



ELMDALE SCHOOL

COMMUNITY REPORT 2014 - 2015

HANOVER SCHOOL DIVISION

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HANOVER is a student-centred school division striving for excellence while developing skills and promoting values for a productive and wholesome life.

Our Mission

Elmdale School is committed to nurturing a foundation for growth and lifelong learning in a safe and caring community.

About Us

- ❖ Kindergarten to Grade Four
- ❖ School population: 295
- ❖ F.T.E. teachers: 17.5
- ❖ Educational assistants: 11
- ❖ Balanced Literacy Program
- ❖ Guided Reading & Writing
- ❖ Literacy Support Program
- ❖ Reading Recovery
- ❖ Home Reading Program
- ❖ Cooperative Learning
- ❖ Inclusive Education
- ❖ Phys. Ed.
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Professional Learning Communities
- ❖ Grandpartner Program
- ❖ Guided Math
- ❖ Intramurals
- ❖ Red Cross Swimming & Water Safety instruction
- ❖ Weekly Principal Awards
- ❖ Skating Instruction
- ❖ Resource Support
- ❖ Adopt a Student Program
- ❖ Elmdale Good Conduct Program
- ❖ Lunch Activity Clubs
- ❖ Weekly School Assemblies
- ❖ Parent/child community pre-school program

Achievements of 2014 - 2015 Priorities

➤ Literacy

- 75% of all Elmdale students are at or above grade level in reading.
- 89% of students met their home reading goal in at least 7 out of 8 months.
- 44 students participated in an Elmdale Summer Home Reading program.
- 10 students having difficulty completing home reading took part in a reading program with educational assistants before school every morning.
- 100% of students and 87% of families attended the Family Celebration of Reading, Writing and Art in February.

➤ Numeracy

- Most teachers had a session with Kim Koop regarding Assessment in Math.
- Most teachers used some form of Guided Math in their classrooms this year for a period of time.

➤ Wellness

- Over half of grade 3 and 4 students participated in the year round intramural program.
- Students learned about the importance of fresh fruit and vegetables in their lunches during nutrition month in March.
- Many students took the opportunity to use the gym for running activities before school on "cold" mornings throughout the year.

➤ Technology

- Placed 30 new student laptops into classrooms and the library which were used by students for guided math, literacy centers and general learning.
- Provided students access to educational online outcomes based age appropriate websites by maintaining a Symbaloo site.
- Completed a new initiative to install interactive projectors into all kindergarten classrooms where they are used daily by students.

➤ Social Responsibility

- 10 families took advantage of Parenting Support Groups offered by the school's Social Worker. Students in these families received more Green Slips (positive behavior slips).
- 75% of Elmdale students participated in the Elmdale Garden project.
- 92% of Elmdale students have better than 85% attendance.



- * Parent support groups
- * Hallway mural created by guest artist Colleen Watchorn with Elmdale students
- * Guided Math
- * Interactive Projectors in K
- * Summer Home Reading Program
- * Outdoor learning garden