



# ***South Oaks Elementary School Planning Priorities***



## School Mission

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

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## **School Planning Priorities for 2013 – 2014**

**Priority Area # 1** - To implement the provincial report card in grade 1-4 classrooms.

### **Initiatives:**

- Professional Development meetings of South Oaks teachers and divisional Curriculum Support Teachers to develop/refine assessment and evaluation practices to align with the use of the provincial report card and PowerSchool student administration system.
- Use of provincial report cards as new reporting instruments in grades 1-4, utilizing the new divisional PowerSchool student administration system.

**Priority Area # 2** - To augment the Numeracy Intervention Program for grade 3-4 students.

### **Initiatives:**

- Purchase of Do the Math grade 3-4 Numeracy Intervention Program materials.
- Attendance by South Oaks teacher at Do the Math training in-service.
- Pilot of Do the Math Numeracy Intervention Program with selected grade three and four students.

**Priority Area # 3** – To continue to utilize innovative technology for literacy, numeracy, content area and arts instruction and assessment

### **Initiatives:**

- Installation and utilization of frontrow sound systems in three South Oaks classrooms.
- Purchase and utilization of long-throw projector for Music Room, so that all South Oaks education environments, including K-4 classrooms, the computer lab, the Music Room and the Gym have projectors, either fixed or portable.
- Purchase and utilization of document cameras and mimio hardware and software in 100% of K-4 classrooms, as well as the Music Room.
- Piloted use of computer tablet for anecdotal assessment of all subject areas in grade 1 classroom.

**Priority Area # 4** – To continue to enhance cooperation and communication with the local and wider communities

### **Initiatives:**

- Two week Parent Council sponsored Artist-in-the-School residency, followed by a school Open House, showcasing South Oaks students' art work created during the residency.
- Presentation of new Spring Concert during the latter part of May, with all South Oaks grade three and four students participating.
- Promotion of school and divisional environmental projects, thereby achieving the provincial Educational for Sustainable Futures (ESF) Action level as a school.

## **ABOUT US**

- We are an Early Years school with approximately 315 students enrolled in Kindergarten to grade four.
- Approximately 23% of our school population speaks English as an Additional Language - EAL. Our staff and students come from Canada as well as a variety of European, South American and Asian countries!
- A teaching staff of 18 in full and part-time positions.
- A support staff of 15, including our secretary, librarian, 11 Educational Assistants and 3 custodians.
- EAL, Oracy, Reading, Writing and Numeracy Intervention Programs.
- Extra-curricular: Voluntary Choir for students in grades three and four.