



# ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## April Newsletter 2022

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We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the heart of Manitoba's Metis Nation.

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.

We are committed to our Treaty relationship. As a school community, we constantly reflect on how we are contributing towards reconciliation today and everyday.

### **A Message From the Principals**

This month at Arthur E. Wright, many students and staff have acted towards a better community and a better world. Our middle years students have demonstrated a commitment toward reconciliation and the Calls to Action by visiting the Sacred Fire on the Manitoba Legislative Building grounds. The fire has been burning since June 2021 and we hope it will continue until all the residential school sites have been searched for unmarked graves. In an incredible act of care from children now for children lost, they raised \$1500 to buy firewood to keep the fire burning. The middle years teacher team is also leading an effort to plan the first Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at AEW, an event for the entire community taking place on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

We also held "Day of Pink" this month. Every student in the school received a pink shirt designed by an AEW student to symbolize our commitment to an inclusive community for all. We recognize that this movement is important each and every day and have decided that the last Thursday of every month will be Pink Shirt Day at our school. We will wear our shirts as a reminder of the Day of Pink pledge:

**I BELIEVE IN A WORLD WHERE LOVE OUTSHINES HATE. I COMMIT TO STANDING UP AND SPEAKING AGAINST HATE, INTOLERANCE, AND OPPRESSION. I WILL FREELY OFFER RESPECT TO ALL HUMANKIND. I WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO NURTURE ANY MARGINALIZED GROUP AND TRULY BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT THAN ME ARE INDISPENSABLE TO OUR SOCIETY.**

We are proud of our young activists who give us all hope for the future. Thank you to all members of our community who are supporting our students in this meaningful learning.

**Harpreet Panag**

**Porfiria Pedrina**

**Jillian Green**

# BIKE BAZAAR AND BBQ

Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5-7pm



- Bike tune ups
- Exchange bikes for larger sizes
- Live Music!

Event Catered by  
Smoke'n Bob's  
Catering



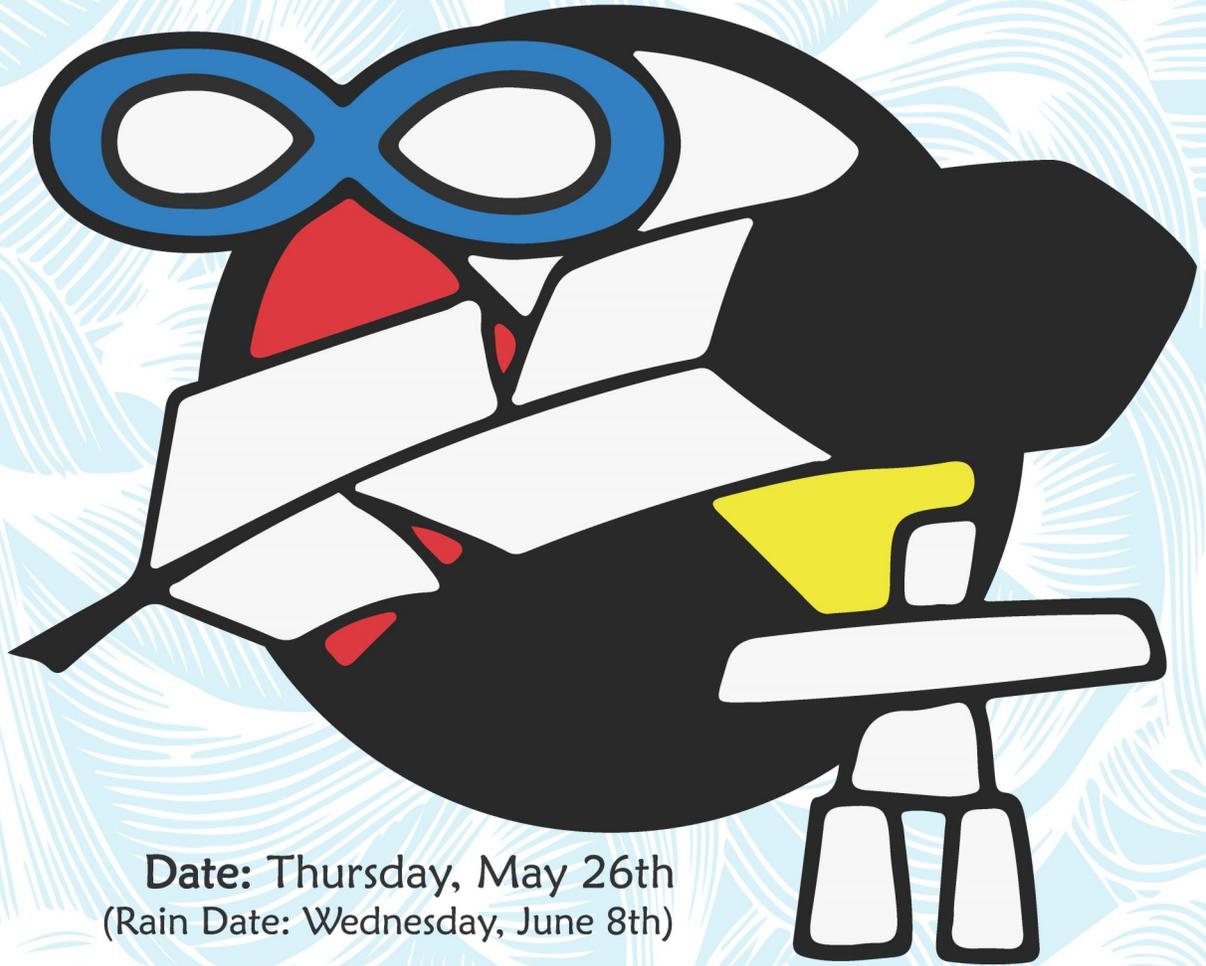
*\*Pre-order required, payments due by May 9<sup>th</sup>\**

