



DOUGLAS SCHOOL

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Community Report 2012-2013

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Dear Parents and Families,

Douglas School has continued to be a wonderful place to work and learn. The students and staff have worked hard together this year on both school-wide and personal goals.

We continue to focus on reading, writing and math skills which are crucial for students to have success in the future. Our school places great emphasis on these skills and supports them 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 in a number of areas. RRSd has continued to employ a literacy coach/teacher to work with our staff members and help them use best practise in their own teaching. His ideas and modelling have been a great resource for the staff.

The extra-curricular activities in the school have been an important part of the school experience this year. The Douglas Hawks have participated successfully 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.

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 a wonderful time of day. This unstructured time in the day has been a great time to visit with each other while providing nourishment for all of the students who attend. 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 new program. It was especially wonderful to see so many new volunteers this year, thanks to those who were able to help out! We will continue to stress what it means to live in a sustainable manner in all the things we do at school.

We always strive to encourage proper treatment of each other each and every day. One

way we do this is through our PBIS (Positive Behaviours Interventions and Support) program. The program has given us the ability to track both the great behaviours and be consistent with students when learning opportunities around behaviour arise. We are really working hard to help all of our students develop in the areas of respect, teamwork, academics, safety, fun, leadership, responsibility and community.

It has been exciting to adopt the new provincial report cards this year. It has been a learning process for the staff, students and families. They are one of several communication tools we use to report on learning. As always, feel free to contact the teachers if you have any questions about 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 hope everyone has a great summer. I can't wait to see the students from grades K-7 back here next year and meeting our new Kindergarten class. Good luck to our wonderful grade 8 class. It has been a great time working with each of you over the past number of years. I know everyone will enjoy and do great in high school.

See you in the fall,

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