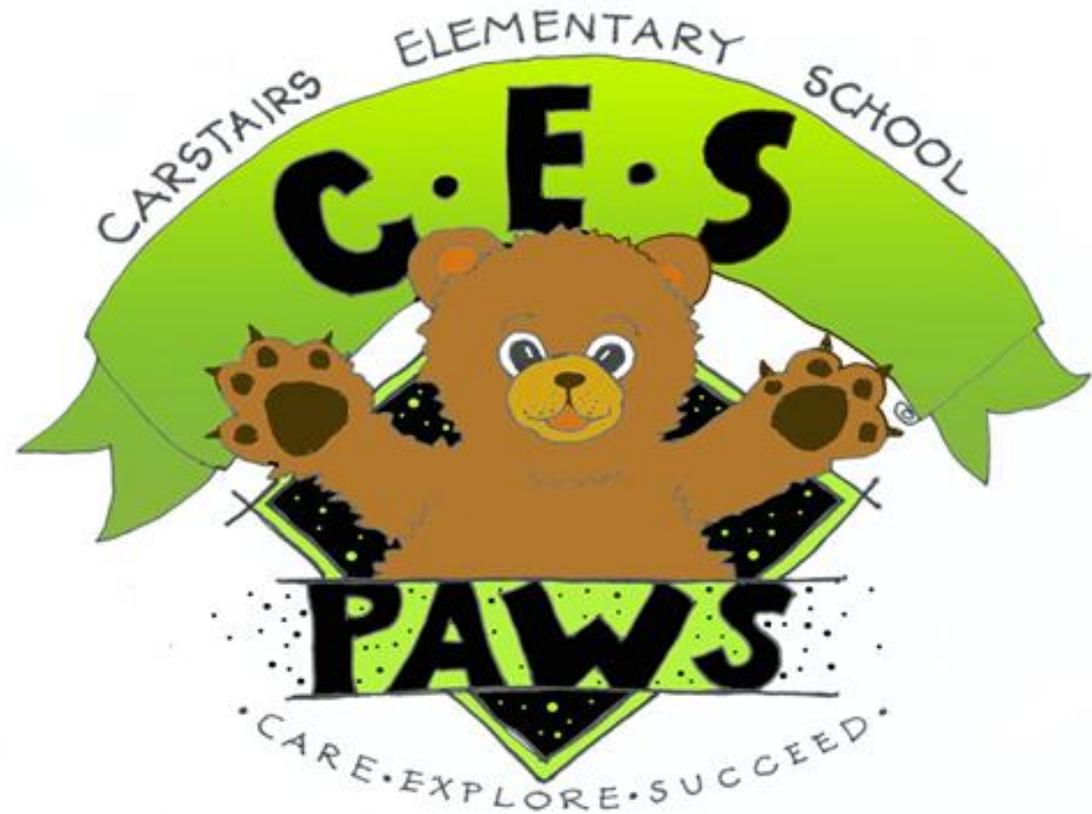


Carstairs Elementary School

EDUCATION PLAN 2016-2017



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Carstairs Elementary School

About Us:



Carstairs Elementary School (CES) is a Kindergarten to Grade 2 school serving over 295 students. At CES we focus on the whole child, celebrate success and nurture lifelong learning. CES is a welcoming school where children are learning, developing citizenship and contributing to community. It is staffed by a group of caring and compassionate people who love kids.



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About Us...

Our Guiding Principles:

Mission:

At Carstairs Elementary School, we focus on the whole child, celebrate success and nurture life long learning.

Vision:

Carstairs Elementary School is a welcoming school where children are learning, developing citizenship and contributing to community.

Motto:

Care, Explore, Succeed!

Logos:



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About Us...

CES School Song

I get a happy feeling here at my school,
Here at my school, here at my school.
I get a happy feeling here at my school
Here at CES.

At CES we are so **C**ARING,
We **E**XPLORE new learning everyday.
We **S**UCCEED more , when we read more.
And our friend PAWS loves to hear me when we sing.



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About Us...

Our Programs - What makes Us Unique?

- We are a safe and caring, supportive and character rich school.
- We have a strong focus on literacy and numeracy.
- Literacy Intervention Program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2.
- We are a strong, collaborative team of professionals.
- Fun and engaging assemblies for all grades.
- Full-time specialist teacher for music and physical education.
- Comprehensive supports for students with special needs.
- Strong community partnerships.
- RTI Blitz to individualize student learning.



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About Us...