## Pink Shirt Day at AEW

Students at Arthur E. Wright were delighted to be gifted their very own pink shirt which was designed by Reggina (RJ) Wells. Even though Mother Nature cancelled Manitoba's opportunity to celebrate International Day of Pink on a global scale, we still got together to take a stand, by wearing pink on our own AEW Day of Pink! Classrooms engaged with anti-bullying awareness by watching films, reading picture books, and sharing their own experiences. Our students have been discussing what it means to be a bystander and what it means to stand up to bullying!



# SEVEN OAKS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRADUATION POW WOW



**Date:** Thursday, May 26th  
(Rain Date: Wednesday, June 8th)

**Location:** Maples Collegiate Field  
1330 Jefferson Avenue

**Pipe Ceremony:** 3:00 p.m.

**Registration:** 4:00 p.m.

**Feast:** 4:30 p.m.

**Grand Entry:** 5:30 p.m.

**MC:** Co-Co Ray Stevenson  
**Host Drum:** Walking Wolf

Vendors tables available

For more information call:  
Sherri @ (204) 589-9852

## IN HONOUR OF 2022 GRADUATES ALL NATIONS, ALL WELCOME!



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# Kindness Lives Here

## By Portable 2

**Arthur E. Wright**  
**“Nananahan ang Kabutihan Dito”**  
**(Portable 2)**

Nananahan ang kabutihan dito  
Nakikita ko ang sarili ko sa iba  
May buhay ang bawat salita  
Humihinga sila ng pag asa

Nananahan ang kabutihan dito  
Nadadama ang pang-unawa sa bawat isa  
May kamay na handang tumulong  
Nagaalay ng ligaya at saya

Nananahan ang kabutihan dito  
Naririnig ang tinig ng bawat nilalang  
May pagibig na handog sa pamayanan  
Nagpapayapa ng isip, puso, at kaluluwa.



**Arthur E. Wright**  
**“Kindness Lives Here”**  
**Portable 2**

Kindness lives here  
We see ourselves in others  
We speak life through our words  
They breathe hope

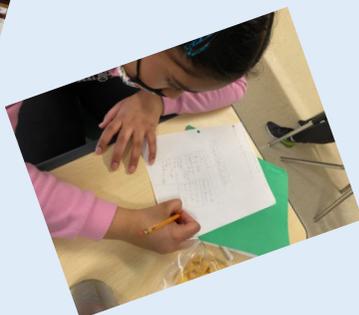
Kindness lives here  
We understand one another  
We lend our helping hands  
They offer joy and happiness

Kindness lives here  
We listen to everyone’s voice  
We bring love to our community  
It offers peace of mind, heart, and soul.



## We drink acids!?!

Room 9 has been learning about different types of liquids- acids and bases. We were wondering if the liquids in our kitchen or the liquids we drink are acids or bases. We brought liquids from home like- juices, milk, yogurt, oils, hand sanitizer, and lotion. We also collected some cleaning liquids from our classroom. We made predictions as well. We thought that cleaning liquids were acids and all drinking liquids were bases. We learned about the pH scale. We made a safe pH indicator using red cabbage. Testing all the liquids and seeing the colors change was very fascinating. We categorized all liquids into acids and bases and we came to know that what we drink are acids too.



