

School Council Principal Report

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Monthly Theme: BELONG

How can you contribute to the sense of belonging in our school community?



PBIS Presentation at Council meeting by Sheri Wigmore

School Population – Quick Facts

- 693 students, 29 classrooms K-5
- 27 teachers, 13 support staff
- 98 students or 14% are identified with specialized or exceptional needs (IPPs/PLPs)
- 35 students or 5% are English Language Learners
- 47 students or 7% self-declare as First Nations, Inuit or Metis

Highlights:

- **Terry Fox Run and donations were outstanding!** The school raised over \$7000 in donations, wow! To celebrate achieving our school goal 1) Mme Berlin cut her long hair! 2) classes created a fun theme day 3) all grade 1-5 students had a whole school extra recess with 10 parent/ grandparent volunteers, and 4) administration donated an extra \$500 for the school goal was \$5000.
- **Truth & Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day** was reflective and powerful for learning about Canada's Indigenous history and unfortunate legacy of residential schools, as well as learning how to move forward in a united way towards peace and acceptance with the belief that #everychildmatters.
- **SOCKTOBER!** During the entire month of October, we collect socks for those in need. Last year we collected 1500 pairs of socks, and we hope to match or surpass this achievement this year. Bring in socks!
- **Quest Theatre was a blast!** Students enjoyed a theatre performance outside on October 5th with their classes called "Hello Friend" and learning about friendship and kindness in the performance.
- **Stampeders visit on October 24th for École Edwards Football Day!** It was a huge hit!
- **Halloween Safety & Fun!** K-5 safety presentations from guest presenters and special activities, including a gr. 1-5 Halloween Parade!
- **2D Classroom Community Project with seniors at Cedarwood Station has begun with great success!** (photos are on the last page)

Staffing Updates

We are in the process of hiring another lunch supervisor and another full-time learning assistant.

Upcoming School Events:

- **Halloween Safety Presentation with the RCMP for gr. 1-5 students**
Group 1 at 9:15-9:45 am
Group 2 at 9:50-10:20 am
- **Halloween Parade for grade 1-5 3:00-3:30 pm** – parents and families are welcome to attend!
- **Remembrance Day Ceremony** on November 10th
2 groups 10:30am and 1:30pm – parents and families are welcome to attend!
- **Parent Coffee Principal Chats** started monthly in October – time to connect, ask questions, give feedback. Next one is Nov. 16th 9:30-10:00am

School Goals & Continuous Improvement – Updates

Action Items: Continue collecting assessment data and feedback from staff, students, parents; finalize this year's school goals and professional learning plan

Fall Assessment Results for Literacy and Numeracy

Strengths:

- 85 students or 42% of 199 grade 4 and 5 students are reading at or above grade level in English
- 29 students or 24% of 116 grade 4 and 5 students are reading at or above grade level in French
- 24 students or 21% of 113 grade 4 students are performing mathematics at or above grade level
- 16 students or 13% of 122 grade 5 students are performing mathematics at or above grade level

Areas for Growth:

- 57% of grade 4 and 5 students are reading at approaching (8%) or below (49%) grade level in English
- 76% of grade 4 and 5 students are reading at approaching (4%) or below (71%) grade level in French
- 79% of grade 4 students are performing mathematics at approaching (39%) or below grade level (40%)
- 87% of grade 5 students are performing mathematics are approaching (42%) or below grade level (45%)

Alberta Education Assurance Measure Results

Strengths:

- Learning engagement (85% overall)
- Education quality (92% overall)
- Welcoming, caring, respectful and safe (86% overall)

Areas for Growth:

- Parent involvement (59% overall)
- Student learning supports and services (67% overall - parents 55%, students 74%, teachers 71%)
- Citizenship (79% overall)

New This Year! (Idea from September Council Meeting)

At least 16 teachers are interested in leading a **Class Community Project** – each participating class will get \$200, half of the funds from School Council and half will come from the school.

School Goals Workbook –

Next Steps:

Inclusion, Literacy, Numeracy

Last Year's Goals:

- How might we **build literacy and numeracy skills** and practices using assessment to inform teacher practice?
- How might we further support **inclusion using teacher class reviews** and the CPS (collaborative problem solving) process to address the needs of the children at École Edwards?
- How might we further support **inclusion using PBIS** as a tool for supporting the needs of all students?
- How might we **ensure learning is visible using myBlueprint** (online student portfolios) and RTR (real-time reporting)?

2022-2023 Areas of Focus

School Goal #1:

INCLUSION & ENGAGEMENT

Universal Design for Learning

Sharing Knowledge & Learning Walks

How might we design inclusive learning experiences across the school and in classrooms to support all students to succeed?

School Goal #2:

LITERACY &

NUMERACY ACHIEVEMENT

Digging Into Data

Instructional Design & Coaching

How might we design literacy and numeracy learning based on assessment data in order to promote student growth and achievement?

Parents enjoy...

communication, volunteering, field trips, learning, caring, school events, dance, volunteer in classes, connection, leadership, outdoor play, celebrations, christmas concerts, community

Students enjoy...

fun french activities, i like spirit days, nice teachers, the dog ruby, teachers, kindness, learning, ruby, fun, staff, activities, inclusive, the staff, teachers, safe kind caring people, spirit days, friends, kind, teachers, kindness, helpful, i like teachers, friendly, caring, pe, how long we get to eat

Staff enjoy...

denim edwards gear friday, the community, the birthday treats, bilingual school, great team collaboration, families, fun, staff, students, relationships, sense of community, we have amazing staff, it feels welcoming, awesome staff, home, welcoming, theme days-casual fridays, feeling like a family, the staff is cohesive, we support one another, time together as staff, our staff are leaders, community, family, teachers, innovative, caring, the staff, helpful, i like teachers, friendly, caring, pe, how long we get to eat

