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Winter 2024 Newsletter

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Artemis YPP

We had a wonderful holiday season at the child care centres. Once again, a big shout out to Barb and her “Elves” for making this season extra bright and special for our families- you all are so appreciated! With winter break over, the hustle and bustle of the learning and playing continues. We have added a “mud kitchen” to our outside



play area - thank you to Corina and Ken for creating an amazing piece! We also had snow which has added to the outside adventures— tasting, touching, piling, building, sliding, melting, cooking and so much more!



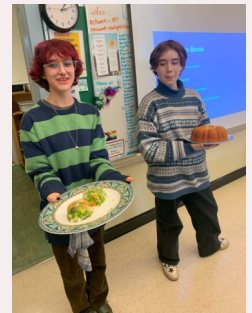
Report cards will be ready on February 2, 2024. An email will be sent to families to schedule a progress meeting with us.



Student Voices

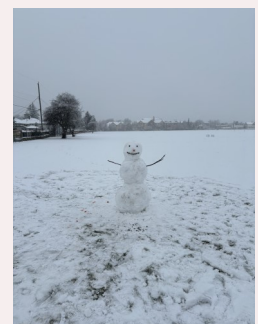
We did a presentation about food during the great depression that included descriptions on Canada during the great depression, and popular recipes with images from that era. At the end we brought out a jello salad and a hot milk cake that we made from the recipes in our presentation.

Most of the teachers and students tried the jello salad or the hot milk cake, which got very mixed reactions.



-Cam and Finn

Artemis is a small community school. I am a student here and this term I enjoyed working on English, making snowmen and cooking. We've also done many things like goat yoga, horse therapy, music, seeing puppies and kittens, and going to see a winter play. There's lots of opportunities to make connections and do things out of school with groups.



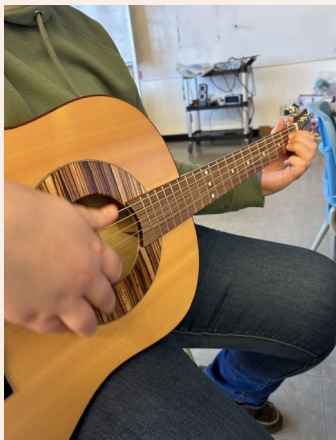
-Emilie

Music Therapy

Over the past few months, Artemis has been offering music therapy to our students. Every Wednesday, Supriya Crocker, a Certified Music Therapist, works with students to directly support and enhance their learning



environment, while also working to foster self-discovery, self-esteem, and group dynamic skill building. We are halfway through our 18-week series and will now move into the song-writing step of the process, which will result in a professionally recorded song using student vocals and instruments. It has been wonderful to watch our students continue to develop and learn new skills, while working towards a collective goal of recording. Nice work, Artemis Music Students!



Holiday Fun

Before the winter break, we engaged in many kinds of fun, learning activities related to the December season! A group of 5 students attended the Wonderheads production of “A Christmas Carol” at the Belfry. While all were impressed with aspects of the artistry, overall the play received mixed reviews from the Artemis crowd, with the majority agreeing that they prefer the classic, “A Muppets Christmas Carol.” We spent time at school learning about major December holidays, with a specific focus on the Winter

Solstice – considering the roots of the celebration, the traditions, the influence it has had on other religious and cultural celebrations, and how we celebrate Winter Solstice now. There was seasonally inspired art made, and, of course, tis the season for food! We did a ton of baking and decorating; and made a traditional Christmas Feast for our last holiday meal before the break. All in all, we did our best to spread some light during those dark days at the end of the year. A happy 2024 to all – we are certainly looking forward to seeing what our students will do throughout the year.



Coats for Kids



From several of our youngest Artemis attenders in the daycare to some of our high school students, all are feeling a little warmer and cozier thanks to the generous donation of warm coats from Victoria Coats for Kids!

Artemis Crowns Student Champion at First Annual Chess Tournament

Congratulations to our top player Bea for her amazing win against staff member Dana, scoring her the title of Artemis Chess Champion! After months of friendly games, training against computers, trying their hand at chess puzzles, Bea proved herself as school chess champion in a crushing game. The tournament spanned over two days, with all students displaying amazing chess prowess. Thank you to all who participated, and to everyone that took the time to learn or teach each other how fun a game of chess can be. Let's get training for the Spring tournament!

(Photo of the crown, and the results of the winning game!)



Beading with Anita

We have been having a wonderful time hosting Anita, from Road Allowance Beads, bi-weekly for a beading group. Many students have come to learn brick and peyote stitches! There have been some beautiful creations, including earrings and lanyards. Anita has been teaching in a supportive wholistic 1:1 way, allowing knowledge to be passed on in a good way – from learning about intention and respect for the beads and our ancestors who have supported this artform to exist. Beading amongst Indigenous communities is a sacred art form and medicine for the spirit and soul. It has been wonderful watching the participating students confidence and creativity blossom with the support of Anita and her kind, compassionate community oriented spirit.



Special thanks to:

