



Elwick Community School

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2013-2014

At Elwick School we value all individuals, while encouraging a collaborative community approach to learning by building relationships based on respect. We celebrate our diversity through our understanding of

the seven teachings. Together we strive to support all

learners to develop to their fullest potential in all aspects of their lives.

Each member of our community shares a responsibility to create and maintain a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for all.

AT ELWICK SCHOOL



Welcome to Elwick



home of the flames

Building Strong Communities



Staff, families, and students came together for two after school BBQ celebrations.

Parents and Caregivers lent a helping hand to make homemade bannock for all the children in the school.



FOOTBALL FUN

In connection with the Winnipeg Women's Nomads, staff and students enjoyed an evening of football fun. The students learned some football skills as well as played a friendly game of flag football.



Parents and Caregivers joined our Social Worker and Psychologist for bead making projects under the leadership and guidance of a mother from our community.



In connection with Elwick's Treaty Days celebration, parents and caregivers joined our Community Connector for an evening of Nutrition Bingo!



Weekly fiddling lessons were offered to adults from our community free of charge.



Elwick School hosted a Movie Night evening for families in our community. Dinner was served by staff as well as volunteers from the Wayfinders program.



GIVING THANKS FEAST

With the help of many local businesses, community members, Elwick staff and our divisional Director of Partnerships, a delicious turkey dinner was served to students and families.



Under the supervision of our Community Connector, Elwick school hosted a Teen Club on the weekends giving children in the community an opportunity for a variety of learning experiences.

In connection with our Preschool program, Elwick hosted a Family Games Night for families to enjoy an evening of boardgames fun, snacks, and plenty of laughter!



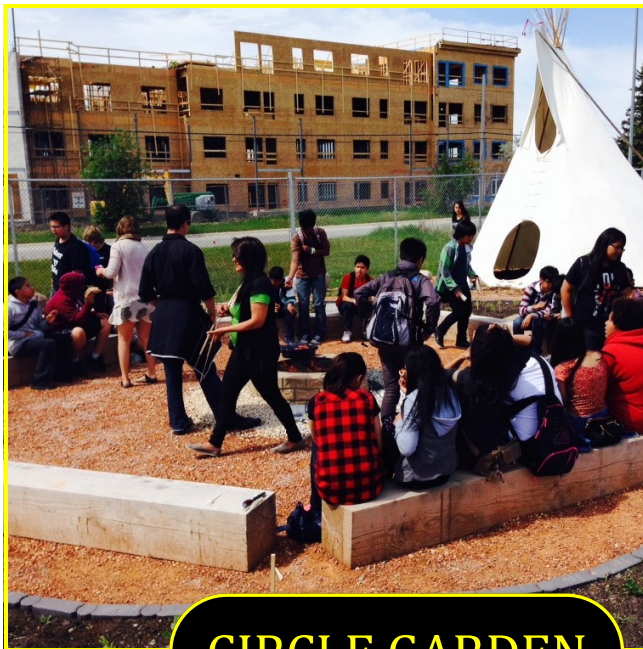
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Building Strong Learners



Grades 4/5 students engaged in a scientific inquiry in connection with the Divisional Science Camp.

Middle years students learned the skill and art of bead work under the guidance of a mother from our school community.



CIRCLE GARDEN

Our Grades 7/8 students visited our divisional Circle Garden while connecting with high school students from the Wayfinders program. It is our hope that building relationships with mentors from high school will help students with the transition to high school.



Local artist Nereo helped students create beautiful pieces of art.



Grades 4/5 and Middle years students experienced Soapstone Carving during Treaty Days and National Aboriginal Day.



Students learned math concepts with the support of manipulatives.

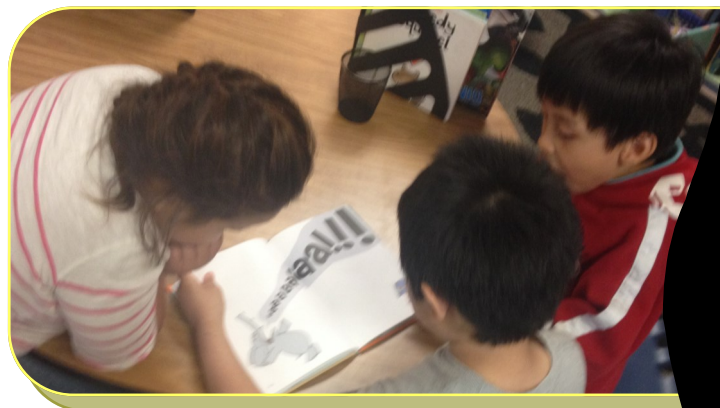


BEEP summer programming is a fun hands on experiential learning opportunity for students during the summer months.