# ROOM 21 POETRY

Room 21 has been exploring poetry as part of our Writer's Workshop. We wrote these poems after reading the mentor texts "Dear Sky" by Naomi Shihab Nye and "Sincerely, The Sky" by David Hernandez. We noticed that these two poems were both about the sky, but from a different point of view - a person on earth and from the perspective of the sky. Together we brainstormed possible point of view pairings and decided as a class to write our shared poems from the perspective of a book and the perspective of a student. "Cold Beneath My Fingers" is our poem from a book's perspective, it was written collaboratively by all the students in Room 21. "Forgotten" is our poem from a book to us and again was written collaboratively.



## Cold Beneath My Fingers

(Room 21)

Thanks for helping me make my brain so smart  
You take me on adventures to new places  
You inspire me to write my own books  
You help me improve my writing skills

And help me pass the time  
when I have nothing to do

Your pages feel cold beneath my fingers  
but I love to flip through them anyway  
Sometimes they are ripped  
but I still love you

I like that I can take you anywhere  
and use you without Wi-Fi

I'm sorry for not reading you  
and leaving you on my shelf to collect dust  
like a kid waiting to be played with

But I can always count on you

## Forgotten

(Room 21)

Yes, I see you walking by me everyday  
Never stopping to pick me up

I am lonely here on the shelf

I feel useless now that you're finished reading me  
I wish I could make you read me  
again  
and again

And fix my ripped pages

I miss when you used to pick me up everyday  
Do you notice me collecting dust on the shelf?  
Maybe you could dust me off once in a while

And maybe you could give me to a friend to read  
so that way I won't be lonely anymore

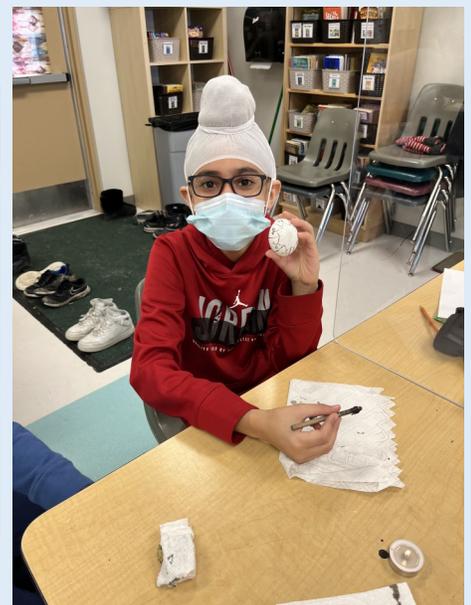
I'm glad I could comfort you when you were lonely  
but now I need you to comfort me

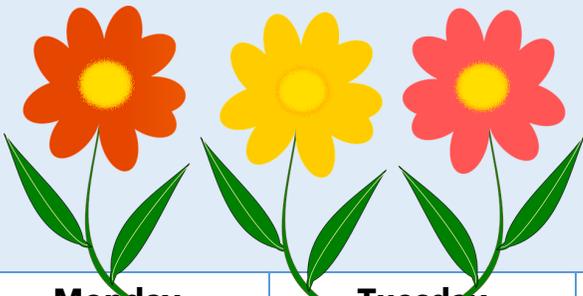


## Ukrainian Pysanky with P5

Portable five spent some time learning about the history of Ukrainian Pysanky (Easter eggs) and what the significance of the symbols mean that are often used. We had the opportunity to create our own Easter eggs with flame, beeswax and kistkas (writing tools) after looking through Ms. Kasprick's baba's (grandmother) traditional patterns. We learned a lot and had fun making our eggs that we took home to share with our families.

Jennifer Kasprick





# May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 Grade 5/6 Field Trip	10 Learn to Swim Rm. 8 Learn to Swim Rm. 4 Kindergarten Open House 6pm to 7 pm	11 Gr. 6-8 Vaccine Clinic	12 Learn to Swim Rm. 10	13 Rm. 8 Field Trip
16 Indigenous Peoples' Giant Floor Map of Canada @ AEW (all week)	17 Learn to Swim Rm. 8 Learn to Swim Rm. 4 Gr. 4/5 Cross Country Meet	18	19 Learn to Swim Rm. 10 Gr. 4/5 Cross Country Meet (RAIN DATE)	20
23 Victoria Day - NO CLASSES	24 Learn to Swim Rm. 8 Learn to Swim Rm. 4 Rm. 2 & 6 Field Trip	25	26 Learn to Swim Rm. 10 <b>Divisional Graduation Pow Wow</b>	27 Divisional PD Day—NO CLASSES
30	31 Learn to Swim Rm. 8 Learn to Swim Rm. 4			

Looking ahead....

**MAY IS ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**May 10—Kindergarten Open House from 6pm to 7pm**

**May 23—Victoria Day—NO CLASSES**

**May 27—PD Day—NO CLASSES**

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