



## **Clearspring Middle School Planning Report 2014/2015**

**Blazing trails in education**



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### **2014- 2015 Priorities**

**Priority #1** By June 2015, 80% of students will be reading at grade level or higher. **Strategies:** Regular focus on literacy in all classrooms—every teacher is a reading teacher. We will create benchmarks for reading for all students at least three times in the school year. Students who are significantly below grade level will receive additional support from the Resource department in a Literacy support program. Reading benchmarks will provide us with data to move forward with evidence-based planning for the success of all learners.

**Priority #2** By June 2015, CMS will have advanced in our goal to achieve Eco-Globe School Transformation level.

**Strategies:** Trash to the landfill will be reduced by 50% by means of increased recycling and composting. Our Student Social Responsibility Group, Making a Change, will continue to lead our school in global and local change-for-the-better projects. Phase 1 of our Learning Stations Project will be launched this year. This phase emphasizes some of the sustainability features of our school, with a special emphasis on the geothermal heating system.

**Priority #3** By June 2015, 83% of students will have a mark of 3 or higher on the mental math portion of the Provincial Report Card.

**Strategies:** Our homeroom period will be used to support numeracy in every classroom. Mental math strategies will be shared and practiced. We are in the first year of implementation of our school's balanced numeracy plan. Curriculum Support Teachers will be invited to support staff learning.

### **About Us**

- Clearspring Middle School began in September 2012. Please check our website for building information.
- We have 565 students in Grades 5-8.
- We have 33 teachers, 10 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, skiing) as well as opportunities for drama, running club, yearbook, French club, M.A.C, Ambassadors, and others.
- Our school is built as a learning tool, and has MANY learning features. Check them out with your smart phone when you are in the school. It just takes a QR Code reader.
- Clearspring Middle School is building a foundation of commitment to literacy, and learning for all students! We are a *growth-mindset school*, committed to helping every student reach their potential.
- 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.