## **About Us**

Imagine a school where the warmth of community emanates from its very walls. That school is Woodlands School. This small school, though modest in size, is grand in its commitment to fostering respect among its students, staff, and community members.

We are a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with a current enrollment of 135 students in 7 classrooms with 12 professional staff, and 9 support staff. Our class sizes allow for personalized attention, fostering strong bonds between staff and students.

## Our Values and Beliefs

In Woodlands School, responsibility, respect and safety are not just a rule to follow but are guiding principles ingrained in every aspect of daily life.

We place great emphasis on educating the whole child. Academics are emphasized, along with physical, social and emotional growth. Students are encouraged to express themselves freely, knowing their opinions are valued and their voices heard.

In this safe small school that believes in respect, every individual is valued, every voice is heard, and every heart is embraced with warmth and understanding.







# Woodlands School

Report to the Community

2023-2024





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#### **School Goals**

Our 2023-24 goals were centered around 3 focus areas: Literacy, Numeracy and Wellness

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Literacy} - Improving phonological awareness in students from K to grade $2$ \\ \end{tabular}$ 

**Numeracy** - teachers in 5-8 will have developed a stronger sense of the math curriculum by following the Numeracy Achievement Program pacing guide and formative assessments.

Wellness – 8 school-wide wellness days that aim to promote positive school culture, relationships, and awareness around wellness strategies.

## Progress

 $\label{literacy-K-grade 4 teachers refined their practice in Structured Literacy through PD, professional conversations and implementing new strategies in their classroom. The phonological awareness of students from K to grade 2 improved ed in all students.$ 

Numeracy – all of our teachers in 5-8 received PD on the Numeracy Achievement program over 4 half days. Foundational outcomes are now visible in all classrooms, and teachers have developed a greater sense of the pacing of these outcomes over the year, and how the students progress according to the foundational quizzes can be the basis of instructional planning. This work will continue for this group of teachers in the upcoming school year.

Wellness — School wide wellness days are now entrenched in our school culture. They provide time to build connections among students of all ages. Our school-wide wellness days included a Terry Fox Day run, learning about Indigenous culture, Remembrance Day activities, Holly Jolly Jog, nature hike, and Fun in the Sun, among others.

#### **Activities & Initiatives**

- Terry Fox Run
- Whole school hike at Beaudry Park
- Asham Stompers visited
- Halloween & Christmas activities
- Remembrance Day Service
- Holly Jolly Jog
- Extra-curricular Sports Teams (cross-country, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track & field)
- Swim Program
- Spring Showcase
- Jog in the park
- FUNdraiser for Sam
- Grade 7/8 camping trip
- Fun in the Sun Activity Day
- Breakfast Program
- Canteen available





## The School Experience

Outside the classroom, the school grounds provide a safe haven for students to play, explore, and connect with nature in the outdoor classroom. Our new play structure and new soccer areas have increased our students' options for physical activity during breaks.

Parents are welcomed as valued partners in the educational journey, invited to participate in school events and committees. Together, they form a supportive network to nurture the holistic development of every child.

