



Amber Trails Community School



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dress for the Weather

Children are expected to play outdoors from 8:30 am - 8:55 am and during their two activity breaks. Many children walk to and from school. For children to be comfortable and enjoy being outside, proper outerwear is a necessity.

Winter Jacket Ski Pants

Winter Boots Hat or Toque

Mitts/Gloves Scarf / Neck Warmer

If the temperature is -27° or colder (with or without the windchill), students stay indoors.

Reporting Student Absences

Please call or e-mail the school if your child will be absent or late.

204-697-5965

(voicemail 24/7)

ambertrails@7oaks.org or

Through Parent Connect



Winter Break

December 25

to

January 5

Return to classes

January 8



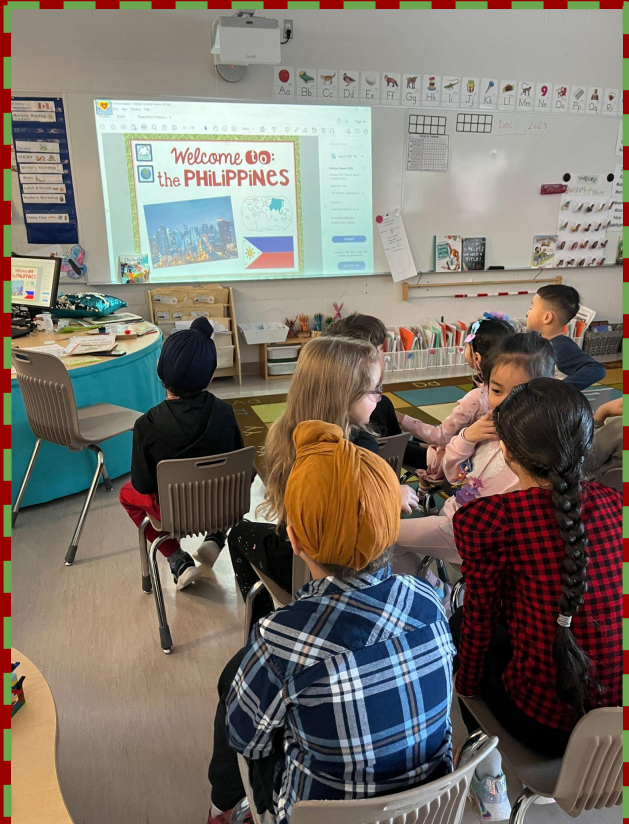
Barbara Reid is an award winning Canadian author and illustrator. She is known for her plasticine artwork. In room 118, the students have been creating self portraits inspired by this art medium and technique. They started by painting the background colour with acrylic paint and then started blending and adding plasticine to create their portrait.



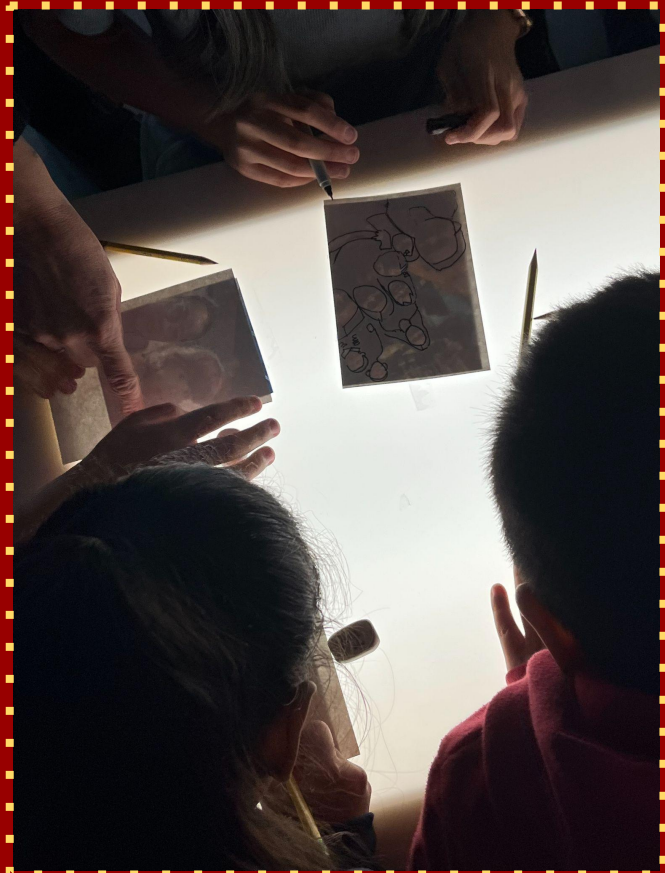
The kinders in room 120 have been busy learning letters in the alphabet. Here they are engaging in learning activities that have them building letters, hunting for letters and practicing writing letters. They have even made their own song for some of the letter sounds!



