



# Clearspring Middle School

## Planning Priorities for 2018-19

*Blazing Trails in Education*

### About Us

- Our school was built as a learning tool, and has MANY learning features.
- 600 students, 36 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, and 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.

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### Planning Priority #1

By June 2019, 90% of students at CMS will be reading at or above grade level.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Regular focus on literacy in all classrooms – every teacher is a reading teacher.
- Students who are struggling to read will be provided extra support: extra guided reading, Fast ForWord, literacy support.
- Decisions about support for students will be guided by data
- Success will be seen as students' reading levels improve, but more importantly, as students grow more confident as readers and as they are able to read to support their learning as critical thinkers and problem solvers.

### Planning Priority #2

By June 2019, 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

- Regular focus on mental math in all classrooms
- Learning coach will provide support to help develop a common understanding of numeracy and mental math strategies
- Mental math will be part of regular teacher meetings and staff meetings.
- Success will be seen in the data we collect, but more importantly as students are able to talk more confidently and comfortably about their ability in math.

### Planning Priority #3

By June, 2019, Grade 7 & 8 teachers will have completed the first year of formal Deeper Learning training and implemented improved pedagogical practices as a result.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Regularly scheduled training meetings will drive the discussions.
- Their work will be characterized by combined planning, teaching, observation, and reflection
- Some time will be dedicated at staff meetings to reflect about how we are engaging students in deep learning
- We will know we are successful when we have completed the planning, teaching, observation, and reflection cycle.
- Success will also be evident as students are able to talk about their learning to make their thinking visible, and to understand the skills they are learning.