

# ÉCOLE TEMPLETON

2022-2023



**Rapport à notre communauté**

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## ABOUT US

École Templeton is a French Immersion milieu in the heart of Amber Trails on Treaty 1 territory. This Kindergarten to Grade 5 school opened in September 2020. There is a daycare housed within the building that is independently run by OK Before & After.

In our third year as a school community, we have grown a belief statement from which three priorities have shaped our work: Identity, Responsibility and Reconciliation, and Languages and Diversity in French Immersion.

## BELIEF STATEMENT

À l'École Templeton, comme Miitigomizh,

Nous appartenons tous;

Avec compassion, nous accueillons et nous appuyons notre  
communauté;

Beaux et diverses;

Nous sommes fiers de notre vie et notre apprentissage en  
français;

Comme la ceinture fléchée,

Nous sommes tissés ensemble – plus forts comme conséquent;

Nous sommes racinés dans notre responsabilité envers la vérité  
et la réconciliation;

Minopimatisiwin, mener une bonne vie,

En apprentissage, avec amour, et avec courage



## IDENTITY

Miitigomizh : minopimatisiwin onji kiimaahmaagawin, saagkiiwaewin, songaeniidiiwin

These Anishinaabemowin words were gifted to us by Elder Mary Courchene and serve as the foundation for our identity as a school. We strive to live a good life (minopimatisiwin) from learning (kiimaahmaagawin), love (saagkiiwaewin), and courage (songaeniidiiwin) and have done so in several ways this year.

We worked with knowledge keepers and elders to enrich our understanding of indigenous medicinal plants. With the help of folks at our Aki centre we have added many indigenous plants to our school yard! We were also proud this year to attend our divisional GSA meeting for the first time, and to celebrate pride with a schoolwide community walk! Students from our school also took part in all seven divisional sports events combining both individual and team sports!





## RESPONSIBILITY AND RECONCILIATION

This year our school has taken several steps towards reconciliation as we endeavour for resurgence. We are proud to have started our own Pow Wow dance club and to have shared our newfound talents at the divisional Pow Wow ceremony. Our school had the pleasure of welcoming several elders and knowledge keepers who helped students across all grades to deepen their understanding of and connection to indigenous perspectives. We were especially fortunate to form a closer relationship Carol Moar as she visited on multiple occasions to work with different groups of students. Our summer solstice celebration was well attended and featured indigenous food, dance, and music. Even something like our weekly smudge has been a meaningful addition to school life, and representative of our commitment as treaty people of all kinds.





## LANGUAGES AND DIVERSITY IN FRENCH IMMERSION

We have been working hard at our school to define what it means to be multilingual within a French Immersion milieu. We are here to learn and celebrate the French language, but we do so meaningfully through the rich linguistic diversity of our community. While we are mindful of sustaining an immersive learning environment in French (e.g. through signage, announcements, assemblies, media usage, etc.) we also celebrate other living languages in our community and draw parallels to the language learning we do here at school. Our Anishinaabemowin word search during morning announcements, or our Tagalog word of the day in the library, only help our continued study in French. Staff have also been participating in professional development this year as we cultivate an anti-racist stance at our school and in French Immersion more generally.





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That is the name given to our tree by Elder Mary Courchene in Anishinaabemowin.

L'arbre de la vie/The Tree of Life

Mène une bonne vie/Living the Good Life

De l'apprentissage, de l'amour et de courage/From Learning, Love, Courage

If you haven't already, please visit our website for the full meaning behind our  
school logo: [Our Logo - École Templeton \(7oaks.org\)](http://7oaks.org)



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