

ONANOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Onanole Elementary School is truly the center of the community of Onanole and has a strong partnership with Riding Mountain National Park. It is a unique school with an amazing staff nestled in the hamlet of Onanole Manitoba and is a part of the Riding Mountain Biosphere. It is a K-8 school that teaches under a multi age philosophy and provides a very unique educational experience, tailor made for every student that walks through its hallways.

Onanole Elementary School's mission is to inspire and support learning while practicing global citizenship in a respectful environment. Onanole school is dedicated to providing students with real-life, global and meaningful learning experiences while practicing the Manitoba Curriculum. We are committed to creating citizens of the world – people who want to make a difference and be the change. This is done through a group called Kids Being the Change where the grade 7,8 class generate ideas, choose social justice causes that mean something to them and then plan and implement school wide projects. These projects are year long, completely student generated and led by the older students. They also involve the entire student body, staff, parents and community. Such projects such as those on hunger, racism, composting, recycling, gardening and honoring our elders are only a few of the issues discussed and tackled by these amazing students. These projects have led us to becoming a UNESCO associated school. United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization is affiliated with the United Nations and believes in peace education. Being a part of such an amazing network allows our students to meet and work with students from all over the province, country and even internationally. All of the ideas and projects generated by the students are integrated into the curriculum by all those on staff. We believe strongly in providing enriching opportunities for all of our students and lessons that they will take with them for a lifetime.

Onanole School has had several awards for excellence in teaching, student citizenship and leadership over the past few years. Students and staff have been very busy presenting to teachers, students and community groups about some of the amazing work they have been doing in the area of citizenship and social justice.

Onanole School, a part of Rolling River School Division, provides several programs including: resource, successmaker, guidance, daily phys-ed, music program from K-6, choir, basic French for grades 2-8, intramural program for grades 4-8, all interscholastic sports for grades 7,8, literacy block for K-1, regular field trips for Park interpretive and field study programs, community volunteerism opportunities, full day Kindergarten program and a one to one technology program from grades 4-8. We have two musical/arts concerts a year. We host several community events as well help to organize and plan them.

Onanole School believes in restitution and meeting the needs of the students. We believe in creating a community and run community groups for all events and whole school activities. The older students are leaders and mentors to the younger students. Student voice and opinion matter and are heard.

Onanole Elementary School is not just a school, it is a community- a family! As they say – it takes a village to raise a child. At Onanole School we take that quote very seriously. Every child, parent and community member is an engaged member of our family. Would you like to join our family?

