



Mitchell Middle School Planning Priorities for 2016-17



School Mission

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

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School Planning Priorities for 2016 – 2017

Priority #1 - Providing all students opportunities to learn the skills, disposition, values, and knowledge required for a productive and wholesome life.

Initiatives:

- ❖ MMS students will maintain or increase results in Problem Solving (mathematics).
- ❖ All MMS students will establish a baseline instructional reading level using Fontas and Pinnell, that will be used to maintain or increase the instructional reading level by one level, based on last year's reading assessment data.
- ❖ Teachers will receive professional development about inquiry learning and explore means of using this model in their instructional practice.
- ❖ Staff will leverage the use of creative projects and digital tools to allow students to demonstrate their understanding
- ❖ Students will reflect on their work on a regular basis and record their reflections in learning journals or portfolios

Priority #2 - Building school culture to enable all students to learn.

Initiatives:

- ❖ By June 2017, we will further develop an open and inclusive and positive school culture of learning.
- ❖ Students will increasingly experience an inquiry approach to learning in and across subject areas.
- ❖ Activities to foster the development of unique classroom cultures of learning
- ❖ Professional development for staff will be provided in the area of universal design
- ❖ Integrate Chromebooks into lessons and considering SAMR model
- ❖ Student council was elected by the student body in September to provide a platform for student voice

Priority #3 - Partnering with our communities to enable all students and staff to learn.

Initiatives:

- ❖ School based deeper learning team and divisional learning coach will create and implement inquiry learning experiences and share with other staff
- ❖ A strong partnership will be enhanced with Mitchell Elementary School
- ❖ Local RCMP will be invited to support school programming
- ❖ Local business/professionals invited in to present/add to classroom programming
- ❖ Learning partnerships beyond the walls of the school are explored to deepen learning
- ❖ Technology will be leveraged to encourage collaboration with other classrooms/schools/business/organization
- ❖ Partnership with the Mitchell LUD will be developed to enhance learning opportunities for all students
- ❖ Local communities will be invited to get involved using social media
- ❖ Staff will be encouraged to invite community members into classroom/school events to deepen learning opportunities and these opportunities will be shared with the community via our school website and social media.

About Us

- We are a Grade 5-8 School with approximately 290 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.