



# Mitchell Middle School Planning Priorities for 2014 – 2015



## School Mission

To provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

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**Priority #1** - To enhance students' engagement in their learning through increased use of technology that maintains instructional coherence and integrity.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ Teachers will be provided with iPads and professional development opportunities to learn to use them and other electronic devices in designing engaging lessons for their students.
- ❖ Hanover School Division will provide wifi services that will support effective integration of electronic devices in student learning.
- ❖ Students will experience new areas of technology use in their lessons and recognize its effectiveness.

**Priority #2** - To develop students' awareness of emotional coping strategies and the ability to recall and draw on them when they encounter difficulties.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ Guidance teachers will use the 'Second Step' curriculum in Health classes and meetings with students. Special emphasis will be placed on teaching students emotional coping skills.
- ❖ Our 'Student Care Team' will meet regularly to develop an action plan to address students' needs.
- ❖ Students will learn a 'common language' to process challenging situations they are encountering.

**Priority #3** - To deepen student understanding of and appreciation for the cultural diversity of our community, province, country, and world.

### Initiatives:

- ❖ Assemblies will be used to expose students to other cultures, and celebrate cultural diversity.
- ❖ A school-wide Heritage Fair will require every student to study a culture that is new to them.
- ❖ Our social justice group, H40 (Here for Others), will give students opportunities to lead and participate in projects addressing needs locally and globally.

## About Us

- We are a Grade 5-9 School with approximately 330 students and 35 staff.
- We offer a broad range of programs including...
  - ∞ French ∞ Band ∞ Choir ∞ Art ∞ Drama
  - ∞ Music ∞ Guidance ∞ EAL ∞ Home Ec ∞ Tech Ed
- We strive to address the academic needs of all students at their level of ability.
- We regularly present special programs such as...
  - ∞ Band & Choir Concerts ∞ Science, Art & Multi-Cultural or Heritage 'Fairs'
- We pride ourselves in our big school community events, which include...
  - ∞ Staff/Student soccer, volleyball, hockey, basketball, and racquet-smack it games and/or tournaments
- Our student athletes participate competitively in extra-curricular sports such as...
  - ∞ Cross-Country ∞ Volleyball ∞ Basketball ∞ Badminton ∞ Track & Field
- We are intentional about developing strong relationships between staff and students, and between students across all grade levels.