

About Us

Woodlands School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with a current enrollment of 116 students. With 10 professional staff, and 10 support staff we provide quality public education to all of our students in a safe, positive, and respectful setting. Our staff strive to meet the needs of all students regardless of ability level, learning style, or previous school experiences.

Our Values and Beliefs

All staff and students follow the motto of “**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**” in our learning spaces, hallways, washrooms, playgrounds, and school buses. These common positive behavior expectations provide a framework for our interactions with students and each other.

As a team of learners, we believe that **positive, respectful relationships** with our students are essential. A **safe learning environment** that allow students to have a **voice**, and **choice** leads to high **engagement** and buy-in. We feel that instruction should be **differentiated**, and based in **best practice**. Teachers are the **facilitators of learning**, and **collaboration** between all members of the school community is key to ensure students receive the best care.



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Woodlands School Report to the Community 2019 – 2020



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School Goals

Our 2019-20 goals were centered around 2 focus areas:
Numeracy & Wellness

Numeracy – making students and parents more aware of the connection between numeracy and the greater community; increasing the amount of rich discourse in the classroom setting.

Wellness – establishing school-wide common behavior expectations, bottom lines, and beliefs.

Progress

Numeracy – We used our “November Numbers” initiative to get our students and families talking, thinking, and participating in numeracy rich tasks. The activities consisted of a daily bingo challenges, weekly estimation challenges, weekly “think like a detective” challenges, kick-off and wrap-up assembly activities, and a parent survey. Our staff participated in a number of numeracy focused PD opportunities through the ISD Continuous Improvement Plan numeracy sessions, and mRLC sessions (Carole Fullerton, Numeracy Achievement Project)

Wellness – as a staff we developed a common set of positive behavior expectations, and “bottom lines”. These were explained to students at the start of the school year, and were the basis of many conversations throughout the year. Classrooms made their own versions of our expectations to guide positive behavior in the rooms where learning happens. We are moving towards a better awareness of “self-regulation”, and how it is important in terms of mental health and overall growth.

Activities & Initiatives

- Middle Years Athletics: cross-country, volleyball, basketball
- Intramurals: grades 5-8
- Breakfast Program: new in 2019-20, open to all students every morning 8:30 – 8:45
- Swim Program: grades 3-6 in Portage La Prairie
- Holly Jolly Jog
- Remembrance Day Service
- November Numbers
- Author Eric Walters visit
- Terry Fox Run
- New swing set installation: thanks to the Woodlands Women’s Institute, the Woodland School Parent Council, and the ISD maintenance department for making this happen
- Halloween & Christmas activities



Suspension of Classes

This past school year was unlike any other. On March 20th, the province suspended classes due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. Our teachers, students, and families quickly transitioned to the new reality of “remote learning”. It was truly a community effort to plan for the continuation of learning from home through paper packages that were sent home, and different internet platforms that allowed teachers and students to connect. In late June, we were allowed to have our students come back into the building in small groups to work with their teachers on some year-end assessments, and to provide some closure on what was a difficult for everyone. As a school we would like to thank our families for being so supportive and patient. We are hopeful that the start of the 2020 school year will be a return to some type of normal.



Junior Girls Volleyball - Divisional Finalists