We learn, develop citizenship and contribute to community:

Trash Mob

Milk Program

Recycling

Clubs (Fine Arts, Science, Library)

Toast program

Heritage Center Visits

Kindness Club

Monthly Hot Lunch

Read With All Your Heart Day

Year End Carnival

Science Fair

Operation Christmas Child

Terry Fox Run

Lunch for Learners

Volunteer Lunch

Spirit Days

Fire Prevention

Jump Rope for Heart

Cross Country Running

Author Visits

Theatre Groups

In-line Skating

Farm Safety

Swimming Lessons K - 2

Lions Food Bank Collection

Buddy Reading with Seniors

K - 2 Concerts

Pink Shirt Day

Monthly Assemblies

Family Dance Fundraiser

Public Library Days

Snow Ball



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Successes...

What Did We Work on in 2015/2016?

- More books to read in the classroom.
- More time to read.
- Daily 5 implemented in all classes
- ABC Music/Blending for grade 1.
- Reading comprehension focus.
- RTI common blocks for all grades.
- Essential Outcomes focus.
- Professional development focused on student data to improve classroom instruction and interventions.



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Successes...

Reading is improving at CES!

Change from June 2015 – June 2016

Moved up one grade level: 89% to 94% (+5%)

% of students who moved to next level (eg. S to E): 9% to 30% (+21%)

Grade One			
Excelling	Solid	Basic	Experiencing difficulty
+1%	+3%	-4%	0%
Grade Two			
-2%	+8%	+3%	-9%



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Successes...

How Did We Do in 2015/2016?

- Accountability Pillar Report
- Parent/ Staff Surveys



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Successes...

CES Accountability Pillar Report Card 2016

Accountability Pillar Overall Summary
Annual Education Results Reports - Oct 2016
School: 1469 Carstairs Elementary School



Measure Category	Measure Category Evaluation	Measure	Carstairs Elementary School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
			Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Excellent	Safe and Caring	100.0	98.8	95.6	89.5	89.2	89.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	n/a	Program of Studies	98.3	94.7	92.3	81.9	81.3	81.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Education Quality	100.0	98.0	96.7	90.1	89.5	89.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
		Drop-Out Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.2	3.5	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
		High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	76.5	76.5	75.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	n/a	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	73.6	72.9	73.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
		PAT: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.4	18.8	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	n/a	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	85.0	85.2	85.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.0	21.0	20.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	54.6	54.4	53.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	60.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	n/a	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	59.4	59.7	59.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Work Preparation	100.0	100.0	90.0	82.6	82.0	81.1	Very High	Improved	Excellent
		Citizenship	100.0	100.0	95.6	83.9	83.5	83.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Excellent	Parental Involvement	100.0	98.8	92.5	80.9	80.7	80.5	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	Excellent	School Improvement	100.0	93.8	93.7	81.2	79.6	80.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

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Successes...

CES is developing excellent citizens, has very good parent involvement and is seen as a great place for kids to learn. We are always working hard to get better!

Parental Involvement	Excellent	Parental Involvement	100.0	98.8	92.5	80.9	80.7	80.5	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	Excellent	School Improvement	100.0	93.8	93.7	81.2	79.6	80.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

We emphasized effort, punctuality, team work and social skills so our kids know how to work and what they need to do when they get a job. We improved this area again over the previous year.

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	n/a	Work Preparation	100.0	100.0	90.0	82.6	82.0	81.1	Very High	Improved	Excellent
		Citizenship	100.0	100.0	95.6	83.9	83.5	83.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent



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Successes...

Safe and Caring Schools	Excellent	Safe and Caring	100.0	98.8	95.6	89.5	89.2	89.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
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Student Learning Opportunities	n/a	Education Quality	100.0	98.0	96.7	90.1	89.5	89.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

CES is a safe and caring school with good programs and quality teaching and learning.

In all indicators we exceeded or maintained our previous averages.



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Successes...

Parent Survey

What the parents in Carstairs are saying about CES.



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Successes:

Staff Survey

What the staff at CES say about our K-2 World.

Reading Focus
PD Focused
Supportive Administrators
Fun
LLI
Great Staff
Caring
Extra Curricular
Team Literacy
Parent Support
Music
Committed Collaborative



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Successes...

School Council and Parent Involvement

We are fortunate to have a very active and supportive Parent School Council.

- Great advice, feedback and direction.
- Financial support for many endeavors.
- Volunteer working groups.

Book Fair

Family Dance

Grounds Maintenance

Space/ Size/ Growth

Snowball

Staff Appreciation

Field Trips

Concession

Fundraising

Hot Lunch

Toast Program

Concert Decorating

Classroom Volunteers

Event Volunteers

Each year volunteers number in the hundred's and are recognized at our yearend Volunteer Tea!



