



# Clearspring Middle School

## Planning Priorities for 2023-2024

*Blazing Trails in Education*

### About Us

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

616 students, 36 teachers, 18 Educational Assistants, 2 office managers, 1 Learning Commons Clerk, and a custodial staff of 7.

We regularly offer a variety of extracurricular sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton, and cross country) as well as opportunities for drama, yearbook, M.A.C, Grade 8 Leadership, and others.

We have a strong commitment to helping all our students build a growth mindset.

Students in CMS demonstrate their care for the community in a variety of ways, including fundraising to help local and international charities. Some examples include: partnering with Stonepark Manor, Steinbach Community Outreach, South East Helping Hands and ROC Eastman.

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### Planning Priority #1

Students will focus on social emotional learning, and a specific focus on building student engagement (intellectual, academic, social and emotional). This is directly linked to the HSD Deeper Learning goals.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Ongoing Professional Development and conversations through The Umbrella Project about mental wellness.
- Staff will embed practices/strategies daily in their classes.
- Students will help develop anchor charts in classrooms about active learning (student engagement).
- School-wide Student Engagement Survey in November, February and June.
- Students will be able to recognize the steps they can take to be an "active learner". They will set goals and reflect on their progress as active learners.

### Planning Priority #2

CMS is committed to improving Numeracy skills in all students.

*Grade 5* – Improving math fact fluency.

*Grade 6* – Improving working on multi-step problems.

*Grade 7* – Improving student understanding of, and ability to work with, fractions.

*Grade 8* – Improving Number Sense.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Ongoing PD for all Math teachers in the Numeracy Assessment Project.
- Ongoing formative assessments in numeracy to determine support and next steps.
- Summative assessment in June will help teachers plan for numeracy needs for the coming school year. Other sources for assessment may include the Trevor Calkins math fact assessments, 3-Act Math Tasks and IXL.
- Success will be seen in the data we collect and as students are able to have a more positive outlook about their ability in math. Students will show improved resilience in sticking with challenging math learning.

### Planning Priority #3

Teachers will focus on building their collective efficacy within their grade level or specialist teams in teaching the writing process.

#### Strategies and Success Indicators

- Teaching staff will work to review a writing continuum and create grade level criteria/rubrics for writing.
- School wide writing norms will be posted and students will refer to these regularly.
- Student writing will be collected in their portfolios, students will self assess their writing (using set criteria) and set writing goals for themselves.