

ELWICK

Community School

Report to the Community
2015-2016



"Celebrating our diversity through the seven sacred teachings..."

RESPECT, COURAGE, HUMILITY, LOVE, HONESTY, WISDOM, TRUTH

At Elwick school we value all individuals, while encouraging a collaborative community approach to learning by building relationships based on respect.

Together we strive to support each learner 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.



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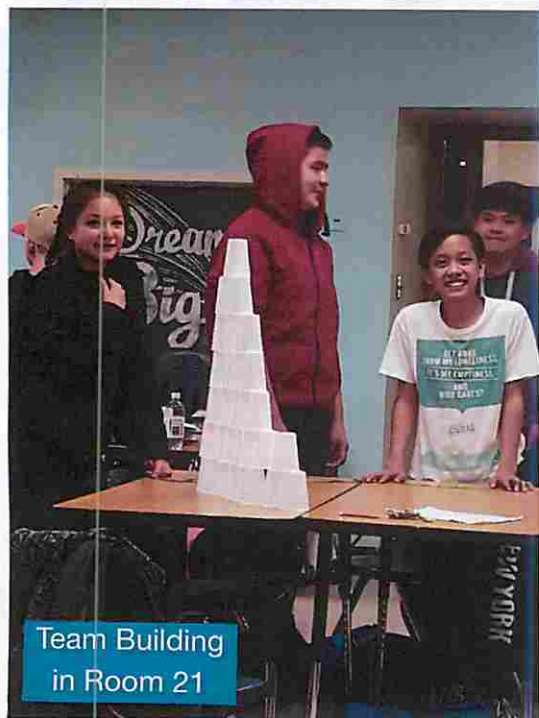
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Creating a Safe and Caring School



Our grade 7/8 girls volleyball team: cooperation and teamwork at its best



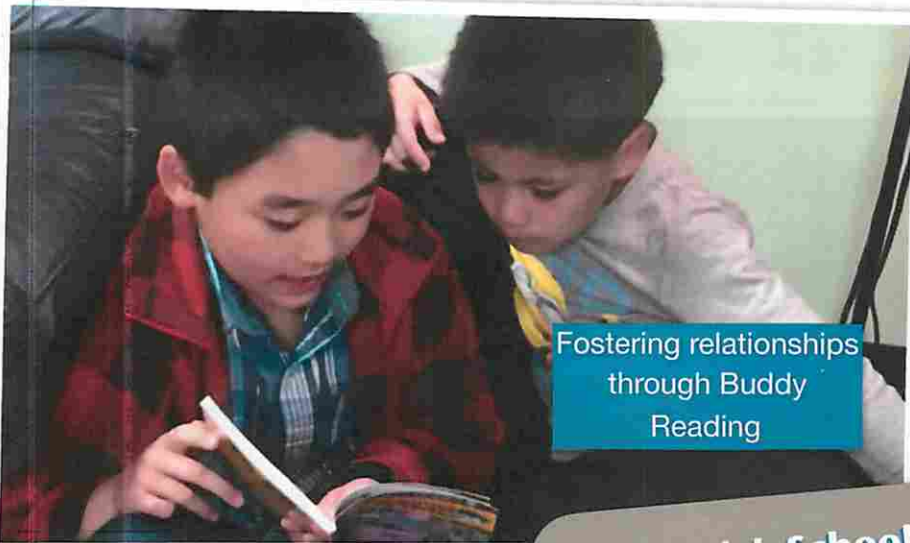
Team Building in Room 21



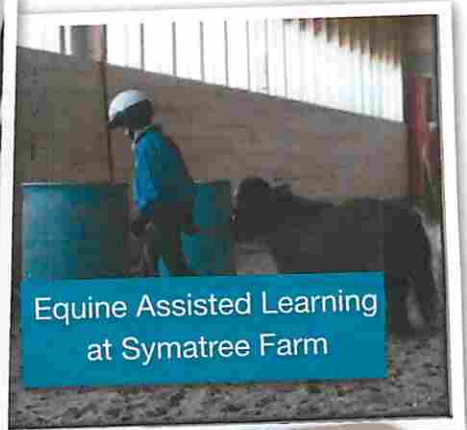
"Rainbow Hall" - one of the many school beautification projects.



