



Clearspring Middle School Community Report 2014 - 2015

Blazing trails in education



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2014 – 2015 Priorities

LITERACY: Our school's emphasis on literacy has had very positive results. Our goal for this year was to have 80% of our students reading at Grade level (independent) by June 2015. 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, 2015, 86% 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 are working 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. We launched Phase 1 of our Learning Stations Project, with videos available on devices at 5 different learning stations. Bring your phone, read the QR code, and learn about how our school is built!

NUMERACY: Our goal was to have 83% 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.
- **558** students, **32** 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) as well as opportunities for drama, running club, yearbook, French 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 additional natural play areas including a "mine"!
- ♦ Exceptional **ARTS** program, including Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Art classes, Artist-in-the-School, and Musical with band support.
- ♦ Social Justice club called Making a Change (MAC)
- ♦ Library circulation– 10,000 books in our library, 35,000 put into circulation!
- ♦ Grade 8 CMS Ambassadors to greet guests and give tours, parking attendants, Learning Buddies, tutors, canteen workers, and other jobs.
- ♦ Comprehensive and inclusive awards program.
- ♦ Christmas celebrations: Concert and Big Show.
- ♦ Our Grade 7 classes visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
- ♦ Grade 6 students built robo-critters, learning to solder and do basic electronics.