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SUNRISE SCHOOL DIVISION

Newsletter



Superintendent's Message

Welcome to 2011! It is the beginning of another promising year of strengthening, enhancing and extending student learning and success in Sunrise.

It is also the start of the final six months of the 2010 - 2011 educational year - a year characterized by a continued and productive focus on

- the Outcomes Based Learning linkage (what we want students to learn, determining how students are doing in their learning and implementing strategies to strengthen and better support student learning)
- healthy schools
- democratic values and citizenship
- positive school environments
- student led conferencing
- student voice and engagement
- extending apprenticeship programming
- supporting innovative creative problem solving opportunities for students
- highlighting student awareness of social justice and sustainable development issues and endeavours
- Reading Continuum
- Writing Continuum

As we re-engage in our learning journey this month, it is with continued pride, confidence, optimism and commitment that we step forward with renewed vigor and faith.

The results of the Proactive Surveys conducted in Sunrise with students, staff and parents in the fall of 2010 indicate that the learning provided to our students is seen overall as being very enabling, high quality, and inclusive.

The school based Learning Forum dialogues focusing on what's working well and what can be improved in our schools also echo the Proactive Survey findings - our schools are doing well in educating our children and we have good data on how to keep improving the learning and success of our students.

Our continued focus on improving our instructional and support services in Sunrise can only further optimize the exceptional learning experiences and opportunities for our students.

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Superintendent's Message (cont'd)

In this regard, Sunrise has arranged for advisory services personnel to work collaboratively with several Operational Departments on developing improvement plans. This appreciative approach to improvement while addressing gaps in our services will primarily focus on building on the strengths already existing in Sunrise's

- * Information Communication Technology Department
- * Transportation Department
- * Education Centre
- * Business Centre
- * People Services Department and
- * Student Support Services

With the 2011 - 2012 budget being finalized in March and the Sunrise long term plan being approved in June, the strength, quality and effectiveness of Sunrise School Division will undoubtedly become even more successful in enabling learners.

I commend all the Sunrise staff for the outstanding expertise and commitment they have continued to give in making Sunrise a great place to learn.

Wayne Leckie