



Mitchell Elementary School

School Community Report for 2021-2022

To provide a safe, caring, and stimulating environment
in which to learn and grow.

About Us

350 Students

27 Teaching Positions:

Literacy Support
Numeracy Support
EAL
Learning Support
Counsellor
Music
Physical Education

Support Staff Includes:

School Admin Secretary
School Secretary
15 Educational Assistants
Library Support Specialist
Head Custodian & 3 Assistants

MES has a strong connection to our community & families. This connection and trust is highlighted in the support we receive in our fundraisers & learning partnerships. Together we support local, national and international agencies, providing students with unique experiences and opportunities to contribute to society.

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Priority #1: Social/Emotional Learning

- School wide connections and assemblies were virtual for most of this school year. Students were able to attend presentations in cohorts.
- Students were able to express themselves more in music this year with the ability to sing and play instruments.
- A split recess schedule allowed for fewer students on the playground at one time allowing for increased supervision and fewer recess conflicts.
- Following the 4 B's and earning blue slips has continued to be important at MES. Weekly prize draws and announcements recognized students' successes.
- MES teachers used the 4 B's plus one other SEL program in their classes. Programs include: Second Step, Zones of Regulation, Be Cool, Mind Up, Project 11, Classroom Economy, and Thrival Kits

Priority #2: Literacy & Numeracy

- MES continued its work with our Numeracy and Literacy support specialists supporting entire classes with large group, small group, and individual instruction at their just right level.
- Support included professional development for teaching staff as well as collaboration around best practice math and literacy instruction.
- MES teachers implemented the Building Fact Fluency kits to support their numeracy instruction.
- MES staff used Teaching Sprints to collaborate on best teaching practices.
- MES continued to direct materials and staff resources as needed to enhance ELA and Math supports. MES celebrates the learning gains in reading and math. Our data suggests extremely effective literacy and math programming.

Priority #3: Learning Partnerships

- MES continued its international Liberian learning partnership with Provision of Hope. Our students learned about the students that we sponsor in Liberia. We are once again grateful for the unwavering community support that we received, and we were able to continue sponsoring 18 children to attend school.
- The MES running club had an extremely successful season with a Jog in the Park event in May. 15 students participated at The Manitoba Marathon.
- MES organized a Modified Fall Fun Week, Terry Fox Walk, and Jump Rope for Heart.
- MES was pleased to once again support Southeast Helping Hands.
- MES hosted MPI for our Bike Rodeo event.
- Our Grade 4 students were able to visit MMS for orientation and to participate in their Makerspace as part of their transition to Grade 5.
- MES students went on Learning Trips this spring to a variety of locations including Oak Hammock Marsh, Fort Whyte Alive, The Manitoba Museum, and The Assiniboine Park Zoo.
- MMS Grade 7 students and staff were on hand to assist with our Summer Fun Day.
- Parent Volunteers were back at MES to assist with Learning Trips, our PAC BBQ, and some classroom events.