



Clearspring Middle School

Community Report 2023-24

Blazing Trails in Education

About Us

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

627 students, 37 F.T.E. teachers, 25 Educational Assistants, 1 Youth Support Worker, 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, 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

There will be a focus on Student Engagement, with the support of The Umbrella Project, Project 11 and teacher expertise.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- We participated in the divisional wellness survey in April 2024 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 engagement this year in all grade levels

Planning Priority #2

Numeracy goals: Gr.5 students focussed on math fact skills, Gr. 6 students focused on multi-step numeracy questions, Gr. 7 students focused on understanding and working with fractions, Gr. 8 students focused on the Number Sense strand of the curriculum.

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. 85% have automatic recall of multiplication facts. 55% of students have automatic recall of division facts.
- Grade 6 students showed growth in all four targeted math outcomes.
- Grade 7 students participated in regular, structured fraction focused work throughout the year. Our NAP data shows that one of the targeted math outcomes showed of growth of 27%! The other two outcomes fell short of last year's data.
- Grade 8 student data showed a 3% increase in the number sense strand with many of the outcomes showing steady growth.

Planning Priority #3

Students used CMS writing norms and self-assessments to develop writing goals and reflect on their writing. Teachers worked together in grade level teams to plan future focus in writing standards.

Strategies and Success Indicators

- CMS writing norms were posted and used in each classroom.
- In each of the 3 terms, every student collected one piece of writing for their portfolio with reflections on their learning.
- Teachers met in grade level teams to assess student writing and develop criteria for grade level writing.
- Grade levels will focus on two or three forms of writing next school year and develop common rubrics for those forms.
- CMS students showed a slight increase of 3% in the level 3 and 4 report card categories of writing.

