



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, and 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 promote drug free lifestyles and included many workshops on this topic, with an emphasis on Crystal Meth presentations. The highlight was the Mitch Dorge presentation about setting and reaching your goals no matter who may try to lead you down the wrong path. Mitch is the drummer for the Crash Test Dummies and through his performance and humour was able to make a real connection with our grade six, seven, and eight Lion's Quest students. We also had a presentation from Elaine McNabb and Sue Ross dealing with the facts about Crystal Meth. This was a very informative and eye opening presentation about the effects of Crystal Meth on the body. Our grade six to eight Lion's Quest groups finished off the year reviewing the strategies to deal with bullying. Each group is in the process of making a video, which can be used to reinforce the effectiveness of these strategies.

In keeping with the safe and respectful theme we had two whole school presentations in our gymnasium. The Canadian Half Pints made a stop at T.C.S. to deliver their message anti-bullying and about how we need to treat each other with respect. They started by speaking to our school about their stories; showing us how we are all the same and how we are all different. They finished their presentation with a basketball game against our junior high boys team. The game concluded with Mr. Rapsky and myself getting a pie in the face. Their emphasis was that it is okay to have fun as long as all parties involved see the humour and are having fun.

The other presentation was a very powerful presentation put on by the Manitoba Theatre for young people called "The Invisible Girl." This story was based on a group of grade five girls and sent a powerful message about the effects of exclusion as a form of verbal bullying. Our students were able to see how excluding others because of how they look or because of their personalities, can cause turmoil in a class and even within our own mind.

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Other presentations we were treated to this year included the “Munschpalooza” presented by the Prairie Theatre Exchange, and HOJA presented by Fat Cat Productions. Both of these presentations were very entertaining and worthwhile. We also partnered with the Samaritan House of Brandon to bring Tom Jackson to our gymnasium. This was part of the singing for your supper promotion and was open to the public. We had a visit from Carol Ramsey through the Artist in the school program. Carol is a painter and sculptor who help our grade four and five students create mythical beasts from paper maché.

One of our school goals is to continue to promote healthy, active lifestyles. This year we organized and became an in motion school, which meant planning many physical fitness activities such as Workout Wednesdays in April and “Spectagular” in May. We also made an attempt to jump across Canada four times in February, while turning off the T.V. March was nutrition month in which we promoted healthy food choices. This year we had two family nights; one in January with our regular outdoor winter activities (skating, snow soccer, cross country skiing, broomball) and one in April, which was a family tabloid night. Our tabloid night included a jellybean tabloid similar to our grade one to four Tabloid Day. Parents and children were put through a number of fitness challenges to earn jellybeans. We had over 150 children attend with their parents. Thanks for your support.

As always literacy and numeracy continue to be part of our school planning. This goal will always be one we work toward. This year we had a number of workshops for teachers and students in our school and division, on the topics of literacy and numeracy. Some of the highlights included workshops with Lisa Bartley from M.C.I. on writing, and Joan McKenzie did a number of workshops for early years teachers on math and the learning carpet. Our grade five and six students participated in a divisional Historica Fair held at the Minnedosa Community Conference Centre. Karellen Bradford, award winning author of over 14 children's books, was part of the library program for grades seven and eight last fall. She welcomed the children's comments about her books and writing style, and encouraged them to write.

Our parent advisory council continues to work hard to raise money for the playground. We will be adding two tire swings this summer and are working with the U of M architecture students on a plan for our playground. Once the plan is complete, we will be able to access some grant money and move towards improving our playground.

In conclusion, we have had another very successful year and we look forward to starting up again in September after a summer's rest. Thanks again for all your support throughout the year.

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