Students doing yoga : An example of our mental health initiative.



Fostering relationships through Buddy Reading

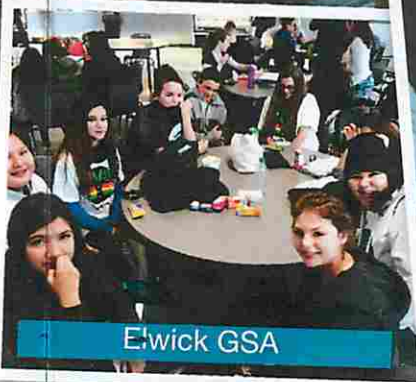


Equine Assisted Learning at Symatree Farm

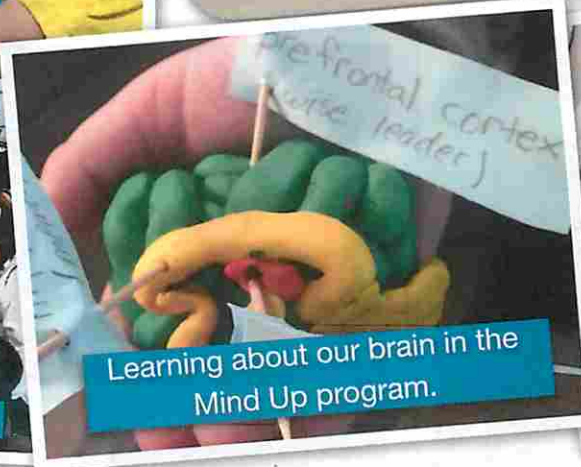


Meeting new friends at Grade 2/3 family time.

At Elwick School the staff work very hard to help create a safe and caring learning place. We have a number of school based and extra-curricular initiatives to help support our community.



Elwick GSA



Learning about our brain in the Mind Up program.



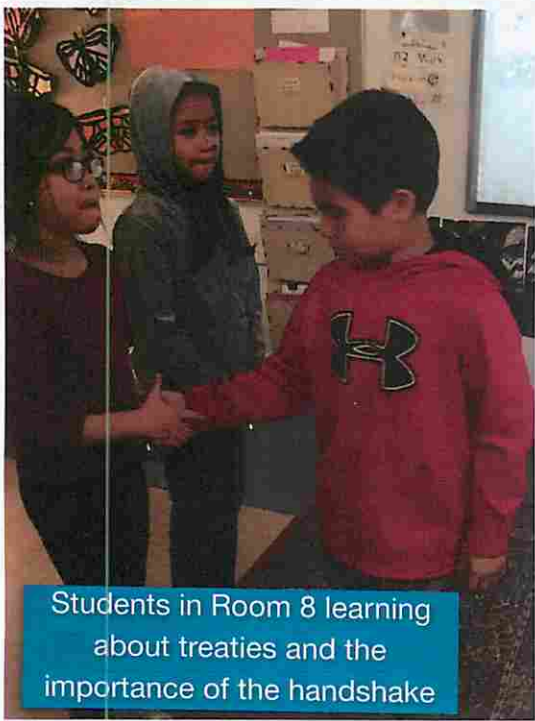
Room 18 Pride Hearts

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION | MILE 5 | MIND UP | POW WOW CLUB
DRUMMING | SMUDGING | LEADERSHIP | BREAKFAST PROGRAM | BEADING
CAREER TREK | REC AND READ | CAN U | GSA | INTRAMURALS
EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEAM SPORTS

