

Drummondville Elementary School
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2009-2010
Grades K-6
Passe-Partout
Hours of instruction: 8:05 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.



Drummondville Elementary School

School Community Information

PRINCIPAL: Kirk Robinson

HEAD TEACHER: Steve Rutherford

SCHOOL SECRETARY: Carole Hodak

OTHER: A Dynamic and Compassionate Staff

The mission of **Drummondville Elementary School** is to provide a respectful, compassionate and disciplined environment that allows the children to develop their love of learning, self-esteem and their bilingual academic knowledge.

About our School

Drummondville Elementary is located near the city center and welcomes students from a wide geographical area that includes St-Charles-de-Drummond, St-Nicéphore, St-Eugène, St-Germain, St-Guillaume, St-Cyrille, St-Joachim-de-Courval, and St-Brigitte-des-Saults. Most of our students speak English as a second language. In 2003, we had a 2-storey extension built onto the school to accommodate our growing student population.

Facilities:

- Lunch room with catering service
- Classrooms with wireless internet access & wired connections
- Resource rooms
- Soccer field & playground equipment
- Daycare services
- Passe-Partout program
- Gym with stage
- Large kindergarten rooms

Student Enrolment : 190
Number of Staff : 24

Governing Board

Chair: Cécile Gruber

The Drummondville Elementary School Governing Board consists of five parents, three staff, one daycare representative, one support staff member and the Principal.

Parent Participation Organization

A dedicated group of parents meet regularly to discuss upcoming fundraisers and different events that benefit the students.

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Quebec Education Program
- Bilingual kindergarten
- Soundprints

French

- Programs include "La Roue", "Astuce et Compagnie" and "Ardoise"
- Our aim is to have students progress at the same rate as if they were in a French school and be bilingual by the end of grade six

Special Needs

- Our special needs children are integrated in our classes
- Individual Education Plans are provided for these students

Other

ERC:

- Students are introduced to **Second Step**

The **Second Step** program is a research-based, social and emotional learning program that teaches children how to deal with emotions, resist impulsive behaviour, resolve conflicts, solve problems, and understand the consequences of their actions. These critical skills can help prevent violent behaviour and improve children's success in school and throughout their lives. Fewer classroom disruptions make more time for academics. Our discipline policy is based upon the Second Step Program.

Enhanced Learning Strategy

Students from cycles 2 and 3 have their own individual laptops to use for educational purposes. All classrooms are connected to the Internet and classes make use of technology daily and in every subject. As well, students and staff use digital video camera, scanners, digital cameras, and digital projectors. Some classes use Smartboard technology daily while others are experimenting with WII projection technology. DES has an expanding website. Cycle 1 students benefited from a mobile laptop program.

Co-Curricular Program

Sports

- Cross-Country Running
- Soccer Tournament
- Track & Field Meet
- Noon-time Sports
- Basketball Tournament
- Dance Lessons
- Extra-curricular activities with CCDS

In partnership with the CLSC

- Sexual Awareness
- Peer Pressure
- First-Aid Course
- Dental Hygiene Program
- Anti-Tobacco Awareness

Other

- Diverse Fundraising Activities

School Events

- « Welcome Back » Coffee & muffin
- Verger Blanchard, Wickham
- Fall & Spring Book Fairs
- Halloween Festivities: Wacky Hair & PPO Lunch
- Sherbrooke Science Museum
- "Scaryside Academy" production
- Quebec City Museum
- A Christmas Carol, Montreal
- Old Port & McCord Museum
- Breakfast with Santa
- *Plaisirs d'hiver* Winter Carnival
- Atto Beaver Park Field Games
- Winter Pageant & PPO Pyjama Day & Lunch
- St-Patrick's Day is Ice Cream Day
- Visit from Naturalist Kat Usher
- *Ferme du Bassin*
- Drummondville Courthouse
- Enviro Expo RRHS
- Chores for Haiti
- Fort Chambly
- Odanak Museum
- PPO Sugar Shack Lunch
- Granby Zoo
- Lachine Canal
- Relay for Life for the Cancer Society
- Frontier Lodge & overnight trip
- Graduation Ceremony
- Talent Show
- Beach Day

