



Tanner's Crossing School

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School Plan Community Report

Dear Parents:

It has been another busy and successful year at Tanner's Crossing School. With this being the first year of implementation of multilevel learning communities, we have undergone many changes that have had an impact upon the education provided to our students this year and for many years to come. Students in grades one and two, as well as five and six, were placed in multilevel learning communities. All of our staff received professional development in this area and our current and future school plans will reflect the multilevel philosophy. We also held a number of parent meetings to educate parents and community members regarding this type of programming. The plan is to expand to grades three and four for the fall of 2010 and then move into grade seven and eight in the future. This approach has led to a more independent learner and I would like to congratulate the students, parents, and staff who have embraced this philosophy and worked hard to ensure its success.

COMMUNICATION

We have continued with the day planners for this year and for the next three years to come. This year the day planner included our newly revised code of conduct which our school plan committee from last year updated to fit more in line with restitution. This year we also experienced an increase in communication with our parent community, not only with the multilevel and Parent Advisory Council meetings, but through the electronic distribution of our newsletters and other correspondence. In addition, Synvoice was introduced by our school division and implemented to keep parents informed.

PERFORMING ARTS

In the area of the Arts our students and staff enjoyed performances by HOJA, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Heather Bishop, Bach to Beetles, and improv with the artist in the school Dean Harder. In addition, we enjoyed showcasing of our own T.C.S. talent at the Christmas and Band concerts, Talent Show Festival, and this year's spring musical performance of *Disco Knights*.

PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

We would like to thank the T.C.S. playground committee and the Healthy Active Minnedosa Committee who jointly helped to complete our walking path this past year. We are now undertaking plans to add some workout stations to the path and with all the rain we have had it looks as though the walking path will be ready for use by the fall of 2010. Student Council added our new sign to the front of the school through the school pride project.

TCS will provide quality learning opportunities within a safe and respectful school community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

In the area of community service our school has taken on projects such as raising money for Haiti, our foster children, picking stones off our walking path, raising money for livestock for families in developing countries through World Vision, and the delivery of light bulbs from Manitoba Hydro. Our Lion's Quest groups had another busy year and included our grade five students this year. Activities included: internet safety, Assets, Pennies for Paws, and three activity days.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education program at Tanner's Crossing School continued to fulfill provincially mandated time allotments; with the program being instructed by two physical education specialists. The program offered instruction in basic movement skills, games strategies, individual and team activities and sports as well as alternative pursuits, rhythmic/gymnastic activities and fitness activities.

We offered a comprehensive intramural program for grades kindergarten to grade 8. Student leadership was addressed during the intramural program with the house captains being responsible for several items during the year. Our grade 7 and 8 students were offered seven interscholastic sports-fielding a total of 16 teams during the year. TCS placed 1st and 2nd in Co-ed soccer; first in boys' volleyball, 1st in boys' basketball; placed first and second in boys' and girls' badminton events and won the divisional track trophy for the collegiate centered schools. All teams were coached by staff members.

TCS is an *In Motion* school. We have maintained this status for four years. This means that our students get a least 30 minutes of physical activity each day. We accomplish this through active teaching in our classrooms, as well as monthly whole school events such as fitness stations throughout the school, mini-Olympics, tabloid day and track meet, Family Fun Night (The Amazing Race), Terry Fox Run and the Skip and Sip Osteoporosis initiative. Our grades K-3 also teach the *At My Best* wellness program developed by Physical and Health Education Canada.

We have received certificates of participation this year for Walk to School Week and the Terry Fox Run. We have earned our 5th Recognition Award from Physical and Health Education Canada.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

In conclusion, I would like to thank the staff, students, and parents of Tanner's Crossing School for their support and work toward a quality education for our children. I would also like to wish our grade eight students the best of luck at high school next year.

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