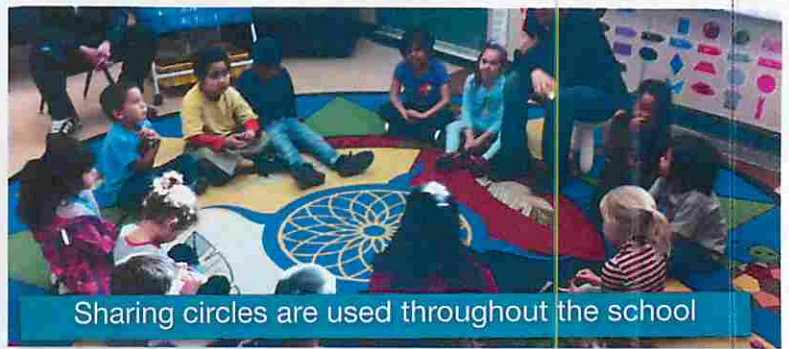
Focusing on Indigenous Education



Students learning about Pow Wow dancing



Students in Room 8 learning about treaties and the importance of the handshake



Sharing circles are used throughout the school



Big Drum teachings with Room 21

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Our Pow Wow club demonstrating during Treaty Days

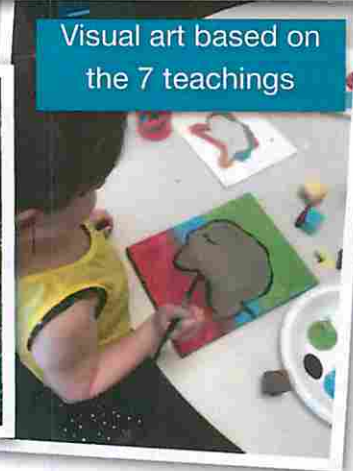


Room 5 connecting literature to the medicine wheel

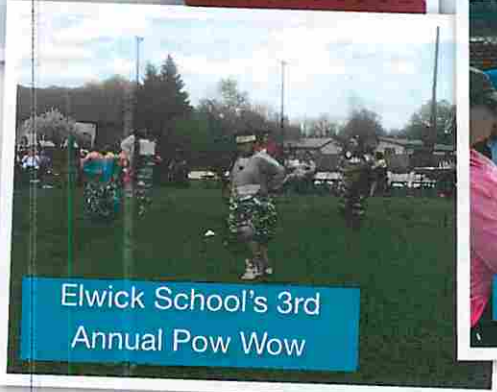
At Elwick School Indigenous education feels authentic. On a daily basis, staff, students, and community have meaningful experiences, asking questions and learning alongside each other. Our year is highlighted by a successful Treaty Days celebration. Together we are walking in a good way.



