

2015-16 Community Report for Cavalier Drive School

Cavalier Drive School opened as a grade primary to 9 in May 1986. In 2014-15 it changed to grade primary to 5 with programming for both English and French Immersion students. We currently have 15 classrooms with class sizes ranging from 19 to 27 students, supported by 40 staff members including full-time, part-time and casual employees. The staff of Cavalier Drive School is committed to meeting the needs of all our learners and working in collaboration with our school community to promote a positive, and welcoming environment that supports improved student achievement and overall school growth.

The Halifax Regional School Board is committed to ensuring that every school is engaged in Student Success Planning (SSP). We are in year 1 of our 5 year plan. This year the SSP process has provided a framework for our staff to become more aware of the strengths and challenges of our school and to develop a comprehensive plan to address our challenges and improve the learning environment overall. Throughout the 2015-16 school year teachers examined the information available from provincial assessments and information generated through work in the classroom. During staff

Provincial Assessments		
	School (%) 2015-16	Board (%) 2015-16
<u>Literacy Assessments</u>		
Grade 3 Provincial		
Reading	44%	69%
Writing - Ideas	78%	76%
Writing - Organization	44%	62%
Writing - Language Use	44%	66%
Writing - Conventions	35%	52%
<u>Math Assessments</u>		
Grade 4 Provincial		
Mathematics	84%	78%

meetings, professional learning communities (PLC) and professional development (PD) sessions, teachers had a chance to discuss where we've been, where we are now and where we would like to be. At the beginning of the year teachers also incorporated goals and strategies in their own professional growth plans based on '*where they would like to be*' in their professional practice. Through this process of examining the data available, setting personal goals to enhance teaching

strategies and focused discussion related to student learning, we collectively developed our SSP.

Our goal for literacy is focused on improving student achievement in writing in the area of ideas, organization, language use and writing conventions. In math we aim to increase student success in their ability to problem solve and effectively communicate their mathematical reasoning.

Students at Cavalier demonstrate an interest in learning every day. Their enthusiasm is

evident as one walks through the classrooms. Our grade 4 and 5 students indicate on the *Getting to Great* survey that they are interested in what they are reading and writing most of the time. Along with the provincial and school based assessments, these surveys give us information about how students and parents/caregivers feel about the school experience.

We know we have a vibrant learning atmosphere and a supportive school community. We also know we can improve. We are looking forward to the 2016-17 school year and beyond to make Cavalier Drive an even better school for all our students.

We help each other grow

