

École Garden Grove School

Community Report 2017-2018

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School mission statement

**“Together, building
a tradition
of Excellence”**

The Best Things About École Garden Grove School are...

“The best thing is that we
help each other.”

- Gr. 2 student

“Innovation time is fun
because we make
inventions”

- Grade 1 student

“I like playing at the dinosaur
centre!”

- Kindergarten student

“I love the xylophones in
music.”

- Grade 2 student



About our school

École Garden Grove School is a dual track school with English and French Immersion programs, located in the northwest corner of Winnipeg. We have approximately 480 students from Nursery to Grade 6. Our 50 staff members, parent community and volunteers bring energy and support to our school.

Garden Grove is fortunate to have a strong volunteer program, all special events are well attended and parent attendance is consistently over 90% at parent-teacher-student conferences. Our Parent Council continues to make significant contributions to the daily lives of students, offering a lunch program for over 300 students and initiating a variety of fund raisers, then donating the proceeds to the school. New families are always welcome to attend our Parent Council meetings!

Garden Grove Childcare Program Inc. is attached to our school and provides childcare for children in our community and students attending our school. This year the centre has expanded to include a brand new space for a Preschool site in the old City of Winnipeg Community Centre. This space will allow for children from the ages of 18 months to 6 years to attend. The City of Winnipeg will also refurbish the old park, and a Natural Play Space will be added all around the new Preschool Centre for the community at large to use.



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École Garden Grove School Highlights

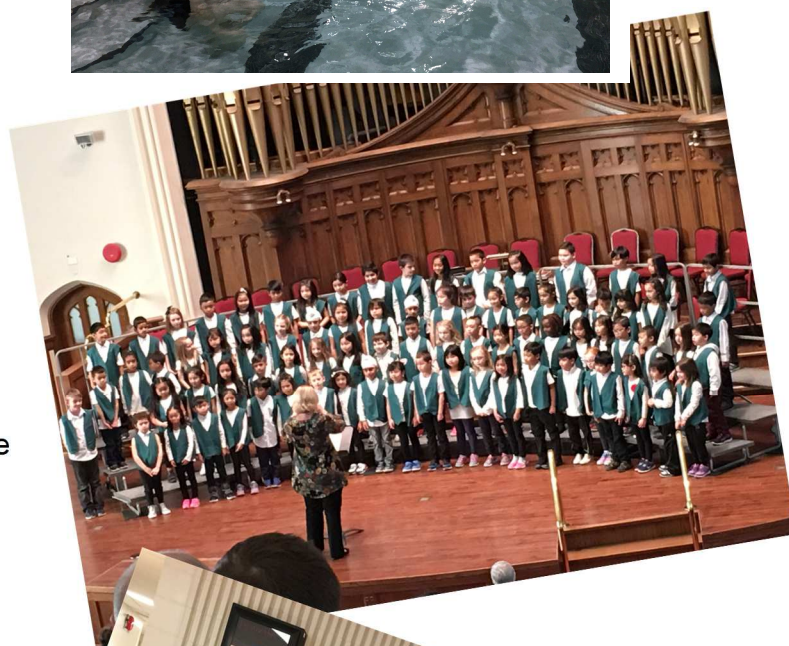
Intramurals

- Lunch hour activities every lunch hour for Grades 1-6: September to May
- Walking Wednesdays: Sept - Oct.
- Soccer: 4 teams: Sept. - Oct. plus ½ day tournament
- Volleyball: 4 teams: Nov. - Jan. plus ½ day tournament at the end of Jan.
- Skating Club: Jan. - Feb.: Races at MTS Centre in Feb.
- Basketball Club: March - April
- Running Club: April – June - 90 students
- Softball: 6 teams: May - June plus ½ day tournament



Music Activities

- Grade 1 - 6 Choir: All year
- Grade 6 Orff Club: All year
- Grade 5 Orff Club: All year
- Winter Concert
- Winnipeg Music Festival
- Winnipeg School Division Honour Choir
- Winnipeg Take Note Concert
- Winnipeg School Division Gala Performance of The Circle of Life



Clubs

- Everybody Has The Right
- Destination Imagination Club
- Art Club
- Mad Science
- Babysitting Club

Special Events

- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- United Way Auction and Staff Fundraising Lunch
- Socktober
- Family Innovation Night
- Grade 6 Winter Camp
- French Cultural Activities: Têtes de violon, Fun en français, Les danseurs de la rivière rouge, Vive la francophonie
- I Love to Read Week
- Day of Pink
- Contemporary Dancers



The Best Things About École Garden Grove School are...

"The teachers are one of the best things at EGGS because we can joke with them and we get to spend quality time with them."

- Gr. 6 student

"Making new friends."

- Gr.1 student

"J'aime Action Group parce que nous pouvons aider les autres personnes. I like Action Group because we can help other people."

- Gr. 5 student

"I like it when everybody sings Happy Birthday to you on your birthday."

- Gr.1 student

"Reading Groups because it's good to read and practice your words!"

- Gr. 4 student

"J'aime IDEAS parce qu'on fait les 4c et ont rencontre les nouveaux amies. I love IDEAS because we get to do the 4cs and we meet new friends."

- Gr. 5 student

"Right after recess we always calm down by breathing and doing yoga"

- Gr.1 Student

"I love Ideas and Wellness because in IDEAS we get to do a lot of different activities and wellness teaches us how to control our emotions."

- Gr. 5 student



Priorities for 2018- 2019

- We will continue to focus on instructional and assessment practices to support student learning.
- French Immersion students will continue to expand the French language beyond an academic setting through performances by local Francophone artists in order to meet curricular outcomes
- Our Math Support Teacher will support staff and students in Flexible Thinking
- Our school focus will be on writing in both French and English
- Our Innovation Support Teachers will lead classes to integrate innovation and technology in both French and English.
- We will strive to ensure 90% of our students are reading at or beyond grade level and to reduce the number of students requiring an Individualized Education Plan by 15%.
- All students will work with the pillars of Education for Sustainable Development.
- We will continue to develop our new Resource Model to support all learners.
- Our Grade 5/6 Leadership program will provide leadership opportunities through working with younger students, assisting with special events, and contributing to our school.
- Our Clinical Support Services Team (a speech and language pathologist, psychologist, social worker, reading clinician and audiologist) will continue to support our students and staff. They will work with small groups, individuals and whole classes and will provide professional development for teachers.



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Innovation at École Garden Grove School

In order to prepare our students for life beyond the classroom, we need to teach them 21st Century Skills (4Cs) because the factory schools from the past are long gone.

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity

This year our students embarked on a learning journey like no other. They learned that failure is a very good thing. They learned to rethink, remodel, redesign or research when their idea didn't work out the first time.

We have prepared our students for jobs that don't exist...not yet anyway. We asked them to personalize their learning to best suit their strengths. We gave them the opportunity to work with diverse groups and learn from each other.

Our new IDEAS (Innovation Design Exploration Activity Stations) Program was a phenomenal success. Our students are taking the lead in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) challenges. We will continue to build these skills beginning in Nursery and will ensure that our students have all they need to succeed. We hope to see everyone out to our Family Innovation Night next year!

The Welcome to Kindergarten evening was a success as we invited 4 year olds and their parents for a fun evening of play through centered based activities.



École Garden Grove School Parent Council

We are fortunate to have an active and supportive Parent Council!

Our parent council worked tirelessly to host several special events and fundraisers, including:

- Winter Concert Bake Sale
- Themed Basket Draw
- 50-50 draw
- Raffle Ticket Draw

The funds will be used to support an addition to our existing structure.

All of our students have benefited from our Parent Council's support.

Thank you!



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