



A great place to grow!

Mitchell Elementary School Planning Priorities

School Mission Statement
**To provide a safe, caring and stimulating
environment in which to learn and grow.**



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School Planning Priorities for 2014—2015

Priority #1 Literacy and Numeracy initiatives focusing on student growth and assessment

Initiatives:

- ❖ Divisional pilot continued and expanded of Numeracy Support program with focus on grade 2 students
- ❖ Purchase “Teaching Student-Centered Mathematics” for CST directed book study for entire staff
- ❖ First Steps in Math implementation
- ❖ Use Diagnostic Number sense Map to identify and track student development
- ❖ Professional Development for teachers in the area of literacy assessment and the new report card
- ❖ New reading level kits purchased and implemented
- ❖ Reading level data collected and analyzed
- ❖ Guided reading and revised Hanover Reading Continuum used to inform teaching and learning practises
- ❖ Literacy support provided for students who need extra help to reach grade level

Priority #2 Education for Sustainable Futures

Initiatives:

- ❖ 50% waste reduction challenge
- ❖ Begin outdoor recycling
- ❖ Purchase and use compost buckets for lunch time scraps and paper towels
- ❖ Promote parental involvement and understanding of waste reduction
- ❖ Whole school awareness of ESF forwarded through the classroom, school assemblies and guest speakers
- ❖ Grade 2 collection/sorting of recyclables
- ❖ 1 day per month emphasizing lunch waste reduction

Priority #3 Student Citizenship and Leadership Development

Initiatives:

- ❖ Grade 4 lunch monitor program
- ❖ Grade 4 assistance of grade 1 and 2 recycling during lunch
- ❖ Cool Cat Patrol
- ❖ Bus Captains
- ❖ Social Justice opportunities such as fundraising for student initiated projects, Christmas hamper food drive, international projects
- ❖ Character education and systematic teaching of the 4B’s (Safe, Kind, Productive, Respectful)
- ❖ Blue slip positive student reward program for all students

About Us

- Mitchell Elementary School is a K-4 School with approximately 400 students.
- Staff consists of 23 classroom teachers and the following specialists: early year’s literacy, EAL, music, physical education, resource, and an administrator. Support staff includes 9 educational assistants as well as two secretaries, librarian, head custodian and 2 custodial assistants.
- Mitchell Elementary School has a strong connection to families, with many parents volunteers.
- Students at Mitchell Elementary School are exceptional in their care for others and their school.
- Our school is highly committed to literacy including—literacy and EAL support, a vibrant library, and wide support for guided reading and teacher professional development.
- Student Agendas and Monthly Newsletters are excellent home and school communication tools that help inform parents of upcoming events and activities