



ARTHUR E. WRIGHT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

May 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

We are nearing the end of the school year and yet so many great learning opportunities and celebrations are still happening in our school. Unlike in the past two years, students now have had the opportunities to join field trips to Manitoba Museum, Assiniboine Zoo, The Forks, Lower Fort Garry, Children's Museum, and other places. We held a very successful community barbeque and bike event sponsored by Winnipeg Repair Education and Cycling Hub (WRENCH). WRENCH Bike Bazaar gave away to our students up to 30 bikes, as well as helmets, lights, and locks through their bike exchange (free by donation). As well, a pop-up repair stand helped our families to get their bikes repair for free. While a very lively and entertaining music was performed by our grades 7/8 student-volunteers. Students from grades 1-8 participated in the Division's Grad Pow Wow event on May 26th in honour of all graduating students. They wore beautiful regalia that were sewed by our very own teachers who volunteered to make them for our students. Lessons on Asian Heritage celebrations and festivities were also covered by some teachers. What a great way to celebrate the month of May!

Harpreet Panag

Porfiria Pedrina

Jillian Green





A.E. Wright Pow Wow Club at the 13th Annual Seven Oaks Grad Pow Wow

On the evening of May 26th, the AEW Pow Wow Club participated in our school division's Graduation Pow Wow at Maples Collegiate field. This was the first in-person pow wow in two years, and was a beautiful evening attended by hundreds of people from all over the school division. This event brings families and communities together to celebrate our graduates. Our students represented AEW with pride and had a wonderful time at the event. A whole-hearted thank you to the many staff members who worked incredibly hard in the weeks before the pow wow to create beautiful regalia for our children. We hope our Pow Wow Club will continue to grow and that even more families will join us next year!



THE AE WRIGHT LAKE

Inspired by the story, "THE WATER WALKER," by Joanne Robertson, Room 6—Filipino Bilingual Program Early Years students created different land and water forms using recyclable materials such as egg containers (to form hills and mountains), old clay, rolled colored papers (to create the background) and other sustainable materials such as pieces of wood for picture stand. We named our project: THE A.E. WRIGHT LAKE. We also agreed to support EARTH DAY by allowing our voices to be heard in keeping our environment pollution-free. The short messages written by our students are but small voices, yet collectively, it will be a thunderous sound to create change.



MAHALIN ANG ATING KALIKASAN!

(SHOW LOVE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT!)

A PHILIPPINE HERITAGE & INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Presented by: Seven Oaks Filipino Employees Association (SOFEA) Inc., Seven Oaks School Division, Maples Collegiate

"Teamwork and Unity toward Sustainable Development of Nature and Culture"
"Pagtutubungan at Pagkakaisa tungo sa Pagpapanatili ng Maunlad na Kalikasan at Kultura."

Friday, June 10th, 2022
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Maples Collegiate, Judy Silver Commons
1330 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Cultural Entertainment and Exhibit
Formal Program Begins at 6 PM
Souvenirs, Food and Drinks for Purchase
Doors Open at 5 PM
Formal Program Begins at 6 PM

\$5 Admission (Age 12+)

For tickets, email: porfiria.pedrina@7oaks.org / nerissa.manabat@7oaks.org / coryjuan@gmail.com

Registration for the Seven Oaks grades K-6 Filipino Bilingual Program is ongoing for the 2022/2023 school year.
To register students, contact Arthur E. Wright Community School at (204) 632-6314.

FUN IN THE SUN with MR LAIDLAW!



Earth Poems Created by Grade 5/6 Students in Portable 3

Students explored the topics of sustainability, climate change, agriculture, deforestation, and global warming. They then wrote free verse poems capturing their learnings, wonderings, frustrations, and cries for justice and action.

Nerve

By: Mara

To all the world leaders
that are known to be concerned for
your people, animals, and the environment.

WHY IS IT that almost 100% of the planet is not ecologically intact
anymore?

You have the NERVE to call yourselves caring for the planet and your
people,
Yet, you're doing the absolute opposite!

The fact that you have the NERVE to say you care about every per-
son's opinion
when you never even listen to the majority of what people want, no,
NEED change.

Most animals go EXTINCT because of US.
Overhunting, overfishing, you name it but why waste your time when
you would ignore every problem in the first place?

You had the NERVE to call this correct,
you had the NERVE to speak how we could change it while behind
the scenes you are doing NOTHING.

I'm tired of listening to your political speeches
of dry, empty words.

Trees are dying due to human properties,
icebergs are melting due to global warming causing land-based
flooding.

The list can go on forever, but why would you care?
The only thing you wealthy people can think about in that materialis-
tic brain of yours is calculating the profits you make off our bills and
taxes.

The fact that you just stand there and do nothing while inhabitants
are suffering
really makes me detest that you were chosen to be superior in the
first place.

You had the nerve to be here, saying how the Earth is perishing so
unwillingly.

Why even state our planet is perishing when you're doing nothing
about it? Scared about losing popularity?

It's honestly sympathetic how you lie to hundreds, thousands of peo-
ple just for trust and personal gain.

I hate it.

Dear Earth

By: Tate

I am sorry that we hurt you
by killing your trees and polluting your seas.

I am sorry the leaders of countries don't take a stand for
how we are treating you.

I wish for a world
where people don't hurt Earth.
But I live in a world where people hurt Earth every day.

I wish for a world
where people cared about Earth more than money.
But I live in a world
where people cut down our trees just to get a stupid dol-
lar.