GUEST PRESENTER

Joe McLellan, Aboriginal storyteller and author interacted with early years students in connection with their classroom literacy experiences.



Small groups of students worked together reading rich and meaningful storybooks.

Children moved their learning outdoors participating in a hands on drumming experience.



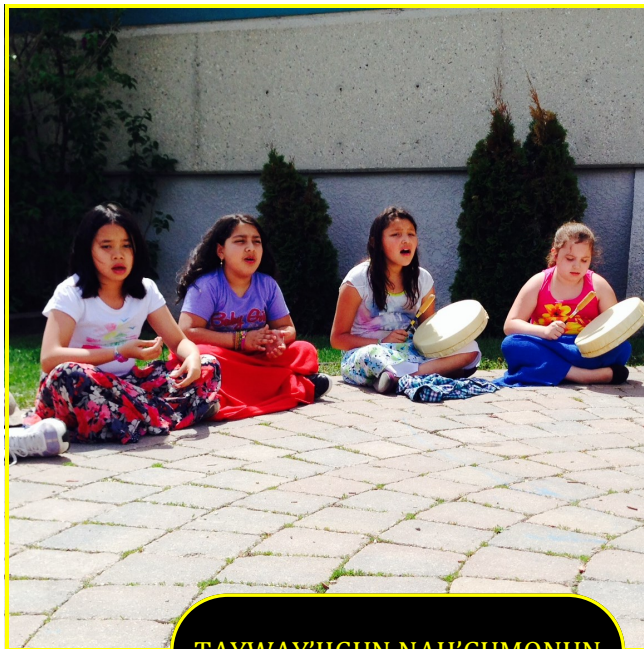
Building Strong Learners

Building Strong Futures



Elwick school continues to host Sistema Winnipeg, a 5 day a week intensive after school music program in connection with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Children participated in an after school Pow Wow Club. Throughout the year there were many opportunities to share this rich cultural experience.



TAYWAY'IIGUN NAH'GUMONUN

Our drum group name means Drum Songs. Students met every Wednesday at 12:20 with Richelle. All children from Grades 1-8 were invited to participate.



A group of students participated in a social justice event called WE DAY.

Safe Space



Interested Middle Years students and two teachers created a GSA club to discuss ways of creating safe spaces for all students.



Building relationships and connections with Wayfinders students at our Elwick school Movie Night.



Students in grades 5 and 6 attended an after school program called Career Trek, learning about post secondary education and careers.



BIKE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Interested students had the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to repair donated bikes for children and adults in our community.



Preschool families enjoyed an afternoon of cultural activities and outdoor fun in connection with our Elwick Treaty Days.

Elwick school's Pow Wow and Drumming groups participated in the Divisional Grad Pow Wow. Grade 8 students as well as graduating parents from the Adult Learning Centre were honoured during the celebration.

Grad Pow Wow
2014

June 5, 2014
West Kildonan Collegiate



Building Strong Futures

"WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE" IS MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION AT ELWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL...IT IS A REASON TO CELEBRATE.

From May 13-16, 2014 the homes surrounding Elwick Community School witnessed some interesting activity on the school grounds. The raising of the Tipi was a clear sign that something out-of-ordinary was afoot. Indeed, it was the beginning of Elwick's first Treaty Days, a four day event organized to celebrate our treaty relationship with Manitoba's First Nations peoples.

As I have learned, the beginning of all treaties began with a handshake... and that handshake has since become an important symbol for relationship. At our opening ceremony, each guest was greeted with a handshake which let each person know that they were welcomed and their presence in our school is an honour and a gift.

Throughout the next four days, students were treated to a variety of activities, many of which took place in the Tipi. Students listened to storytellers, played on the drums, tried their hands at Soapstone carving and had a ton of fun laughing while they played First Nations games. This was a learning experience like no other!

One of the highlights of Treaty Days had to be the Pow Wow and feast. Elwick's own Pow Wow Club dancers were stunning in their regalia and you could not help but be proud as they made their way into the circle during Grand Entry. Equally as impressive were the three drum groups whose singing filled the air.

Treaty Days was an absolute success and many Thank You's must go out to the Elwick staff that made it happen! This is definitely how relationships are made!

By Rodine Isfeld



My Favourite part of Treaty Days was when the school had the BBQ party with the entire community. ~ Patrick

I learned about the Treaty days and how the Treaties still exist today. Right now, we're all living on Treaty One Lands. ~

Patrick

I enjoyed the drumming because I felt it touch my heart. ~ Ally

I had fun playing kickball because I could dolphin dive onto the mats. ~ Darren

