



Tanner's Crossing School

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School Plan Community Report

Dear Parents:

Another year has come and gone and what an extremely busy year it has been. There have been many irons in the fire this year, which will continue to burn well into next year and the years to come. We welcomed new senior administrators, Reg Klassen and Marg Janssen to our division at the beginning of the school year. Along with them came many new ideas about educational philosophy and staffing. Declining enrollment forced us into our first combined classroom in many years. We had a single grade three class, a combined grade three/four class, and single grade four class. This led to discussions with staff and the Parent Advisory Council about multi-level learning, a practice based on sound research that is being implemented across the province, country and in the United States. Our Parent Advisory Council held a parent multi-level learning information night on March 10th presented by Marg Janssen, our assistant superintendent. We received our final staffing in April and the numbers indicated that we would need to have two groups of multi-level learning for next year. We are very excited about the educational opportunities for multi-level learning at the grade one and two, as well as the grade five and six levels for next year. We will most likely extend these multi-level learning experiences to other grades the following year, starting with grade three and four. Stay tuned for more information via Parent Advisory Council and newsletters next year.

Our planning team spent the better part of our year revising our school code of conduct so that it fits in with the restitution model of self-discipline. Our committee consisted of both staff and parent representation who met once a month. We began by looking at our old code of conduct and codes from many other schools, which use the restitution model in their current practices. Included in our code of conduct is the following: our mission statement; our school motto; our beliefs; a statement about restitution; expectations for students, staff and parents; and strategies for dealing

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with various learning opportunities. A draft copy was given to staff and to Parent Advisory Council to review before the final draft was made. Any further feedback can be sent to the school or given to me via email at gmcnabb@rrsd.mb.ca. I would like to extend a thank you to all those parents and staff who put a tremendous amount of time and expertise into this worthwhile project. A copy of the code will be in the handbook as well as on our school website. We ask that you take some time to familiarize yourself and your children with the code.

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Parent Advisory Council multi-level meetings, the grade one/two parent meeting, the grade five/six parent meeting, those who have sent phone and email messages with questions, suggestions and supportive comments, and staff who have been working to prepare for the transition to multi-level learning communities next year. Our staff has held meetings to look at the "*Independent Together*" document that supports multi-level learning, had a presentation from Marg Janssen, and to date we have made a school visitation to Betty Gibson School in Brandon. Teachers are enrolled in a summer workshop on multi-level learning and we have plans for ongoing professional development into the new school year at the school and divisional levels.

Our junior high student council and student body have had a successful year. Our student council held four dances. School Pride funds have been saved and plans are to construct a new sign at the front of the school and a fountain in the courtyard as a legacy of their time at Tanner's. Our T.C.S. Tigers had another successful year at divisional sporting events. Both our soccer teams made it to the final and played a very close match with one team coming out on top by a 1 – 0 score. Our AA girls brought home the championship banner in volleyball. The boys won both the single A and AA basketball banners and we had students win in seven of the eight badminton categories. We finished the year off with one of our softball teams winning the banner at the divisional softball tournament. Unfortunately our division track meet was cancelled this year due to weather conditions, but we are proud of our athletes for all the hours put into training. We wish our grade eight athletes well as they head on to the M.C.I. Chancellors.

Our school band and choirs continue to provide our students with invaluable opportunities. Our choirs participated in the spring musical, Rolling River Festival of the Arts, and our junior high awards day. This year's K-3 Christmas concert was titled "*The Littlest Reindeer*" and the spring musical featured the production "*Blue Suede Paws*." Our students did an excellent job on these productions again this year and I would like to thank all of the staff, students, and volunteers who assisted with these performances in any way. Our grades six to eight band students took part in two home concerts, as well as the Rolling River Festival, and the Brandon Band Festival.

We would like to thank the playground committee and Parent Advisory Council for all the TCS will provide quality learning opportunities within a safe and respectful school community.

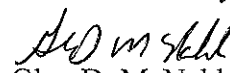
work put towards the playground fundraising. Also, special thanks to Kathy Tomlinson for her work on grant applications. We are expecting to start on a walking path complete with workout station on our school grounds in the very near future. We would also like to thank our P.A.C. for their information nights held this year. As mentioned earlier they held an information night on multi-level learning as well as ones on addictions, internet safety, and the assets program implemented through Lion's Quest. Other Lion's Quest activities included some work with restitution, a community service session, activity days and finished the year off with a few sessions on world issues. We will be continuing with Lion's Quest next year, but it may look a little different with the introduction of the grade five/six multi-level learning communities.

Once again we held our Foster Child Fundraiser and Spirit Week. This year the principals were put to the test in the form of *Fear Factor* and our students raised over \$1,000 to help sponsor our two foster children for another year. Thanks to all the students who brought coins; to student council for helping organize the week and the *Fear Factor*; and to the committee for all their work on setting things up for the week. We also need to thank our sponsors of the pancake breakfast.

We consciously chose to have a lighter year in the way of presentations this year, but did manage to have a performance from HOJA, "Artist in the School" Randy Guest working with film making, as well as a visit from Mitch Dorge, who spoke to the students about fire safety and goal setting. We also had our usual events such as Terry Fox Run, Family Fun Night, Festival Du Voyager, etc.

Once again we had numerous opportunities for our students to be involved in field trips and outdoor education programs. Of significance were the junior high Lake Audy trips which saw our junior high students planning and preparing for two days and one night of camping, canoeing, hiking, and working with GPS. Our grade six students took part in a winter camping trip this year which included skiing, snowshoeing, and quinzee building. June saw our regular barrage of field trips and I would like to thank our teachers for their work in planning those trips, parents for supporting the trips financially, and in the way of chaperoning, and the division for their support for busing costs. These trips are valuable opportunities for our students to do some experiential learning, which is important for our students' overall development.

We will miss our grade eight class as they all move on to M.C.I. We had a larger number of students make the academic honour roll and we will miss this enthusiastic group of students and look forward to you coming back to visit from time to time.


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