

Tanner's Crossing School



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School Plan Community Report

Dear Parents:

It is difficult to believe that another school year is quickly coming to a close. We at Tanner's Crossing School have had another successful year as we strive to reach our goals. Providing quality learning opportunities within a safe and respectful school community continues to be our mission. Having a safe and respectful school is very important to us and we have tried very hard to live up to our new motto, "*Tanner's Crossing School The Team that Cares and Shares.*" This goal also goes hand-in-hand with our goal of developing communication links within home, school and the community, as well as promoting healthy active lifestyles.

This year has been filled with many activities that work towards all of these goals. Our Lion's Quest programs continue to run and have expanded this year to include many more important topics related to social skill development. Our grade six to eight Lion's Quest program included training of the seven habits of highly successful teens based on the book with the same name written by Sean Covey. We expanded the teacher advisory model used to deliver the Lion's Quest program at the grade four and five level. The teacher advisory model is set up so that one staff advisor meets for forty minutes each cycle with a group of approximately ten students. The topic for the grade four and five group this year was friendship. We also had all of the grade four to eight staff and students involved in an activity to come up with a set of statements about what we believe is important for staff and students of our school. A committee met to revise the beliefs into a final list including the following: Learning, Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Safety, and Fun.

In keeping with the safe and respectful theme we had two whole school presentations in our gymnasium. The Manitoba Theatre for Young People presented a play called *The Skinny Lie* that was about teenagers who get caught in a lie, which leads to a series of other lies to cover up the first lie. Our students in grade two to seven enjoyed this entertaining and educational presentation about the dangers of telling lies just to be liked or to fit into a peer group.

The other presentation was more for pure entertainment and was a puppet show put on by a group from Saskatoon. Their theme was the *Wizard of Oz* and included humorous spin offs for both students and adults to enjoy.

Staff Professional Development has been a major focus this past year in the area of providing a safe and respectful school. All of our staff was part of the divisional training model involving two days of training in the area of Restitution. Rebecca Gray was the facilitator for these two days of training during the week of April 16th. Our student support team including guidance, resource, administration, and student support facilitator were also involved in divisional staff development in the area of Threat Assessment. We took level one of the Threat Assessment early in the fall term and then level II in April. Kevin Cameron from the Canadian Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response facilitated both sessions. Our staff and students were involved in lock-down procedures as outlined in the training sessions.

We have done some work this year on our school web page and will be continuing to make improvements to it in the future. We have made some improvements to our school newsletter in order to increase input from classrooms and we have the newsletter on our web site for your convenience. Our parent advisory council held a parent session on communicating with teenagers. All these efforts have been made to maintain the lines of communication with parents, which is an important part of our school plan.

One of our school goals is to continue to promote healthy active lifestyles. This year we have continued with this trend and have taken many steps to improve our student and staff health through proper

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

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