



# Mitchell Elementary School

## School Priority Community Report 2016-2017

### About Us

448 Students  
Kindergarten to Grade 4

#### 24 Teaching Staff including:

- Literacy Support
- Numeracy Support
- EAL
- Resource
- Counsellor
- Music
- Physical Education

#### Support Staff Includes:

- School Admin Secretary
- School Secretary
- 11 Educational Assistants
- Library Support Specialist
- Head Custodian & 2 Assistants

MES has a strong connection to our families & community. This connection and trust is highlighted in the support we receive in our fundraisers. Further, these fundraisers support local, national and international agencies, providing students a broad understanding of helping others in need.

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To provide a safe, caring, and stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

**Priority #1: To enable students to engage and persevere in rich ELA and Mathematical tasks to improve their skills, knowledge, values and dispositions. Successes included:**

- ✓ Meaningful assessment and data collection to inform teaching practices.
- ✓ Materials and staff resources were purchased & focused as needed to enhance ELA and Math supports.
- ✓ ELA and Math programs included language rich environments to enhance learning.

**Priority #2: To expand the teaching skills (pedagogy) of our staff in order to help students acquire the skills, knowledge, values and dispositions they need to be a successful learner. Successes included:**

- ✓ The MES Deeper Learning Team continued its engagement with OUR KID by: co-teaching with a Learning Coach; embracing the Inquiry Process which engages students as an active participant in learning; touring another school to explore new ideas; and, sharing the learning with other staff through the collaborative process.
- ✓ Focusing our teaching and engaging with best practice through the lens of the 6C's (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, citizenship, and character) supporting curriculum content.
- ✓ Enhancing teaching skills with technology (leveraging digital) using iPads in the classroom, Apple TV, laptops and Chromebooks.

**Priority #3: Foster learning partnerships for all students in their school, community, and around the world. Successes included:**

- ✓ School partnerships to provide many opportunities to develop cross grade connections. Examples include MES Buddy Classes and MMS Inter-school Connections
- ✓ Community connections to the Mitchell Senior Center, Southeast Helping Hands, Parent nights, artists in the school, and guest speakers for a variety of learning opportunities.
- ✓ Global partnerships which provide meaningful opportunities to give. These include Terry Fox Run, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Treats and Treasures (over \$3000), Raise the Roof, and the Cameroon Orphanage project.

**2016-2017 Highlights:** This was an exciting year for MES. We have continued our active social media presence - follow us on Twitter & check out our continued website updates. Other highlights include: a first ever Grade 4 ski trip, another fabulous round of running club, and representation at the Canada Game Torch Run. We also continued our connection with the Mitchell Sr. Centre which included drumming and orchard planting. Finally, we celebrated the opening of the Outdoor Learning Centre which highlights our partnerships with community, PAC, and HSD head office. For more information on our exciting year, check out our social media page online for pictures, video, and other highlights.