



DOUGLAS SCHOOL

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Community Report 2015-2016

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Dear Parents and Families,

As we enter the final weeks of the 2015-2016 school year, I would like to take some time to reflect upon the many accomplishments of the students and staff this past year.

Douglas School continued to make reading, writing and math skills key priorities for our students. We continued 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 in the classrooms in many different ways. Each student has used technology effectively and responsibly throughout the year. Douglas teachers and EA's have used divisional and personal professional development to help them become better educators which has led to great growth for the students in our school. .

The Douglas Hawks did very well in soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton and we are looking forward to finishing the year with softball, and track and field. All of these sports were a result of all the hard work on the part of the students, coaches and a special thanks to all the parent drivers who made the extra games possible. Thanks to Mrs. Fehr and Miss Rankin for another successful choir program and excellent Christmas concert this past December.

The Douglas School breakfast program is a real fixture of our school. We believe a healthy start to the day will yield a positive experience for our kids. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers for helping out and to the donors for your generosity. 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 reluctantly miss a math class occasionally to get the dishes all done up. The staff enjoy taking turns creating a healthy start to the day for all of the children in our school.

Our grade 4-8 students again participated 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 belonging and bullying. It is critical that students form positive relationships with their peers and staff at school. We will continue to try and support this in the future. The division and school are continuing our work supporting the positive mental health of our students at all times.

As June turns into July I truly hope that all students reflect upon and are proud of their many accomplishments including improved skills in reading, writing, math, sports, music, arts, positive teamwork and great friendships they have developed this year.

The students should enjoy these last few weeks of school as they lead into a wonderful and well-earned summer break.

We will see everyone back in early September.

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