



Mitchell Middle School Community Report for 2014– 2015



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

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Planning Priorities of the School

Priority #1 - To enhance students' engagement in their learning through increased use of technology that maintains instructional coherence and integrity.

Accomplishments

- ❖ Each teacher received an iPad enabling them to explore available programs and apps to enrich their lessons and engage students in their learning.
- ❖ Hanover School Division provided wifi services to support effective integration of electronic devices in teachers' lesson design and students' learning.
- ❖ Teachers participated in professional development opportunities to increase their awareness of and familiarity with available software and applicable pedagogy.
- ❖ Students experienced new areas of technology use in their learning, making it more interesting and engaging.

Priority #2 - To develop students' awareness of emotional coping strategies and the ability to recall and draw on them when they encounter difficulties.

Accomplishments

- ❖ Guidance teachers used the 'Second Step' curriculum in Health classes and meetings with students, placing special emphasis on teaching students emotional coping skills.
- ❖ Our Student Care Team met regularly to develop action plans to address student needs.
- ❖ Students are learning a common language to process challenging situations they encounter in school.

Priority #3 - To deepen student understanding of and appreciation for the cultural diversity of our community, province, country, and world.

Accomplishments

- ❖ All students participated in our Canadian Heritage Fair, focusing on an impressive variety of historical figures and events that unite us by celebrating our common values along with our diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- ❖ Our social justice group, H40 (Here for Others), explored ways to make ourselves aware of local and global needs, and then respond to them. Fundraising was completed toward drilling a water well for a community in Kenya.

- ❖ Many of our students participated in the firefighters' Burn Fund art project, resulting in two winning entries, accompanied by a \$1000 prize for the school.
- ❖ Our extra-curricular sports teams brought home divisional championship banners in Grade 9 boys' volleyball and basketball, finalist banners in Grade 9 boys' cross-country and Grade 9 girls' basketball, and our Grade 6 boys won the provincial 'Milk Run' cross-country challenge. An MMS student also won the top athlete award at the divisional Track & Field Meet.
- ❖ One of our parents/Educational Assistants won the Premier's Volunteer Award for her leadership in our fitness path and playground development project.
- ❖ Our first Grade 5/6 Spring musical provided an opportunity for our students to demonstrate the extent and diversity of their performing talent.
- ❖ Our Grade 7s raised over \$400 for KIVA, dedicated to improving the lives of some of our world's most impoverished citizens by microfinancing loans to help them get established.
- ❖ Approximately 20 MMS French students participated in the divisional Concours, with two of them representing HSD at the provincial contest, bringing home first and fourth place awards.
- ❖ This year's Grade 8s joined the 9s in moving out a year early. We will miss these 'big kids' in our school, but we wish them and future Mitchell Grade 9s well as they pursue exciting opportunities at the SRSS.

Highlights From
2014-2015