



Mitchell Elementary School

School Priority Report for 2023-2024

About Us

396 Students
Kindergarten to Grade 4

22 Teaching Staff including:

Literacy Support/EAL
Numeracy Support
Learning Support/Guidance
Music
Physical Education

Support Staff Includes:

School Admin Secretary
School Secretary
13 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 the opportunity to contribute to society.

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

Priority #1: Social/Emotional Learning

- At MES we continue to make Social Emotional learning a priority including all students and their ability to understand the connection between their well-being and connecting with others.
- MES staff will continue to use the 4 B's plus one other SEL program in their classes. Programs include: Second Step, Zones of Regulation, Be Cool, Mind Up, Classroom Economy, and Project 11.
- MES staff will continue the use of Teaching Sprints to collaborate on best teaching practices in Social Emotional Learning.
- Following the 4 B's and earning blue slips has continued to be important at MES. Weekly prize draws and announcements will continue to recognize students' successes.
- MES has implemented a split recess schedule allowing for fewer students on the playground at one time reducing recess conflicts.

Priority #2: Literacy & Numeracy

- MES will continue our work with Numeracy and Literacy support specialists supporting entire classes with large group, small group, and individual instruction at their just right level.
- MES teachers will continue to implement Building Fact Fluency kits to support their numeracy instruction.
- Support will include professional development for teaching staff as well as collaboration around best practice in math and literacy instruction.
- MES staff will continue the use of Teaching Sprints to collaborate on best teaching practices in Literacy and Numeracy.
- MES will continue to direct materials and staff resources as needed to enhance ELA and Math supports.

Priority #3: Learning Partnerships

- MES values our learning partnerships and will continue to foster partnerships that involve all our students.
- MES will continue our international Liberian learning partnership with Provision of Hope. Thank you for the unwavering community support as we currently sponsor 17 students.
- MES will continue our connections with the Mitchell Community Centre, Mitchell Middle School, Community Christmas, and our supportive PAC group.
- MES will continue to connect with Parent Volunteers and Guest Speakers.
- MES staff and students will continue to engage in classroom events, special school functions, and learning trips.

2023-2024 Looking Forward!

MES is "A Great Place to Grow". We feel passionately that relationships continue to matter. We celebrate assemblies as a time to connect as a school community and learn together. MES will continue to embed the 4 B's into our school culture.

At MES we are looking forward to the arrival of our new "Meteor" play structure. We thank all of you for your support as we have fundraised for this piece of equipment over the last 2 years. Many children will enjoy the Meteor for years to come.