



Clearspring Middle School Community Report 2016- 2017

Blazing trails in education



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2016 – 2017 Priorities

LITERACY: Our school’s emphasis on literacy has had very positive results. Our goal for this year was to have 85% of our students reading at Grade level (independent) by June 2017. Teachers and students have worked hard to improve student literacy, not only in reading but in writing and other forms of communication. We have exceeded our goal! In June, 2017, 90% of students at Clearspring Middle School are reading independently at or above grade level.

SUSTAINABILITY: We have continued to emphasize social responsibility with our students, including caring for the earth. We have worked hard to reduce the trash we send to the landfill by improving our recycling and composting programs, and by increasing the commitment of staff and students to these programs. This year we had a renewed emphasis on gardens, and we have seen the results of the work of our students in our new vegetable gardens. More to come next year, including achieving the goal of Eco-Globe Transformation School.

NUMERACY: Our goal was to have 80% of students score a mark of 3 or higher on the mental math portion of the provincial report card. We did not hit that target, with 76% of students reaching 3 or higher. We will continue to make this a target until we reach our goal.

About Us

- Our school was built as a learning tool, and has MANY learning features.
- 569 students, 35 teachers, 12 Educational Assistants, 2 Secretaries, 1 Library Clerk, and a custodial staff of 7.
- We offer a variety of extracurricular sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton, cross country running) as well as opportunities for drama, running club, yearbook, writing club, M.A.C, Grade 8 Ambassadors, and others.
- We have a strong commitment to helping all of our students build a growth mindset.
- Students in Clearspring Middle School demonstrate their care for the community in a variety of ways, including fundraising to help local and international charities, community clean-up, and mixed-grade activity groups.
- One wonderful feature of our school community is our regular assemblies. Students share their learning with the whole school in what can only be described as a celebration of learning.

Highlights

- ♦ ACTIVE, involved Parent Advisory Council.
- ♦ Built vegetable gardens.
- ♦ Exceptional ARTS program, including Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Art classes, and Musical.
- ♦ CMS Allies met regularly to help improve school climate. They led school kindness and gratitude initiatives.
- ♦ Grade 8 CMS Ambassadors to greet guests and give tours, parking attendants, Learning Buddies, tutors, canteen workers, and other jobs.
- ♦ Grade 5 Learning trips to Fort Whyte Alive and Fort Gibraltar
- ♦ Grade 6 Overnight to Manitoba Museum, Legislature, and Aviation Museum
- ♦ Grade 7 classes visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
- ♦ Grade 8 Medieval feast, with roast pig, costumes, and games.
- ♦ Christmas celebrations: Concert and Big Show.