

2015-16 Community Report for Holland Road Elementary School



Provincial Assessments		
	School (%) 2015-16	Board (%) 2015-16
Literacy Assessments		
Grade 3 Provincial		
Reading	82%	69%
Writing - Ideas	78%	76%
Writing - Organization	67%	62%
Writing - Language Use	69%	66%
Writing - Conventions	57%	52%
Grade 6 Provincial		
Reading	73%	76%
Writing - Ideas	68%	82%
Writing - Organization	53%	68%
Writing - Language Use	65%	72%
Writing - Conventions	68%	65%
Math Assessments		
Grade 4 Provincial		
Mathematics	95%	78%
Grade 6 Provincial		
Mathematics	74%	72%

Staff at Holland Road School have had another successful year and have completed **year three** of our five year Continuous School Improvement Process. The following are the literacy and math goals identified by staff last year and which are the focus of our work as we progress through the improvement process:

Goal 1: To improve students' reading comprehension with an emphasis on synthesizing, inferring, questioning and making connections.

Goal 2: To improve students' ability to problem solve and clearly communicate their understanding and thinking process in mathematics.

Data from provincial and classroom assessments show that we have seen some improvement in our reading and math results. Unfortunately our writing results have declined over the past year in the provincial assessments. Staff discussions lead to an analysis of results in writing and the realization that although we have been consistently providing students with writing opportunities in daily writing workshops, our students do not perform as well during standardized tests. We believe that the process used during writing workshop does not prepare students to meet or exceed expectations when they do not have extra time or peer editing opportunities. We will be looking at preparing our students better for this alternate test taking experience and we will be adding a writing component to our Student Success Process. Our school population is 60% boys so we are taking a closer look at how we are engaging our boys during writing activities.

As we moved into year three of the improvement process teachers continued to provide time for students to talk and share on a daily basis during literacy and math classes. They expanded the problem solving component of talk by implementing the Caring School Community Program. Students and teachers participated in class meetings and explicit teaching around problem solving during social

situations. During this first year of the program we have seen students articulating how they felt about social struggles and how conflict could be resolved in a peaceful manner. Although students are participating in classroom discussions, many are still hesitant to share their ideas. We will continue to celebrate and promote the sharing of ideas.

Students have been learning about social media citizenship and we are concerned that many of our older students engage in social media interactions without having the skills to be safe and respectful. We have had student and parent presentations to address this issue and will continue to provide more opportunities for our school community to become more reflective and proactive when using technology.

Teachers have been participating in PD to support the new streamlined math and language arts curriculum. They meet regularly in professional learning communities to share strategies and practices that support student achievement. Teachers analyze assessment results together to discover what they need to do next to help students meet and exceed outcome expectations.

Community involvement is highly valued at Holland Road School. Our PTA has worked tirelessly to provide “Fun” and “Fundraising” opportunities for our school community. Their efforts have resulted in more technology for students, engaging outdoor play equipment, a community garden, field trip opportunities, enriched classroom resources and much more. Students, staff and parents love being involved in our annual events such as; Halloween Howl, Bingo Nights, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Bazaar and Spring Fling.

Volunteers make our school come alive with personality and creativity as we provide so many engaging activities for students like skipping club, running club, volleyball club, art show, school trips, musical presentations and information sessions.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) meets regularly to ensure that Holland Road School remains a positive, healthy and successful learning environment.

We have redesigned our website this year in order to better communicate with parents in a more timely and succinct manner.

Caring for our School Community is our mission at Holland Road School.

