



Erickson Collegiate Community Report, June 2005

Principal's Message:

At the end of each school year, the Department of Education requires all schools in Manitoba to report to their communities a reflection on the school year as it pertains to their school plan.

Statistical Information

- Drop out rate: 10% (National Average 24%)
- Graduation Rate: 90%
- Aboriginal Population: 31%
- Incidents and suspensions increased 5% from 2003/04

Year at a Glance

Special Events

- 30 Hour Famine
- "And Then There Was One" drama production
- Band Trip to Banff in April
- Physics trip to NASA in Florida in April
- Much Music Video Dance
- Career Preparation and Exploration Program
- Astronomy Day and Rocket Launch
- Band Concert
- Junior High Winter Wilderness Adventure
- Leadership Overnight Canoe Trip
- Jingle Dress Making
- History of Manitoba in 45 Minutes (Manitoba Theatre Center)

Athletics

- Golf Program
- Varsity Volleyball Program
- Varsity Basketball Program
- Co-op Hockey team with Minnedosa Collegiate
- Strong curling program with over 40 students, Grade 7 to Senior 4
- Junior and Senior Varsity Badminton (several students represented the school at Zone Play downs)
- Track - 3 Athletes advanced to Rural and Urban Provincials
- Junior High Sports (Volleyball, Basketball, Curling, Badminton, Track & Field)

Mission Statement

We are committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment that fosters respect, responsibility, and excellence. We are all responsible for creating school communities where the emotional, spiritual, and physical well being of all students and staff is assured. These principles guide our practice:

- Schools are for teaching and learning;
- Education is a shared responsibility among students, staff, parents, and community;
- We treat one another with dignity, respect, and fairness;
- We work within a framework of rights and responsibilities.

On the basis of these principles, our school has developed behavioral guidelines that reflect the needs and desires of our school community.

2004-05 School Plan

1. Increase Student Success

The increase of student success was an important priority this year and our staff focus was on a few basic changes. We started offering Self-Directed Learning courses for students with poor attendance. The courses allow students to work at their own pace under the guidance of a teacher. Courses were offered in a variety of Senior 1 and 2 courses. We also introduced a Grade 8 transition class intended to assist our weaker students in developing the essential tools to succeed in Senior 1.

2. Enhance Communications

We continued with several previous strategies to assist in developing bridges into the community. Continuous updating of the school website, newsletters released ever two weeks throughout the year, and made available online and in community stores, student progress reports and at risk letters sent out periodically throughout the school year, and a list of parent email addresses were tools used to enhance communication.

3. School Climate

It is evident by looking at the special events section that several events too place to develop and enhance the school climate.

Staff Changes

This year we said goodbye to some very familiar faces on staff. Mrs. Swift retired after 30 years of teaching. Her courses were split between two new staff members, Mr. Mathews and Ms. Atkinson.

Mrs. Dowsett, our band instructor returned to just teaching in Minnedosa and has been replaced by an in-house instructor, Mr. Mathews.

We welcome Mr. Edwards who will be replacing Mr. Wood who has moved into the principal position, allowing me to return to the classroom.

We also welcome Mr. Lamb who took over the duties of Mr. Klassen.

Fall Dates to Remember:

August 29th – Office opens

September 7th – School resumes

September 12th – Picture day

September 30th – Divisional In-service

The 2005-06 School Planning process has already been completed. If you are interested in seeing a copy, please contact the ECI office at 636-2605.

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