



## DOUGLAS SCHOOL

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### *Community Report 2013-2014*

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Dear Parents and Families,

The students and staff at Douglas School once again had a great year working on academic and personal goals. It has been a wonderful year of experiences shared by everyone.

Reading, writing and math skills are crucial for students to have success in the future. We continue to work on these skills and with our students by supporting many initiatives that support learning in a number of ways. The reading recovery program has continued to help with students in our early years. The resource program continues to support the students throughout the school and the successmaker computer program is a wonderful time for kids to grow. RRSd has continued to employ a literacy coach/teacher to work with our staff members and help them use best practice in their own teaching. His ideas and modelling have been a great resource for the staff. Teachers have used divisional and personal professional development to help them become stronger educators which has led to many great lessons with our students.

The Douglas Hawks have participated in soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, softball, and track and field and had a lot of fun playing these sports. Thank you to the students who played, parents who drove and cheered and to the staff that coached the many sports throughout the year. We had many outstanding team and individual performances in all sports. Everyone should be proud of our school teams as they represented the school and community well. Thank you to the Peace Club who helped organized our "Day of Pink" and helped promote positive attitudes in the school all year long. Our Christmas concert was once again a lot of fun and gave children a chance to showcase their wonderful talents.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is an important priority in our school. We will continue to support this initiative through education and good practice at the school. The breakfast program continues to be an important component for our school. Our students enjoy a great time visiting with each other while sharing a great meal with each other. Thank you to the grade 4-8 dishwashers who have done thousands of dishes since the program began. Thank you to donors, volunteer and supporters of this program. We will continue to stress what it means to live in a sustainable manner in all the things we do at school.

The staff always strives to encourage proper treatment of each other each and every day. Our PBIS program helps our students develop in the areas of respect, teamwork, academics, safety, fun, leadership, responsibility and community. Our grade 4-8 students participate in the provincial “Tell Them From Me” survey which is an online questionnaire that allows students to share their thoughts and feelings about the school. Overall our kids feel safe, cared for and enjoy coming to school each day. The survey also tells us there is more work to do in the area of bullying which we recognize and will strive to eliminate from our school.

Thank you to all staff for your support of the children under your care. Each of you have shared your passion for education with the students you see each day. I know your special skills and abilities have helped shape the lives of the children in our school.

I would like to make special mention of Mrs. Lynn Green who is retiring as a classroom teacher in Douglas after almost 30 years. Her commitment to her students, the school and the community of Douglas has been incredible. Thank you to Mrs. Green for her efforts in teaching, coaching, helping, mentoring and caring for so many years.

Be sure to have a relaxing summer. Be sure to reflect on another great school year as you spend this valuable time with your families and friends. Our students have conquered all sorts of challenges this year and will continue to face countless more in their lives. Good luck to our grade 8 students as they enter high school and I look forward to seeing our grade K-7's back here next fall.

Enjoy your summer,

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