



# Clearspring Middle School

## Community Report 2022-23

*Blazing Trails in Education*

### About Us

Our school was built as a learning tool and has MANY learning features.

Around 620 students, 37 teachers, 21 Educational Assistants, 2 Administrative Secretaries, 1 Library Support Specialist, and a custodial staff of 7.

We typically offer a variety of extracurricular sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, dragon boat team and cross country running) as well as opportunities for drama, running club, yearbook club, M.A.C, Allies, and others.

We have a strong commitment to helping all 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, and caring for the earth.

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### Planning Priority #1

Students will focus on the skill of “grit” in all classes, with the support of The Umbrella Project, Project 11 and teacher expertise.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- We surveyed students regarding their wellness in November 2022
- We participated in the divisional wellness survey in April 2023, and will use that data as a baseline for future wellness initiatives.
- Our data shows that we have seen a slow but steady growth in student grit over the last three years. Teacher observations support the data.

### Planning Priority #2

- Numeracy goals: Grade 5 students focus was math fact skills, Grade 6 students focused on multi-step numeracy questions and flexible thinking, Grade 7 & 8 students focused on understanding and working with fractions.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Grade 5 students participated in math clubs three times a week to address math fact learning. Teacher data collected showed significant growth throughout the year!
- Grade 6 students participated in regular math challenges including 3-Act math tasks. Teacher observation and documentation showed growth in this area.
- Grade 7 & 8 students participated in regular, structured fraction focused work throughout the year. Grade 7 Provincial Assessment data showed significant growth from last year! Last year 84% of Grade 7's were approaching or meeting Grade 7 standards in working with fractions. This year we increased to 92% approaching or meeting Grade 7 standards. Grade 8 teacher data also showed an increase in understanding on this priority.

### Planning Priority #3

Teachers would begin the process of developing a writing goal and strategies to address that goal for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- A standardized writing continuum was developed and is posted for all students to see the targets they are working toward in writing.
- CMS writing norms were developed by the staff and will be posted and used next school year.
- In each of the 3 terms, every student collected one piece of writing for their portfolio with reflections on their learning.

