



# ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## December Newsletter 2021

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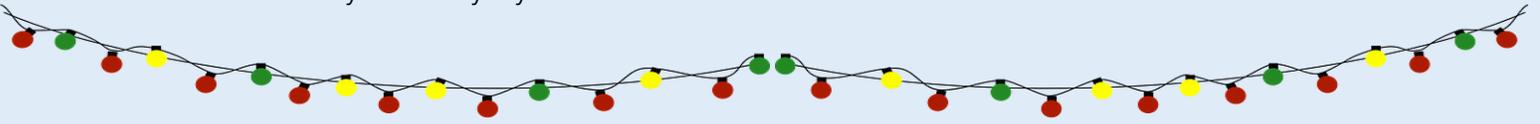
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We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota peoples, and the heart of Manitoba's Metis Nation.

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

*Dear A.E.W. Families,*

*People all over the world hold big family and friends' celebrations such as Hanukkah Days, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or merely observe the festive holiday season in the month of December. Although we're still amid our battle against the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, we can still find many reasons to be filled with gratitude, love, hope, peace, and joy.*

*As always, we thank you for entrusting your children with us even during this hard time and we are excited to see their continued growth in learning. In fact, our music and band teachers have tirelessly worked with our wonderful students for our Winter Concert which was premiered on December 15, 2021. The video link will not expire, so feel free to watch it again with your family during the break or at your convenient time.*

*Finally, we would like to send our very warm wishes to our students, families, staff, and the community. Please have a safe, healthy, fun, and memorable winter break with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday, January 10, 2022.*

*Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Happy Hanukkah! Happy New Year!*



## Roots of Empathy

Room 9 started a virtual Roots of Empathy program this month. Roots of Empathy helps children cope and thrive by nurturing empathy, helping them to understand themselves and relate to others. When children feel connected and supported, they are freed up to engage, focus, learn, grow and feel happy.

### Meet baby Jastegh - our Roots of Empathy teacher!

Jastegh is a baby from our community that we will get to know through photos, videos, and stories. Over the course of the school year, we will watch the baby grow as he reaches the 'developmental milestones' during the first year.

If you are interested in learning more about Roots of Empathy, please visit their website at <http://www.rootsofempathy.org> or visit them on social media @rootsofempathy.



## We Got This Canada!

Over the last few weeks, Room 14 and the Grade 7/8 Student Leadership team has helped our school engage with a local nonprofit organization known as We Got This Canada! We first heard about WGTC through Colton Harvey, a student whose family has done volunteer work with them in the past, and what an incredible opportunity this has turned out to be! After learning about how they help care for members of our Winnipeg community, we knew we had to lend our support to their cause.

WGTC engages in activities that focus on providing food, clothing, and other needed items to families and individuals who are faced with financial hardship. Our school was able to collectively donate 6 FULL boxes of non-perishable foods, winter clothing items, and new toys for families to receive as part of holiday hampers. We're looking forward to working with them again in 2022, and encourage all of you to check out their website and Instagram for updates on future charity projects and volunteer opportunities!

<https://wegotthiscanada.org/about-us>

<https://www.instagram.com/wegotthiscanada/?hl=en>

Have a safe and happy holiday season everyone,  
Mr. Sancartier



## Cards for Care!

The students in Mrs. Constable, Mr. Iscala, Mrs. Penano, Mrs. Ranouta, and Ms. Madzik's class made beautiful cards to support the Cards for Care campaign through 103.1 Virgin Radio! These cards will be sent off to a variety of seniors homes across our province with the hope of spreading holiday cheer and happiness!



## Room 21 – Ms. Richards Class

### Wampum Belts

In Room 21, we have been learning about the First Peoples of Canada. We have been learning about wampum belts and how they represent some of the first treaties that were ever made. We made our wampum belts in small groups to represent our promise to work collaboratively and respectfully together. To make our belts, we first made black and white paper beads which represent the shells used in original wampum belts. We then sewed the beads between strips of felt to create images or scenes that depict our agreements. The belts are hung in Room 21 to remind us of our agreements, much like the original wampum belts would have been displayed at ceremonies and gatherings.



## So Active So Healthy

This month, Room 17 had their turn in the mini-kitchen, preparing healthy snacks for our school to taste. They enjoyed serving these scrumptious snacks to the other students, and they appreciated all the excitement and gratitude they received in return.

Couscous Salad

<https://www.spendwithpennies.com/mediterranean-couscous-salad/>

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

<https://www.evolveingtable.com/strawberry-banana-smoothie/>

Pico De Gallo

<https://www.loveandlemons.com/pico-de-gallo/>



## Winter Concert

This December, our students had the opportunity to participate in the filming of a virtual concert. K-6 students performed on a stage in our gymnasium, while the grade 7s and 8s travelled to SOPAC to record. Students worked hard in the preceding weeks, making art and decorations for the stage, preparing overhead projections, and learning songs in band, choir, and music classes. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday season and to showcase our learning from the first part of this year.



**Are you a powwow dancer or regalia-maker? We are looking for members of our community who are willing to support our school's powwow club in the new year. Honoraria will be provided for instructors and mentors. If you would like more information, please call Jillian Green at AEW at 204-632-6314 or email [jillian.green@7oaks.org](mailto:jillian.green@7oaks.org). Thank you!**

# January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				31
3	4	5	6	7
10 Tentative Start of In-person learning Rm. 1 Learn to Skate	11	12 P1/P4 Manitoba Museum Field Trip	13	14
17 Rm. 1 Learn to Skate	18	19	20	21
24 Rm. 1 Learn to Skate	25	26	27	28
31 Rm. 1 Learn to Skate				

**Looking ahead....**

**January 6th– School Reopens**

**January 10th– Students return to School**

**January 28th– School PD Day, No School**

**February 4th Divisional PD Day, No school**

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