



Wayoata School

Community Report 2023-2024

Principal: Rachel Reyes

2023-2024 Priorities

The school plan priorities chosen for Wayoata School align with the provincial and divisional priorities.

Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction.

Successes: Students have increased their levels of knowledge, skill and understanding in reading and writing. They have increased their stamina in reading and writing throughout the year. They have increased in confidence and independence in reading and writing.

Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate instruction in numeracy.

Successes: Students have increased their levels of knowledge, skill, and understanding in numeracy. They have worked at understanding what numbers represent and how they work. They have worked at understanding problems, exploring ways to solve them, and sharing and discussing their mathematical understanding with others.

Enhance student understanding of the global impact of sustainability in the environment.

Successes: Students and staff were actively engaged in recycling, reducing, and reusing, with purpose. We collected batteries, ink cartridges, glasses, plastic bags, dried markers, and more! We also repurposed many of our unclaimed lost and found items to ensure that we have a well-stocked cupboard of clothing in various sizes for newcomer families, and for emergent or personal needs.

Enhance climate, culture, and inclusivity through direct instruction and support of all students, to support a sense of belonging and acceptance towards diversity.

Successes: Across the school, students have participated in a variety of learning opportunities to explore diversity. Students have participated in learning and activities exploring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month, Pink Shirt Day, Pride Month, Ramadan, Hannukah, Christmas, celebrations around the world, and more.

Support students in becoming safe and caring citizens who are committed to promoting well-being, respecting themselves, our school, and our community.

Successes: Students are able to identify the school-wide expectations of being safe, respectful, and responsible. Students understand the expectations of the school-wide and classroom matrices. Students continue to be successful in the goal of making positive contributions to their classrooms and school community. Our students continue to work hard to meet expectations in all areas.

VISION STATEMENT:

A COMMUNITY IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS MEET THEIR POTENTIAL AS LEARNERS AND LEADERS

MISSION STATEMENT:

WAYOATA SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL INSPIRE AND ENGAGE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR OPTIMAL GROWTH AS LIFELONG LEARNERS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

ABOUT US:

Grades K-5

291 students

13 classroom teachers

1 music teacher

1 phys ed teacher

3 resource teachers

4 educational assistants

1 teacher librarian

1 library technician

2 secretaries

2 custodians

1 custodial aide

7 lunch supervisors

1 administrator

Celebrations and Highlights from 2023-2024

- Our Meet-the-Teacher Open House event was well attended and it supported students and families with a smooth transition and start on the first day of school.
- Daily morning announcements that recognize cultural celebrations, students announcers, and O'Canada in a variety of languages.
- Student leaders learned and taught O'Canada in ASL to younger grades.
- Whole-school and classroom-based recognition and activities to support Terry Fox Foundation; Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; Indigenous People's Day, Remembrance Day; I Love To Read Month; Black History Month; Asian Heritage Month, and more.
- Student leaders had many opportunities to lead their classmates – street patrols, bus patrols, ASL, composting, recycling, kindergarten helpers, lunch monitors, and more.
- Students participated in and enjoyed 2 “spirit weeks” during the year.
- Wayoata Learning Conferences were very well-attended and included many moments to celebrate our students' learning and accomplishments.
- Our universal snack cart was accessed by approximately 50-100 students on a daily basis.
- Our Winter Concerts were very well-attended and enjoyed by all!
- All students participated in outdoor winter activities in phys. ed, including: skiing, skating, hockey, curling, and other ice/snow games.
- All students participated in Global Day of Play.
- WSCC's Halloween Dance, Spring Dance, and Movie Night were well-attended and enjoyed greatly by our families.
- Students enjoyed monthly hot lunches, and parents appreciated the online ordering option through Munch-A-Lunch.
- Field Day was a blast for all students, and the slip n' slide with bubbles was a hit!
- Field trips were enjoyed by all students throughout the year, and the Leadership trip and BBQ at Harbourview Park in June was a great way to celebrate the leadership that our grades 3-5 students showed throughout 2023-2024.
- Students participated in many extracurricular clubs including: basketball, volleyball, flag football, rugby, floor hockey, playdoh club, Dungeons & Dragons club, and more!
- All classes participated in a community clean-up event.
- On June 27th, we held a Grade 5 Farewell gathering with students and families.
- Our staff welcomed many new students to Wayoata school throughout the year, working hard to ensure they felt connected and welcome.