



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 2015 – 2016

Priority Area # 1 - To utilize on a wider scale technology in the form of both hardware and software for assessment, planning and communication.

Initiatives:

- Purchase of Additional Microsoft Surface Pro tablets with styluses for South Oaks classrooms, such that there are two at each grade level.
- Use of the tablets for assessment, planning and communication in K-4 classrooms.
- In-school in-service on Google Apps for Education (GAFE) presented by school lead I T teacher to South Oaks teachers.
- Implementation by teachers of GAFE for resource sharing and communication.

Priority Area # 2 - To facilitate professional development on a wider scale.

Initiatives:

- Planning for satellite SAGE (Special Area Groups in Education) event to be presented at South Oaks School in the gym, open to teachers from across the province.
- Satellite SAGE Hosting of MANACE (MANitoba Association for Computing Educators) Professional Development session, on the use of Microsoft Surface Pro 3 tablets for assessment, planning and communication in Early Years classrooms.

Priority Area # 3 – To expand Inquiry activities in grade level classroom programs.

Initiatives:

- In-school in-service on Inquiry presented by HSD Learning Coaches to South Oaks teachers.
- Purchase and use of “What’s Your Point” educational resources in K-4 classroom writing programs.
- Employment of local field trips to promote Inquiry as part of classroom Social Studies programs.

Priority Area # 4 – To continue to enhance cooperation and communication with the community.

Initiatives:

- Three week Artist-in-the-School residency, co-sponsored by the South Oaks Parent Council, featuring musician Phoebe Man teaching Taiko drumming, a traditional Japanese art form.
- Remind app utilized by grade level teachers to inform parents by text message of upcoming classroom events.
- Launch of completely new school website to apprise as well as provide links for both parents and students to school information and educational resources.
- School Twitter account set up and tweets with pictures sent out about classroom and school events; tweets also featured on the new school website.

ABOUT US

- We are an Early Years school with approximately 365 students enrolled in Kindergarten to grade four.
- Approximately 20% 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 22 in full and part-time positions.
- A support staff of 17, including head secretary, secretary, librarian, 11 Educational Assistants and 3 custodians.
- EAL/Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Learning Disability Intervention Programs.
- Extra-curricular: Voluntary Choir for students in grades three and four.