

École Garden Grove School

Community Report 2016-2017

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School Mission Statement

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

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

“I love Garden Grove
because all of my friends are
here!”

- Grade 3 student

“We love Garden Grove
because we get to go on
field trips!”

- Grade 2 student

“I love Garden Grove
because we have funny
teachers and nice principals
who help us solve problems.”

- Grade 4 student



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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 our students, offering a lunch program for over 300 students and initiating a variety of fundraisers, 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. Technology and innovation are integrated into a strong academic program, along with our physical education and music programs. We are proud of our students, staff and community!

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

Clubs

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

Special Events

- Terry Fox Run
- Family Innovation Night
- Grade 6 Winter Camp
- Festival du Voyageur
- I Love to Read Week
- Spirit Week
- Day of Pink
- We Are Silent
- Orange Shirt Day
- Westhaven Seniors Project
- Pizza Days



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

"Garden Grove is like my second home."

- Gr. 5 student

"I LOVE IDEAS!"

- Gr. 4 student

"We have nice teachers in the school who help us learn."

- Gr. 1/2 students

"We get to create and make things in our *Creation Station!*"

- Gr. 4 student

"Garden Grove is a peaceful place."

- Gr. 3 student

"We love Garden Grove because we get to go to physical education!"

- Gr. 1/2 students

"I feel safe and secure here. I am really going to miss Garden Grove."

- Gr. 6 student

"Every teacher is here to ask if you're okay!"

- Gr. 6 student

"We have Drama with Mr. Boulton!"

- Gr. 2 student

"Learning the 4C's and Audio Sound Engineering in IDEAS!"

- Gr. 5 student

"We used virtual reality glasses. That was so cool!"

- Gr. 1 student



Priorities for 2017- 2018

- We will continue to focus on instructional and assessment practices to support student learning through the incorporation of technology and innovation.
- Student engagement and their social-emotional well-being is always at the forefront. We will continue to work on our school wide Wellness and Mindfulness Programming.
- 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 consists of a speech and language pathologist, psychologist, social worker, reading clinician and audiologist and will continue to support our students and staff. They will work with small groups, individual 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. They were Regional Finalists in the Samsung Contest, represented Manitoba at an International Creativity Tournament called Destination Imagination and attended the WSD STEAM Centre. Next, we are hoping to go to space on the NASA project. 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!



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
- 50-50 Draw
- Spring Calendar Fundraiser

The funds were used to support additional iPads for classroom use as well as a donation to our Destination Imagination Team.

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

Thank you!



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