



South Oaks School 2012-13 Community Report



School Mission

South Oaks School: *Where we care to learn and learn to care.*

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2012 – 2013 Priorities

❖ Revision of School-Wide Behaviour Program

Achievements:

- School-wide implementation of the Second Step social-emotional learning program throughout the school year.
- Implementation of the Lunch Monitor program, with grade four students assisting students in grade one & two classrooms during lunch periods each day.
- Revised behaviour documentation system.

❖ Pilot of Oral Language and Writing Intervention Program

Achievements:

- Team-based implementation with small groups of students from grades one to four.
- Delivery of non-fiction theme-based units of instruction to promote oral language as well as writing development.

❖ Wide-Scale Utilization of new Technological Devices for Classroom Instruction

Achievements:

- Purchase and use of Document Cameras in all kindergarten to grade four classrooms to deliver engaging lessons via whiteboards.
- Purchase and use of Mimio hardware and software in all grade one to four classrooms to deliver engaging lessons via interactive whiteboards.

❖ Enhanced Cooperation with the Local and Wider Communities

Achievements:

- Parenting Classes, delivered once a week in the evenings over five weeks in January and February, utilizing the provincial Positive Parenting Program.
- Participation in school and divisional environmental projects, thereby receiving the provincial Education for Sustainable Futures (ESF) Awareness level as a school.

- The Made in Manitoba Breakfast in October, put on by Agriculture in the Classroom, where South Oaks students had breakfast at school.
- Al Simmons' wacky February presentation of *The Barber of Seville*, entitled "Figaro's Close Shave."
- School Second Step Assemblies, highlighting Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotions Management, and Problem-Solving.
- The Get Moving! event in May, where students practiced games to play at recess times.
- Enlargement of the kindergarten to grade two sandbox in Spring, and use of new sandbox toys, bought by the South Oaks PTA.