Room 14 preparing tobacco offerings for guests during Treaty Days



Visual art based on the 7 teachings



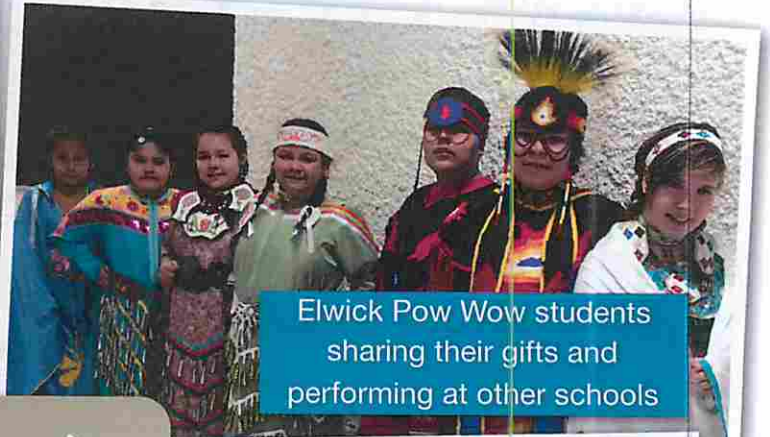
Elwick School's 3rd Annual Pow Wow



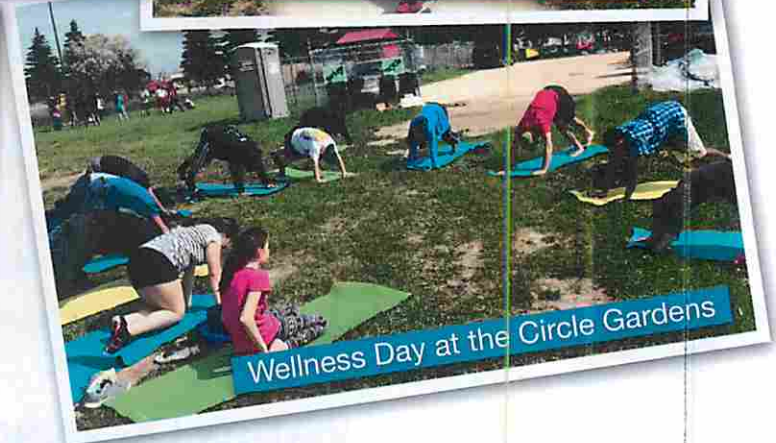
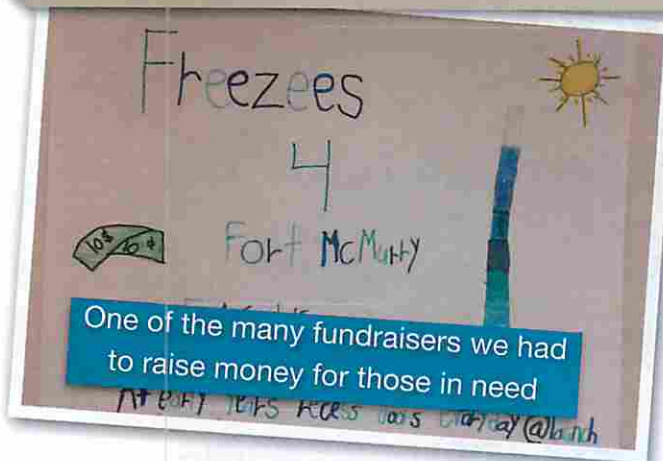
Beading during Wellness Day

**TREATY EDUCATION | BEADING | POW WOW | DRUMMING
HONOUR SONG | SMUDGING | SEVEN TEACHINGS | PARENT BEADING
ESTABLISHING ELDER CONNECTIONS | PRESCHOOL CONNECTION
FAMILY COOKING | GOOD LITERATURE IN CLASSROOMS**

Education for Sustainable Development

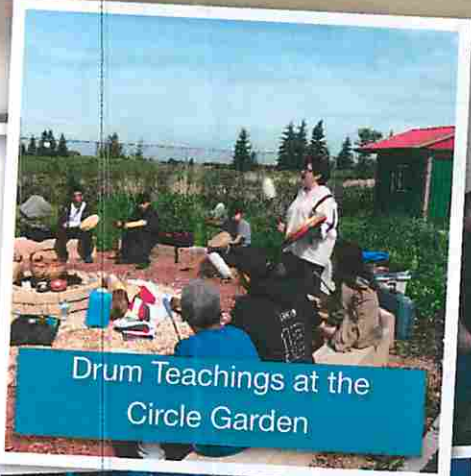


Elwick School is a hub for the community, supporting well-being for all. We take care of ourselves, each other, and our community as we are learning to take care of our world. We are moving towards a plan for ecological sustainability in our school and community. We have strong initiatives for student activism which drive our ESD efforts.