Sometimes when I walk to school, I see people smoking
and throwing garbage on the ground. I see people driv-
ing gas powered cars.

I have one question, can you forgive us, Earth?

Earth Poems Created by Grade 5/6 Students in Portable 3 (CONTINUED)

Dear Everyone

By: Guneet

I'm sorry. I'm sorry, to my ancestors, to future generations, and most of all... I'm sorry to Earth.

Dear Earth,

I'm sorry we don't keep you clean.

I'm sorry we cut down as many as 1000 trees every single day.

I'm sorry that we covered our ears and closed our eyes while mother nature was screaming at us for help!

You have been warning us for years, but we refused to hear your voice at all.

Dear future generations,

I'm sorry we put gold over the golden earth.

I'm sorry that we were caught up in our own dreams and doings that we forgot there was another generation coming after us.

Most of us today don't even care a little about tomorrow. We turned this fun and happy life into a conveyor belt.

So here we are, after 3.5 billion years in this world.

It's hard to think that my great-grandparents used to live on this same planet as me.

Dear species,

Species that were here before us are now gone because of us!

We think global warming is the problem.

The problem isn't global warming, the problem is us... yes us, humans!

We are the actual problem.

Everything is slowly gone because of us.

Tigers gone, penguins gone, polar bears gone!

Just like that everything is slowly gone.

Dear everyone,

I wish my world would have clean oceans, with living species.

I wish my world would treat everyone equally and not based on their gender, race, or culture.

If we condense life on Earth to 24 hours, humans have only been on Earth for... 3 seconds.

Yes, you heard me, 3 seconds.

Now, let's try to make it to the 4th second together.

I Apologize

By: Yousef

I apologize for the many generations of hurt we have caused you.

But we didn't understand it until we completely wrecked everything.

Now, I'm here to make up for causing you pain.

We are not separate from nature instead, we are a part of it.

I apologize for ruining your belongings.

I apologize for cutting down forests that we have now lost.

I'm sorry for the deforestation and forest fires.

We closed our eyes and covered our ears.

At the same time, mother nature was screaming for help.

I'm sorry for making the amazon forest into the amazon desert.

I apologize,

for polluting the ocean

and causing the death of marine life.

I'm sorry

for the ocean oil spills,

now we're losing animals.

I'm sorry for overhunting animals.

I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING!



In our preschool program this spring, we made some pretty cool spiders! When you are outside with your child, see if you can find some spiders or insects and identify them.

We also grew grass in a cup, for hair on the faces we drew and then taped onto the cup!

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, (hopefully!) we will start to have some play time outside.

Arts in the Park is happening **June 1st, 2nd and 3rd** in the field behind Maples Collegiate. The Preschool classes will be held there in tent number 6 for those three days, not at the school.

Our regular preschool classes will resume the following week, and run until June 17th.

- Dave



FUN!

NEW MINI SOCCER SEASON

West Kildonan and
Sinclair Park are
teaming up!

Season begins
last week of
August!

Contact the mini

Soccer convener

Registration to
begin end of
June

For more info

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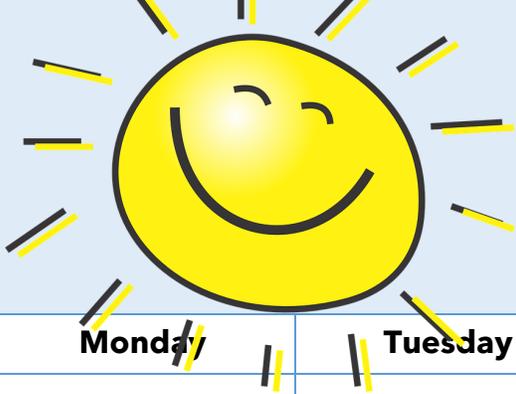
PROFESSIONAL QUALITY CHILDCARE SERVICES

New licensed childcare facility opening on July 4th, in West St. Paul, in Dasmesh School. Hours of operation are 8:00am-5:30pm. Servicing 3-12 year olds, we offer all day Preschool programming, for children aged 3-6 and all day summer cam programming for the community. We also have Before and After Care for school age children attending Dasmesh School.

To register your child for our program please or make an inquiry about our program, please send an email to the address below.

105 HOLMES RD, WEST ST PAUL
WESTONCHILDCARECENTRE@GMAIL.COM





June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Arts in the Park	2 Arts in the Park Learn to Swim Rm. 10	3 Arts in the Park
6	7 Learn to Swim Rm. 8 Learn to Swim Rm. 4 Rm. P5 Field Trip	8 Gr. 4/5 Track & Field	9 Learn to Swim Rm. 10 Rm. 2 & 6 Field Trip	10 Rm. 8 Field Trip Gr 4/5 Track & Field Rain Date 5 pm Philippine Heritage and Independence Day Celebration at Maples Collegiate's Commons
13	14	15 Patrol Field Trip	16 Cree Musical @ Maples Collegiate	17 Philippine Heritage and Independence Day Celebration
20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23 Day of Pink	24
27	28	29 Grade 8 Farewell	30 Last Day of School	

Looking ahead....

June 1 to 3—Arts in the Park

June 12—124th Philippine Independence Day

June 16—Cree Musical at Maples Collegiate

June 17—Philippine Heritage and Independence Day Celebration at A. E. Wright

June 21—National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 29—Grade 8 Farewell

June 30—Last Day of School

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