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Planning for 2016-2017

Goal Alignment:



Alberta Education

Chinook's Edge

Carstairs Elementary

Alberta's students are successful.

Students achieve learning outcomes.
Students demonstrate a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy.

CES school goal focuses on improving all students reading level one grade.
Teachers use and reflect on essential outcomes for planning.

Success for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students.

Achievement gap between FMNI students and all other students is eliminated.

Focused supports towards these students and their families and build a culture of inclusion.
Staff awareness of our FMNI students.

Inclusive Education.

Students have access to programming and supports to enable their learning.

Learning support team provides assessment, planning and teaching support for teachers. RTI groups are established.

Education is well governed and managed.

The education system demonstrates collaboration and engagement.
Safe and healthy learning environments.

Collaborative teams plan and engage in best practices and latest research to provide a high quality of education to all students.

Excellent teachers and school Authority Leaders.

Teacher preparation and professional growth focus on the competencies needed to help students learn.
Effective learning is achieved through collaborative leadership.

Teacher and Administrative growth plans are done collectively with common school goals. Professional development is ongoing and focuses on age appropriate best teaching practices.

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Planning for 2016-17... Goals and Targets

Goal #1: How can effective classroom instruction, with a focus on literacy and student data, improve student learning?

Strategies:

- Focus on 15/16 CESD reading results and areas that need improving.
(word recognition, fluency, decoding and comprehension)
- Use of resources such as Threads of Reading, CESD Reading Framework, Fountas and Pinnell Continuum and reading assessments.
- Unit and daily plans reflect the essential outcomes and the Quality Learning Environment (QLE).
- Reflect on the most current research of Hattie, Marzano and Allington.
- Attend professional development such as the Vulnerable Readers Conference and ECEC.
- Continue to assess students reading a minimum of three times a year.
- Teachers are collaborating to develop common literacy vocabulary and establish best practices.



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Planning for 2016-17... Goals and Targets

Goal #2: How can effective response to intervention student groups and programming based on student data help improve student learning?

Strategies:

- Create a timetable with a school wide 45 minute common block for literacy instruction.
- Students will be placed in RTI groups to work on literacy skills identified by using teacher developed pre and post test assessments.
- Teacher planning will focus curricular ties to essential outcomes.
- Leveled Literacy Intervention is provided for students needing extra reading instruction.
- ABC Music and Blending for students who are still learning letter sounds and blends.
- Inclusive Ed. meetings monthly to identify, re-assess and plan programming for individual student needs.
- PUF meetings quarterly to re-evaluate student progress and goals.



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Planning for 2016-17... Goals and Targets

Goal #3: Can effective teaching of Social and Emotional Outcomes improve student behavior and achievement?

Strategies:

- PAWS wheel of choices will help students make better choices when faced with a problem.
- Students will be taught the size of the problem to better be able to use PAWS wheel.
- Social Emotional Outcomes will be used in class and taught to students.
- Teachers will present lessons on play and how to get along with others.
- Literature and books will be read to students to teach many social and emotional outcomes.
- Teachers will model and teach students cooperative games that can be played and shared at recess.
- FSW worker will meet with students who need extra support with anxiety, friendships and building relationships.
- Teachers will use the common language of Zones of Regulation.
- A Grade 2 Kindness Club (HOOT), Helping Out Others Today, will teach peers how to be kind and treat others with respect.



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Looking Further...

Three Trends

What is on the horizon?

-Population Growth:

Increasing student numbers means larger class sizes and no empty classrooms. If this trend continues we will be out of room again soon.

-EYE Results:

Data from the Early Years Evaluation (EYE) in kindergarten indicates an increased number of students entering school with significant language and background knowledge delays.

-Social Emotional Needs:

More students are accessing our Family School Wellness worker and are presenting with increased social and emotional needs.



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Looking Further...

Three Challenges

-Space and size continues to be a challenge. We will continue to advocate for an addition to CES with the long term goal of returning to a K to 3 school.

-We need to continue to look for ways to effectively transition students from CES to HSS so student social and emotional needs and academic challenges are best met.

-We will continue to look for best practices and procedures to allow for timely identification of student needs and provide the best support and services for students with social emotional and academic challenges.



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Key Messages:

What You Should Remember About CES!

- We are welcoming and friendly!
- We get great results!
- We are a safe and caring school!
- Our students represent themselves and our school well in all endeavors!
- We appreciate the great support of our parents and community!

-And...**reading makes us happy!**