WE DAY & FREE THE CHILDREN | THE GIVING TREE | BIKE PROGRAM
ELWICK SCHOOL BELIEF STATEMENT | RECYCLING | SISTEMA
BREAKFAST PROGRAM | CLASSROOM BASED GARDENS | CLOTHING DRIVE
SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS | WINNIPEG HARVEST | BAKE SALES
CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD | FUNDRAISERS

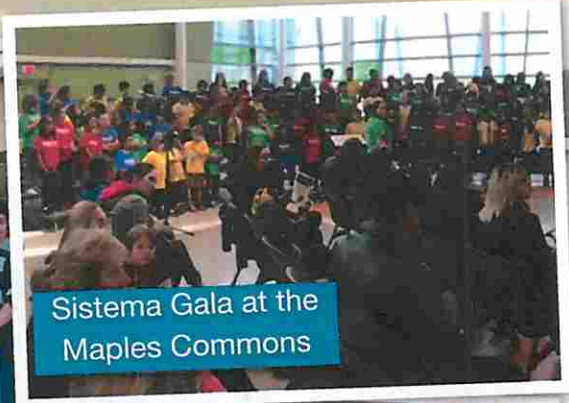
Students in Room 5 inspecting growth in the classroom garden



Drum Teachings at the Circle Garden



Room 17 volunteers at Winnipeg Harvest



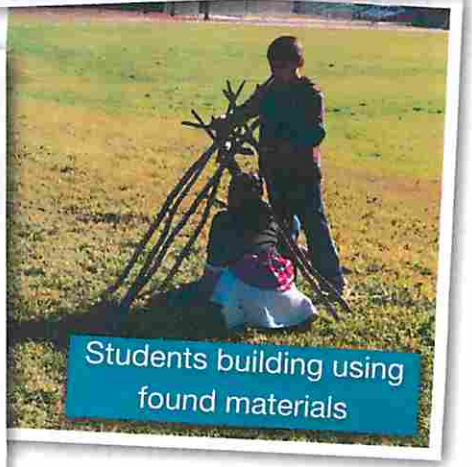
Sistema Gala at the Maples Commons



Annual We Day concert to celebrate student initiatives



Clothing Drive held in the spring



Students building using found materials

Making Curriculum and Instruction Engaging



Room 14 learning how to code at Science Camp

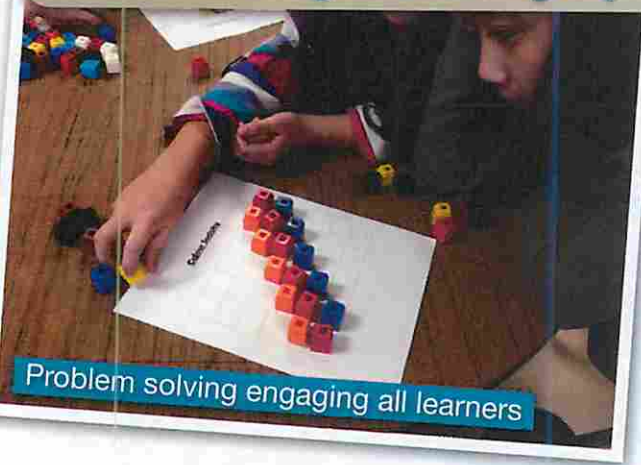


Learning math through fun games like "Integer Football"

Elwick School is a place where we strive to engage students in all aspects of their learning. Teachers share their expertise and we are creating a common language that helps us connect with the diverse learners we encounter on a daily basis. We are developing a strong art approach and are continuing to build our capacity to use technology in enriching and exciting ways.



