



South Oaks Elementary School

Year-End Community Report for 2022-23

About Us

South Oaks is a K-4, Early Years School, with approximately 316 students, 21 teaching staff, and 19 support staff.

Our mission is to create a safe and kind school environment that strengthens learning for all.

We are committed to the well-being of our students and staff.

We are learning how to integrate learning competencies with a solid foundation of academic learning.

Our students come from many countries and speak many different languages.

Our school is known to be a very caring and nurturing place where all students are respected and cared for.

Our informal motto is "Loved at School".

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Planning Priority #1 - Mental Health/Self Regulation

We prioritized mental health and self-regulation in order for students to cope with stress, so they could focus on learning.

Year-End Accomplishments:

- The Zones of Regulation program was taught in all classrooms to help students recognize the link between their emotions and their behaviours.
- Thrival kits were used in grade 4 classrooms, to provide older students with specific tools to cope with current and future stress, such as journaling, etc.
- Further development and use of sensory tools and sensory spaces in the school to support co-regulation and self-regulation strategies.

Planning Priority #2 - Strengthening Academic Skills

We focused on academic skills, such as Literacy and Numeracy while also engaging in the Deeper Learning competencies.

Year-End Accomplishments:

- We minimized the number of special events in the school day to maximize the instructional time in the classrooms in order to address the academic gaps resulting from the pandemic.
- Teachers received professional development with a Literacy clinician, to build their capacity to support student learning of phonological and phonemic awareness.
- Small group instruction in Literacy and Numeracy was provided for students who needed extra support.

Planning Priority #3 - Helping Students Flourish

We work with all stakeholders to support our students and help them to thrive as much as possible.

Year-End Accomplishments:

- The South Oaks PAC and the GVS woodworking department partnered together to design and build several play cabins for students to enhance outdoor play opportunities.
- We also arranged for the construction of a "mud kitchen" to enhance healthy outdoor/social play for the students.
- Our team worked with stakeholders to develop a "Teacher Idea Fund" grant application with the intent of bringing more natural elements into the school environment.

