us to “Supercharge your mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen your thinking, lift your mood, boost your memory, and much more.”

“We’re taking our cues from neuroscience and our inspiration from all the people who have already seen what exercise can do for their brains. My hope is that everything I’ve laid out in these pages will encourage you to grab your gym bag instead of the remote, or spend time in the field rather than on the sidelines. From your genes to your emotions, your body and brain are dying to embrace the physical life. You are built to move. When you do, you’ll be on fire.” p. 270

Our kids have been learning to cross-country ski and taking in all the benefits of daily movement and exercise. Ratey talks about. Keep that up at home too.



BIG THANK YOU PATROLS
For Keeping our Community Safe!!

Thanks for your great work Mr. Galenda and Ms. Nieuwenburg!!

