



# Mitchell Middle School Planning Priorities for 2015– 2016



## School Mission

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

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**Priority #1** - To help students struggling with reading and other literacy skills to strengthen these skills and give them tools enabling them to work effectively at or near grade level.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ A literacy support teacher will collaborate and team-teach with ELA teachers allowing them to work with individual students or small groups of students targeting necessary skills and assessing them effectively.
- ❖ Students requiring further support will also be included in literacy intervention groups supervised by the Resource department.

**Priority #2** - To review and develop school-wide practices addressing the unique characteristics of our Middle School environment.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ Teachers will develop a school-wide, Grade 5-8 continuum of learning in one academic area ensuring comprehensive and progressive learning of key curricular outcomes.
- ❖ Students and families will experience the benefit of improved home/school learning partnerships through the use of technology such as Remind App, Google Apps for Education, and other electronic means.
- ❖ Students will learn actively about democratic representation and student leadership by serving in and being served by our new Middle School student council.

**Priority #3** - To involve students increasingly in inquiry learning.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ Teachers will receive professional development about inquiry learning and explore means of using this model in their instructional practice.
- ❖ Students will increasingly experience an inquiry approach to learning in and across subject areas.

### About Us

- We are a Grade 5-8 School with approximately 285 students and 30 staff.
- We offer a broad range of programs including...
  - ∞ French                      ∞ Band                      ∞ Choir                      ∞ Art                      ∞ Drama
  - ∞ Music                      ∞ Guidance                      ∞ EAL                      ∞ Home Ec                      ∞ Tech Ed
- We strive to address the academic needs of all students at their level of ability.
- We regularly present special programs such as...
  - ∞ Band & Choir Concerts                      ∞ Science, Art, and Multi-Cultural or Heritage 'Fairs'
- We pride ourselves in our big school community events, which include...
  - ∞ Staff/Student volleyball and basketball games                      ∞ Penny Fairs                      ∞ SuperTrader
- Our student athletes participate competitively in extra-curricular sports such as...
  - ∞ Cross-Country                      ∞ Volleyball                      ∞ Basketball                      ∞ Badminton                      ∞ Track & Field
- We are intentional about developing strong relationships between staff and students, and between students across all grade levels.