Incorporating music exploration into our classrooms



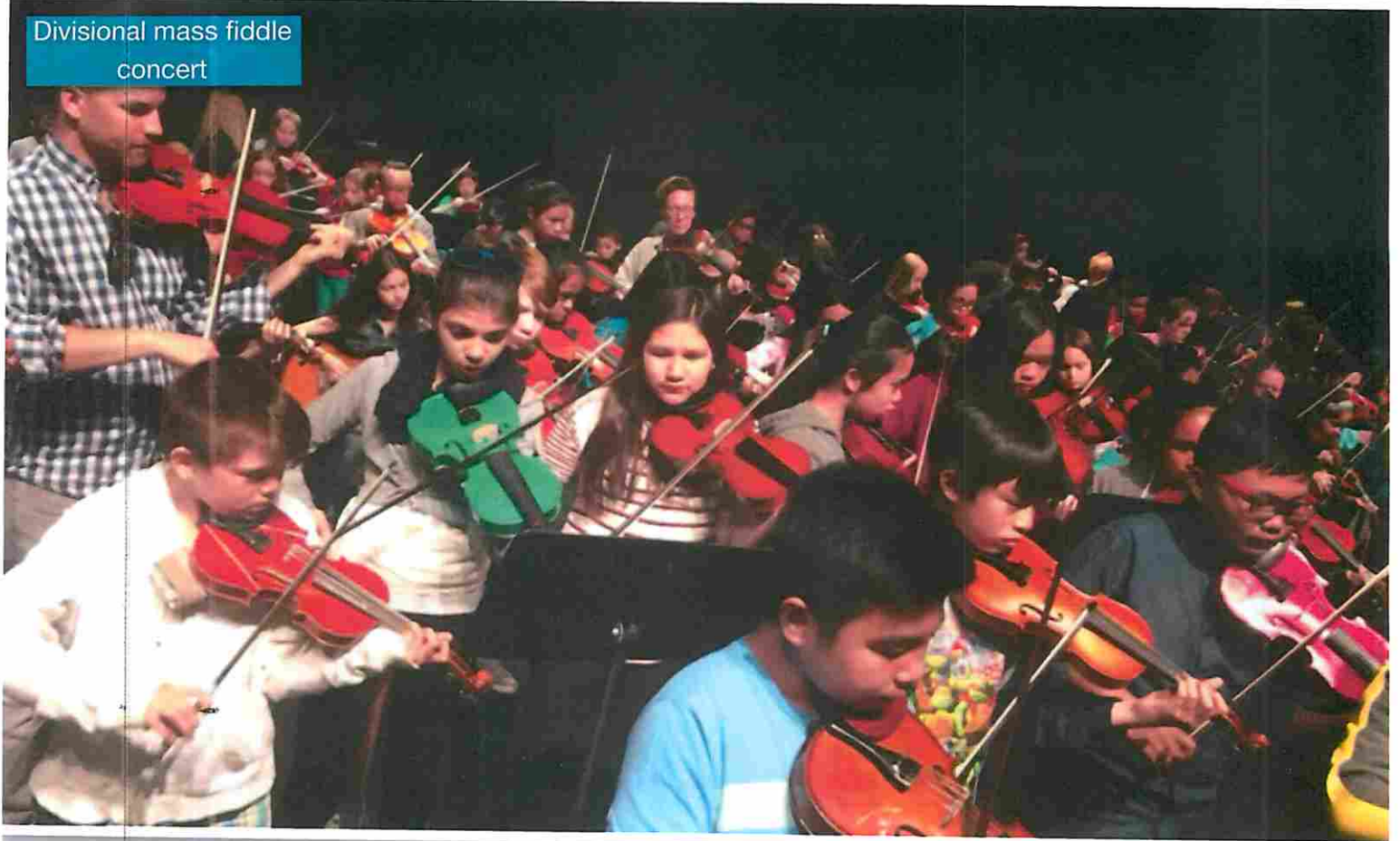
Problem solving engaging all learners



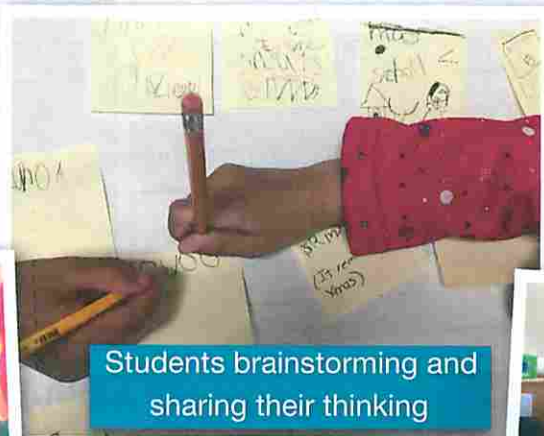
Exploring light and shadows in an early years classroom

