

CARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Prairie Rose School Division



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Mission Statement

Carman Elementary School strives to achieve academic excellence, respect and responsibility in a safe, caring environment with the co-operative efforts of students, staff, parents and community.

Vision Statements can be found on our website.

Our School







- Carman Elementary School (CES) welcomed a new principal, three and one half new teachers and many new families over the past school year.
- Our school operates on a Balanced School Day schedule, with three 100 minute teaching blocks broken up with two nutrition and activity breaks.
- CES has an enrolment of just over 300 students in grades K-6 with a professional and support staff of over 40 dedicated individuals which include:
 - ❖ 15 Classroom teachers.
 - ❖ Phys. Ed, Music and Resource specialists.
 - ❖ The shared services of a Speech/Language Therapist, Psychologist and School Counselor.
 - ❖ Support staff of Educational Assistants, Secretary, Library Technicians, Custodial Staff, and the shared services of a Computer Technician.
- A Nursery School for 3 & 4 year olds and a Before & After School Program through Wee Care Child Centre also operate out of the school.
- An active Parent Council with parent reps from all grades.
- Many parents and community members who volunteer their time.
- A major renewal project of this past year was the complete renovation of our two Kindergarten rooms.

Our Priorities






- Literacy and Numeracy - Many inservice opportunities to build and share our expertise in these two foundation skill areas. A focus on what we already do well in assessment, data collection and instruction.
- Beyond the 3 R's – The Arts and Healthy Lifestyles – Physical, Emotional and Nutritional
- Thinking Beyond Ourselves – Social Responsibility, Social Justice and Sustainability
- To see our year in pictures, check out our website at: <http://carmanelem.pbworks.com>

Highlights for the Year






Literacy & Numeracy:

-  Staff in-serviced in areas of Literacy group instruction and assessment, Daily 5, and Guided Math instruction. Many staff are members of PERC – Pembina Escarpment Reading Council. Mrs. Duncan is Vice-President of the Manitoba Reading Association.
-  Many classes participated in the Junior Achievement Program facilitated by local business people. Thanks to Wendy Durand, Tim Doerksen, and Tyler King
-  Cross-Grade reading buddies. Get together once/cycle.
-  Grade 1 – 6 Spelling Bee - Winners at each grade level.
-  “I Love to Read Month” – many activities and Guest Readers.
-  Special thanks to Susan Mooney who volunteered weekly to come to read with children.

Beyond the 3 R’s:

-  Parent Council sponsored Missoula Theater Group who spent a week working with nearly 60 of our children, culminating in the musical drama performance called “A King’s Quest.”
-  Children attended presentations of/by: Bach to Music and the Symphony, Hansel & Gretel (opera), French Activity Days, Eva Olleson, holocaust survivor, Jill Officer, Olympian, Dog-sled teams, Alzheimer’s Society, RCMP, Fire Department, W.I.S.E.(Women In Science and Engineering) and the curricular field trips of each class.
-  Our children have many opportunities to showcase their creative talents at monthly performance assemblies where we have been treated to singing, dancing, a variety of musical instruments, plays and choral speaking and even a pogo stick demonstration.
-  Classes and individual students performed publically at the Tempo Festival in many categories.
-  Personal Fitness activities – Mr. Stobbe offers intramural activities year round at activity break focusing on many different sports and games. Thank-you to Larissa Ens for offering a basketball club to our students. Our Run Club involves students, staff and parents and they hosted over a hundred runners at the annual Jog in the Park in June. A special highlight was the fact that over 60 students, staff and community members participated in the Manitoba Marathon in June.

Thinking Beyond Ourselves:

-  In the area of Social Responsibility Grade 1 & 2 staff were trained and piloted PAX, a positive behaviour strategy sponsored by Healthy Child Manitoba and our local RHA.
-  Staff and Students increased awareness of the issue of bullying by participating in the Anti-Bullying Day in February by “flash-mobbing” the students at Carman Collegiate.
-  Our Student Council takes on many leadership roles: Theme Days and leading assemblies, organizing and MC’ing the Teddy Bear Picnic, and the huge job of promoting, collecting and readying our bags of recycled goods for pick-up each week.
-  Social Justice initiatives taken on by staff and students were: Terry Fox Run, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Cheer, Alzheimer’s Walk,
-  Stewardship initiatives are ongoing as we learn to make caring for our earth part of our lifestyle. Highlights of this year were: Our ongoing and expanding recycling program, presentations from Take Pride Winnipeg and Oak Hammock Marsh, and many classes hatching and releasing butterflies. A special highlight was the partnering of Mrs. Sylvester’s Grade 3 class with Mr. Lang’s Grade 12’s to build and place birdhouses along the community pathway.