



BLUMENORT SCHOOL COMMUNITY REPORT FOR 2014 – 2015



OUR VISION.....

INSPIRED TO LEARN - FOR LIFE. INQUIRE. INCLUDE. IMAGINE.

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2014 - 2015 Priorities

Priority #1: All students will receive a variety of instructional methods in all subject areas, to expand and strengthen their approach to learning.

Successes: Our Instructional Committee continued this year and was composed of members from multiple grade levels and subject areas. At our various meetings, we continued to identify the numerous instructional methods that our teachers used throughout each day and began to implement the checklist of those same methods to gather feedback and data. We also created a K-6, school-based bottom lines for reading instruction and subsequent assessment.

Priority #2: All students will be able to think critically in all subject areas by challenging their understandings through intentional assessment.

Successes: Our Assessment Committee continued this year and was composed of members from multiple grade levels and subject areas. At our various meetings, we implemented current and meaningful assessment practices and their connection to the report card. Some examples included "Words Their Way" in ELA, "Leaps & Bounds" in Numeracy, citizenship in social studies and the early development of rubrics for Scientific Inquiry. We also began the development of a school-based, essentials in writing committee.

Priority #3: Our entire Blumenort School community will foster positive relationships, which will in turn enhance our learning environment.

Successes: Our Relationship Committee continued this year and was composed of all staff members. At various staff meetings, we identified areas to improve school-wide relationships. Our focus began with positive relationships within the classroom and continued to our school community. We also provided opportunities for our students to care for their environment and those beyond our community (ESD, FCC Food Drive, WE Serve, etc.). We also improved our communication to the community through an updated school website and created our own school Twitter account.

About Us

- Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 9 school with approximately 450 students and 45 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, custodial staff, and educational assistants.
- Blumenort School has a strong connection to families, with many parents who volunteer their time. Students at Blumenort School are exceptional in their care for others and their school.
- Our school is highly committed to literacy, with a Literacy Support teacher, a vibrant library, wide support for guided reading, and a brain fitness program called Fast ForWord.

Highlights of 2014–2015

- School Consultation for our upcoming K-8 restructuring was held.
- WE Serve Team continued to raise money for a Kenyan well.
- School-wide participation in the Farm-Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger Food Drive.
- Successful Grade 1-3 Christmas program, Grade 4-6 Spring Concert and Grade 7-9 Band Concerts.
- Cross-grade partnerships.
- Creation of our annual yearbook.
- Grade 7-9 Camp Cedarwood Trip.
- Provided many opportunities to practice sustainable living: terracycling, composting, recycling centre, etc.
- Successful extra-curricular program.