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ARDROSSAN
Elementary School

Year-End Review

2016-2017

Please join us in looking back at all of the great events, opportunities, partnerships and projects that our school community has accomplished throughout the year. Great happens here!

Student Learning Opportunities



*Our kids
are
smart!*

Our students demonstrated many achievements throughout the year:

- * Gr. 4 Science Fair
- * Gr. 6 Museums (Greek Museum & Cinco de Matho (Math Museum))
- * Gr. 4-6 Maker Faire and Craft Sale
- * K-6 Christmas Concerts
- * Gr. 4-6 Speech Competition
- * Gr. 4-6 Battle of the Books (BOB) Competition
- * Gr. 4 Scratch Day (Coding & computer programming)

Our students demonstrated leadership by:

- * Running our monthly assemblies (student-led)
- * Participating in groups like Gardening Club, Playground Pals, Card Club, Green Team, Peer Tutoring, News Crew, Movers & Shakers, Running Club
- * Attending WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science & Technology)
- * Building & launching rockets for Gr. 6 Rocket Club
- * Participating in La Fureur 2017 (K-6 French karaoke) during Rendez-Vous week
- * Precision Reading with buddies (older students partnered with younger students)
- * AED & CPR Training for Gr. 5 & 6 students
- * Lunch Bunch - older students helping out in K & Gr. 1 classrooms at noon

*Our kids
are
leaders!*

*Our kids
follow the
7 habits!*

Students, staff & community members practiced the 7 Habits:

1. Be proactive - I'm in charge!
2. Begin with the End in Mind - Have a plan
3. Put 1st Things 1st - Work then play
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek 1st to Understand - Listen then talk
6. Synergize - Together is better
7. Sharpen the Saw - Balance is best

Local and Global Citizenship

Our students gave back to the local & global community through:

- * The Terry Fox Run
- * Our Giving Tree for the Strathcona Christmas Bureau
- * Gr. 3 Operation Shoebox Initiative
- * Gr. 6 Christmas Hamper - sponsoring local families in need
- * Student participation in Shoe-in (donating shoes for those in need)
- * Gr. 5 Craft Sale to raise money for Lego Boost robots for our school
- * Green Team campaign to make environmentally sound choices



Our kids experience the world of work!

Our students learned about careers & the world of work:

- * Div 2 makerspace Playground Design Project - how do you make a playground?
- * Maker Faire - how to invent & pitch a project idea
- * Scratch Day - what do programmers do?
- * Tech Crew & News Crew - media production and sound engineering
- * Div 1 makerspace - how can you engineer, design, and innovate with everyday materials in makerspace?

Our community partnerships include:

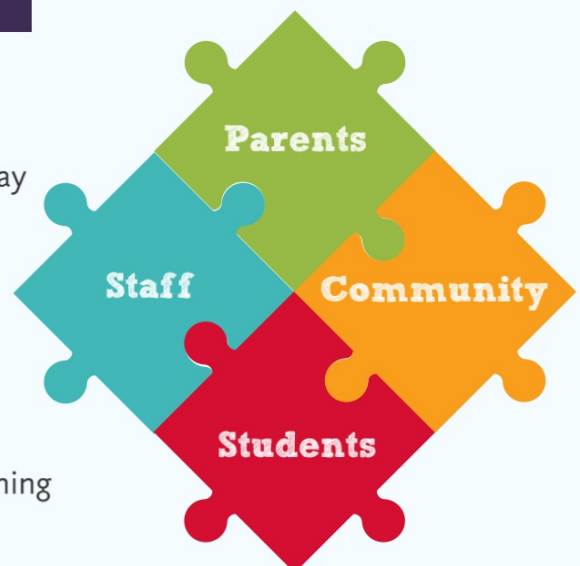
- * The Heart & Stroke Foundation (AED & CPR training)
- * Family & Community Services - Liaison Workers
- * Strathcona County Fire Department - learning about fire safety
- * RCMP - School Resource Officer - learning about online safety
- * Strathcona County Bookmobile - Div 1 students learning about books
- * Owl visit from Beaver Hill Bird Observatory
- * MLA Estefania Vargas-Cortez - Gr. 6s learning about government
- * Canadian Recreational Solutions - playground designers in makerspace
- * Ardrossan Jr.Sr. - Gr. 12 math project with Gr. 6, Gr. 9s helping with Carnaval, Gr. 11 judges for la Fureur competition

Our kids learn about our community

Parents as partners

Our parents/guardians get involved through:

- * 7 Habits Assemblies & special presentations
- * Helping with the Family BBQ, Carnaval, Galaxyland & Sports Day
- * Celebrations & holiday events
- * Field trips & classroom volunteering
- * Math Family Games Night
- * School Council, Canadian Parents for French, AEPsA
- * Blanket Exercise - Canadian history through an indigenous perspective
- * Giving presentations (handwashing, careers in oil & gas, etc.)
- * Family Read-In
- * Student/Parent/Teacher interviews and Demonstration of Learning
- * Meet the Staff & Orientation meetings
- * Online surveys
- * Hot Lunch volunteers



Education for Reconciliation

*Our kids
respect
diversity*

Our community learned about First Nations, Métis, & Inuit perspectives:

- * Blanket Exercise Gr. 5 & 6 students - understanding history from indigenous perspective
- * Project of Heart with Gr. 4-6 students - learning about Residential schools
- * Bison art project with Cree artist Aaron Paquette
- * Partnership with Elder Wilson - working with all students
- * Celebrating National Aboriginal Day
- * Staff workshop on indigenous education & staff bannock luncheon
- * Visit from Métis author Jacqueline Guest & hoop dancer Dallas Arcand Jr.
- * Orange Shirt Day

Safe

Caring

Respectful

Welcoming

We worked together to create a safe and caring school through:

- * Stand-Up to Bullying Week - B Stands for Belonging
- * Hats On for Mental Health Week
- * The Power of One Bully Prevention Presentation
- * Digital Citizenship & Online Safety Presentation
- * Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Gr. 6
- * Farm Smarts & Farm Safety Presentations
- * Student groups - Worry Busters, LEAD, Girls Group, Zones
- * Access to caring adults
- * PALS buddies with Ardrossan Jr. Sr. Focus students



Staff Leadership & Growth

- * Professional Learning Communities - analyse data & select instructional strategies to improve literacy & numeracy results.
- * Implemented Levelled Literacy Intervention & Precision Reading programs
- * Gr. 6 teachers involved in P.A.T. analysis both at school and with the division
- * STAR & MIPI assessment training
- * Teachers involved in creating a division writing continuum
- * Implemented new technology such as Google Read & Write and Boardmaker
- * Learned about co-construction of criteria and best assessment practices with Sandra Herbst
- * Presented about makerspace at U of A & at the international conference uLead 2017
- * Participated in learning about First Nations, Métis and Inuit knowledge
- * PD about safe & caring schools for gender minorities by Alt View