



Clearspring Middle School

Planning Priorities for 2017-18

Blazing Trails in Education

About Us

- Our school was built as a learning tool, and has MANY learning features.
- Nearly 600 students, 34 teachers, 12 Educational Assistants, 2 Secretaries, 1 Learning Commons Clerk, and a custodial staff of 7.
- We offer a variety of extracurricular sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, and cross country running) as well as opportunities for drama, running club, yearbook, French club, M.A.C, Grade 8 Ambassadors, Allies, 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, nursing home visits, and caring for the earth.

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Planning Priority #1

By June 2018, 90% of students will be reading at or above grade level using a comprehensive assessment program and data analysis to inform/guide teacher instruction.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Regular assessment of student reading, and additional monitoring of students who receive more intensive reading support.
- Literacy support or FastForWord (computer based learning) support for students who need additional support.
- By June 2018, 89% of students are reading at or above grade level.

Planning Priority #2

By June, 2018, 80% of students will have a mark of 3 or higher on the mental math portion of the provincial report card.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Additional focus on mental math and estimation in classes and during our daily 14 minute reading period.
- Teacher collaboration time provided for planning for student success in mental math and estimation.
- We dedicated about ¼ teacher time to providing numeracy support.
- Our learning coach provided valuable support to our staff as they worked toward improving student learning.
- Our goal of 80% of students with a mark of 3 or higher continues to elude us. We will continue to work at seeking ways to strengthen our students' math skills.

Planning Priority #3

By June 2018, Clearspring Middle School will have achieved Eco-Globe School Transformational Level.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Our gardens got planted earlier this year, and will have signs posted for community members to feel free to pull weeds and to enjoy the harvest as plants mature.
- Our students continued to support local and international charities, with a local KIVA day raising over \$1000 for micro loans.
- Our application for Eco-Globe Transformational Level is submitted and awaiting approval.

Planning Priority #4

By June 2018, Grade 5 and 6 teachers will have completed their training and implemented improved pedagogical practices as a result of their training, practice and our partnership with New Pedagogies for Deep Learning.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- Team members have co-planned lessons with a focus on Deeper Learning and inquiry, observed one another teach, and provided feedback.
- The work has been spreading to Grade 7 & 8 teachers.