COMMON LANGUAGE | CONTINUUMS | LITERACY | NUMERACY | MUSIC
SISTEMA | BAND | DANCE | POW WOW | DRUMMING | CHOIR | TECHNOLOGY
MATH CENTERS | MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM SOLVING | SCIENCE CLUB
MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS | BOOK CLUB | BUDDY READING

Divisional mass fiddle concert

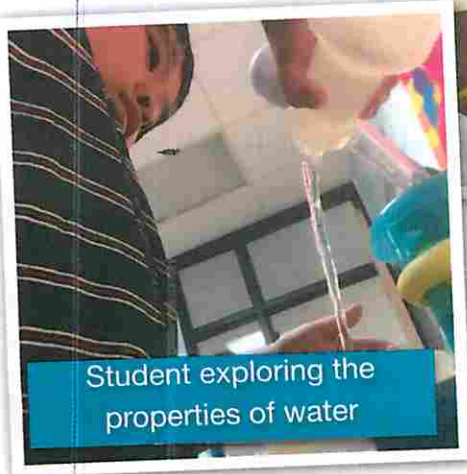


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see possibilities



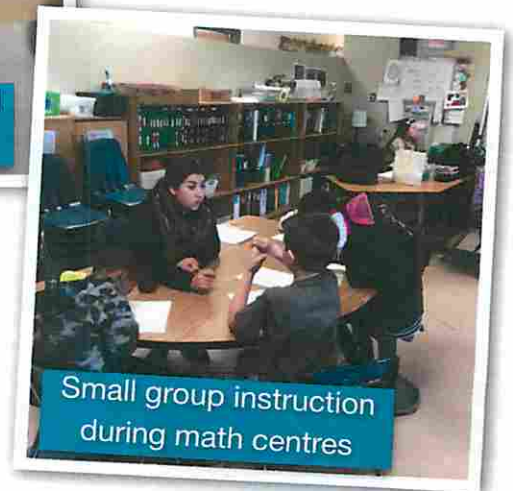
Students brainstorming and sharing their thinking

**REC
AND
READ**



Student exploring the properties of water


CAREER TREK



Small group instruction during math centres

Sistema at Elwick School

CREATING A SAFE AND CARING SCHOOL

Sistema continues to be a place where staff and students support each other. Music is often an outlet for students as a way to express themselves, whatever their mood may be. In Sistema, students have the opportunity to develop their musical and social skills promoting positive mental health. Students learn to work together in small and large group settings. One of Sistema's philosophies is to help each other. Pictured here is an example of our mentoring time when our more experienced students teach the less experienced ones.



FOCUSING ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Sistema students were able to make Indigenous education a regular part of their schedule. Students were able to smudge before Sistema, participated in Pow Wow club, had drumming lessons and worked collaboratively with these groups towards a joint piece which will hopefully be performed next year. We performed at our school Pow Wow and were able to invite our Sistema friends from King Edward School to join in our Treaty Days. Pictured here is a small group of students learning how to play the big drum.

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Elwick is only one of two schools in Manitoba that offer the Sistema Winnipeg program. This free program is an opportunity staff and students are committed to and understand the potential it could have in a student's life. Sharing our music and message by performing for different communities around the city, we are able to show people the power of music education and how it can help shape not only the students involved but also the community. Pictured here is one of our favourite performances of the year at Wayfinders Open Mic Night.



ENGAGING CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

What and how we teach is the basis of creating a strong, meaningful program. Being teaching artists themselves, Sistema staff are dedicated to teaching their students based on their mastery knowledge of music education and with a passion and love for music. We hope to pass these on to the students we teach. Here is an example of one of our students taking the lead, passing on his leadership to others.