

ÉCOLE LEILA NORTH

Report to the Community 2016-2017



Overview

This year's report to the community will focus on the three A's; Academics, Arts and Athletics, that we are so proud of at École Leila North.

Experiential Learning

- ◆ At Leila we believe in connecting our students learning with hands on relevant activities outside of our walls, all of our field trips have a curriculum or real life connection.
- ◆ Our French Immersion grade eight students visited Quebec again touring Montreal and Quebec City for 7 days
- ◆ Two of our grade eight classes went on a 3 day camping trip to Birds Hill Park

The Bee Project

We were the first school in our province to install hives on our roof. We feel this accentuates our drive toward combining education and sustainability. Our students are starting to learn how important pollinators are to our environment and in the end contributing to our lives. We look forward to running our first marketing campaign this fall with the honey that will be harvested from our hives.



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Where we stand

This year the province has released our data in which we can analyze where our students rate provincially. This helps us examine what we are doing well and what we need to look at closer. At École Leila North one of our beliefs is to never rest on our laurels and although we are statistically doing very well we will always be looking at how we can offer your student a greater academic experience and challenge. Our student engagement continues to be well above the national average.

Technology

We are now wireless at Leila!

More than ever we are finding students using technology to enhance their knowledge. We feel it is our mission to teach them how to judge what is relevant and appropriate. We encourage students to share their new knowledge with each other in our learning settings. Each one of our teachers has an Ipad and a projector in their classroom that is attached to a computer. Every classroom has at least 3 computers and our library has a bank of 20 for small groups to use. We now have two Mac labs and green screen technology that students use in our multi-media lab. Our teacher also have access to 12 Mimio's in our school (mobile smart board technology).

Literacy and Numeracy

We continue to support our classrooms and library spending over \$36000 on new reading material. We value our student input and have had classroom libraries developed with students creating them.

This year we enhanced our schedule with a photography class for those students that were interested in it. Students learned from a professional and showcased their talents throughout the year.

Our staff continued our numeracy work with our critical friend, Neil Dempsey working with classes and teachers individually to help engage and improve our numeracy practices.

We had 20 students challenge themselves in writing the Gauss Math Exam.

This year to celebrate Canada's 150, we added a writing component in our "Treaty Days". The students then had their writings published and each were given a copy of the book.

Our students continue to develop and produce our school newsletters that are emailed out to our community.

Engagement and Leadership

We continue to be extremely proud of how our students rate our school community. We continue to rank 10-20% above national data on engagement at Leila!

Our leadership group has done an outstanding job this year engaging our student body in worthy causes and fundraising efforts. They also ran our two spirit weeks and continued to raise school spirit!

Our students continued to run our "Snow Angels" program, in which they shoveled snow for people in our community that could not.

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The Arts



Band

Our band program continues to flourish and showcase exceptional talent. Since the Seven Oaks School Division has moved to providing no cost instruments for all of our students we have continued to see over 275 students enroll in our band program each year with over \$400 000 in instruments at Leila!

This year was the first year we held a concert at the Maples Commons and it was a packed house and spectacular affair.

Our grade eight band wowed other schools performing at Arts in the Park this year.

Choir

Our choir program has more than 300 students enrolled in it. They performed numerous times throughout the school year. Our Jazz choir headed to the Brandon Jazz festival to perform and be adjudicated. They also performed for the law society, caroled at the Forks and sang at Arts in the Park.

Dance

With over 60 students participating in dance our studio was used from 7:30 until 4:30 every day.

Our dance team had an exceptional year performing at the Seven Oaks day of dance, our own talent show and Arts in the Park.

Performing Arts

This year our productions was Legally Blonde, 2 casts completed 8 performances exceptionally done. Our productions continue to impress with how many students are involved. Whether it is lighting, make up, wardrobe, filming or performing we consistently have over 100 students contributing to this!

Art

This year the Art Gallery program that our students have been a part of was actually moved into our art space at Leila while their regular studio is under construction. This brought the artist that works with our students to us. We had six classrooms spend a half day every cycle for three months working on various art projects.

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Athletics



Volleyball- We had over 300 students involved in interscholastic competition this year. Our divisional grade 8 girls team was runner up in the provincial championships, while our grade 8 boys team won the provincial championships!

Hockey- This is the first year we have had to offer two semesters of our Seven Oaks Hockey skills program as a result of so many students enrolling in the program.

Basketball- Again, enough student athletes for over 12 teams competing in basketball this year. We had many successes with 3 second place finishes and 2 championships

Indoor Track and Field- having over 70 students competing in track and field we set an indoor record for points accumulated this year and won the provincial junior high overall title.

Badminton- Offering a competitive and non-competitive loop we had over 100 students representing Leila.

Soccer- We had a team of 36 students practice for weeks for our friendly tournament.

Ultimate Frisbee- this was the first year we had a team competing in the seven Oaks tournament, they competed in the new 7Oaks soccer complex.

Marathon Club- We had 19 athletes compete in many facets of the Manitoba Marathon, all training for the two months leading up to it.

Flag Football- we took two teams to compete in the Seven Oaks tournament in which our students excelled in the tournament and had a great time.



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