In room 105, the children have been on a journey to learn about holiday celebrations around the world. Their Polar Express trip started in Canada and has included visits to Mexico, Hawaii, India and the Philippines. It will end at the North Pole. The students from room 115 have also been busy travelling the world on their own Polar Express adventure! Some of their highlights include learning how to say Merry Christmas in different languages, creating holiday scrapbooks and learning how different countries celebrate.



Room 100 and Room 108 have been working collaboratively around the concept of identity. Recently, they have been focused on parts of their identity, including their families. Last week the children created silhouetted family portraits by tracing a photo of their family, outlining it with Sharpie and then using watercolour paint to finish their art piece.



Our grade 8 student, Deshan, has been hard at work this year! In the mornings he collects recycling, paper towels and pizza boxes from all the classrooms. He does the laundry to make sure our school has clean towels every week. Deshan also does a great job of cleaning the compost bins in the classrooms and watering the plants around the school. Thank you for keeping our school clean Deshan!



Community of Caring



Thank you to everyone who donated food or monetary gifts to our hamper drive. As a school, we were able to provide hampers for 12 families in our community.



This year, Mr Misir's grade 7/8 classroom had the amazing opportunity to volunteer at the Christmas Cheerboard. As a class, they packed 450 hampers for families in need in Winnipeg.



Room 213 - Heart Dissection

Mr Misir's grade 7/8 class was busy this week performing heart dissections as part of their look of the circulatory system in science. He invited a student from the WISE group from the University of Manitoba to assist in the dissections. WISE (women in science and engineering) is a group from the University of Manitoba that comes to schools to assist in hands-on related activities with students. What a great way to end their year in science!!





Winnipeg Jets Game on December 16



O 'Canada sung in English and Punjabi

A big thank you to Olivia Kelly, Mr. Singh, Sheena and the whole Punjabi bilingual team for their tireless support and dedication to our choir group for preparing them to sing on Saturday at the Winnipeg Jets game. The commitment to ensure that the choir sang both the Canadian national anthem in English and Punjabi was truly remarkable.

It was a proud moment for all of us to see our choir represented on such a prominent platform. The inclusion of Punjabi in our rendition added a special and meaningful touch, creating the history and showcasing the richness of Canada's cultural diversity. This left a lasting impression on everyone who witnessed the performance.



Evening of Dance - Behind the Scenes



Evening of Dance

Amber Trails students participated in an AMAZING evening of dance with 14 dances from around the world at SOPAC. Congratulations and thank you to all participants and staff who made this possible.

A SPECIAL thank you to our Dance teacher, Heidi Presingular.



See more pictures on Instagram
[@Ambertrails1575](#)



Merry Christmas
& a Happy new year



Message from Administrators

Dear Amber Trails Students and Families,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible strength that comes from the diversity within our school community. This time of year reminds us of the unique beauty each family and individual brings to our Amber Trails family.

Our school thrives because of the unique perspectives, traditions, and experiences that each of you generously shares. This holiday season, let us celebrate the richness that comes from embracing our differences and cherishing the common threads that bring us together.

We want to take a moment to wish all of our students and families a happy holidays. May your celebrations be filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of cherished traditions that make this time of year so special.

As we look forward to the new year, let us continue to foster a culture of inclusion and understanding. Our commitment to recognizing the strengths in each individual, and the unique contributions they bring, is what makes our school a truly exceptional place to learn and grow.

Thank you for being an important part of the Amber Trails family. May your holidays be filled with rest, laughter and happiness, and may the coming year bring prosperity and continued success to all.

Warmest Regards,

Navjeet Kambo, Yolanda Czerwonka, & John Holmes

