

## Principals Report November 2014

### Budget

Budget presentation of how we distribute our budget of 78,210 for this school year. Last year we were at \$72,000

\$10,000 Allocation for Technology –

- \$4000.00 upgrade the speaker and mic system in the Gym
- \$6000.00 to provide 6 technology stations @ \$1000.00 each to be shared between 2 classrooms each station will have a hard drive/digital projector/ document camera on a cart. We presently have 4 and would like to work towards having one in each class.

### EQAO

Our EQAO results are out from last year and our grade 3's and 6's have great success, we continue to be above board and provincial levels in both the language and math.

The **grade 6's**: (at or above provincial standard, level  $\frac{3}{4}$ )

|         | <b>2013-14</b>  | <b>2012-13</b>  | <b>2011-12</b>  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Reading | 84% - TDSB - 77 | 75% - TDSB -77% | 86% - TDSB -74% |
| Writing | 85%- TDSB - 80  | 78% - TDSB -79% | 83% - TDSB -75% |
| Math    | 55%- TDSB - 59  | 61% - TDSB -62% | 73% - TDSB 62%  |

**The grade 3's:**

|         |                  |                 |                 |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Reading | 73% - TDSB – 71% | 72% - TDSB -68% | 76% - TDSB -64% |
| Writing | 64%- TDSB – 80%  | 69% - TDSB -77% | 86% - TDSB 74%  |
| Math    | 88% - TDSB -71%  | 85% - TDSB -69% | 85% - TDSB 70%  |

This year as part of our School Improvement Plan we will continue to analyze and address our areas of need...

### Literacy

**Primary:** Making connections and showing evidence from the text.

**Junior:** Showing evidence from the text and use editing, proofreading, and publishing skills and strategies.

**Kindergarten:** engage all kindergarten students in the development of their own learning goals and to provide inquiry-based learning and the development of critical thinking skills

### Numeracy

**Primary:** compare and describe two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures and sort them by their geometric properties

**Junior:** the application of transformational geometry to describe location in the first quadrant of a coordinate system, and rotate two-dimensional shapes.

**Kindergarten:** explicit instruction in all strands of mathematics, embedded into learning centers and incorporating mathematical thinking into every day learning situations and intentional use of oral language to explain thinking and observations

### Sports

- Cross Country had approx. 150 students participate in the running club and 137 went to the Meet..
- Slo Pitch:
  - Grade 4/5 girls lost in the Semi Finals
  - Grade 6 girls Conference Champions
  - Grade 4/ 5 city finalists
  - Grade 6 boys lost in semifinals

- Touch football conference and Palmerston had 2 teams participate.
- Boys Volleyball, Girls basketball and Ice hockey are happening during November and December. Badminton Club starting after school.

**Events:**

- We had a wonderful performance by our grades 4 to 6 who had a week of drumming workshops by Rod Chavez and then they performed for us.
- Presently we have Peter Ryan doing Creative ball play with students from grades 1 to 3.
- In December we are having a songwriter coming to do workshops with the grades 4 to 6.
- Yoga has started and is really well attended for those who are not doing it now will have the opportunity to participate in January.
- Halloween annual parade on was a huge success even though the weather didn't cooperate to go outside we had a great time in the gym with the final production by the staff. As well we had a small Halloween production the day before to show some the learning and talent that was happening in the classrooms.
- Our Terry Fox Run was held and we raised \$2000.00 not as much as last year. Thank you to everyone who contributed and for raising this amount the students will receive a Disco lunch and an extra recess.
- We had a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly thanks to the efforts of all of everyone who participated this year as we had many students participating in many special ways and all the students were amazing. Thanks to staff for coordinating this and preparing the students.

**Dates:**

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| PA day              | December 5 (No school)       |
| Holiday Sing-A-Long | December 19 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Holidays            | December 22 to January 2     |
| PA day              | January 24, 2014 (No school) |