HOW WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING

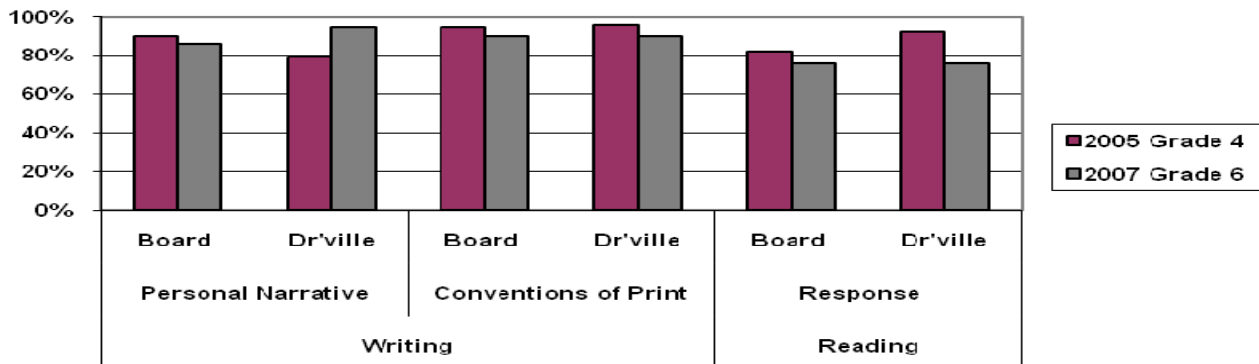
Assessing Student Progress

In June 2007, students in the E.T.S.B. school board were evaluated using common ministerial exams at the end of cycle 3 elementary in Math, Language Arts and French Second Language. The graphs below indicate the success rate of the same students when comparing their results at the end of cycle 2 in 2005 to the results at the end of cycle 3 in 2007.

E.T.S.B. Math Grade 6, 2007

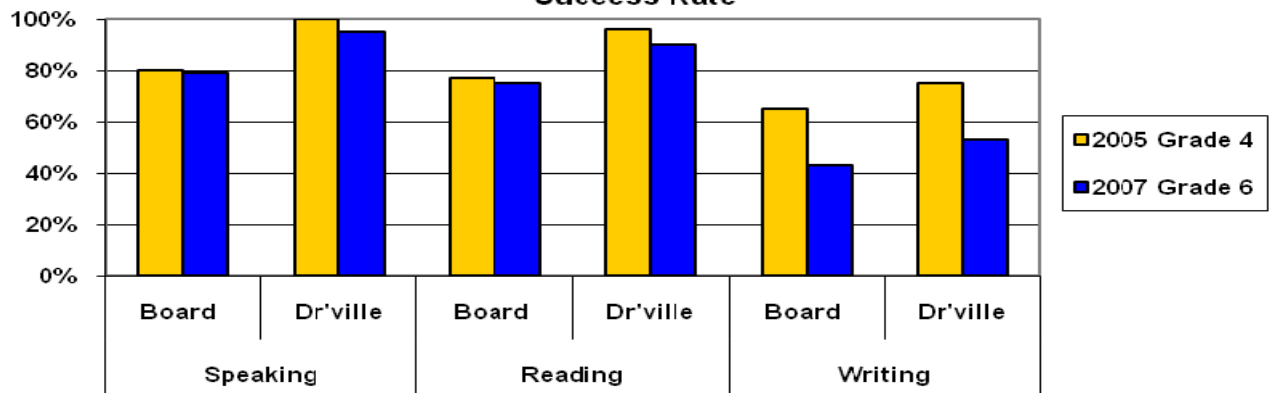
This year the Cycle 3 year 2 (grade 6) students all across the province were given a ministerial Mathematics exam in June that was mandatory. This new type of exam enabled the E.T.S.B. to collect data that was different in nature from previous years, therefore, not allowing any comparisons with previous years.

E.T.S.B. Language Arts Grade 4 & 6 2005, 2007 Success Rate



** As in past years, the developing skills are included in the success rate

E.T.S.B. French Second Language Grade 4 & 6 2005, 2007 Success Rate



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We work to apply what we have learned and extend our work through the development of English as a Second Language writing continuum addressing the skills and knowledge students will acquire between grades one and six.

We have been developing extra curricular activities in conjunction with our CCDS and local community centres. They range from babysitting courses to flag football and science workshops. Our own daycare has also offered circus and drama workshops as well as team sports, group games and arts & crafts workshops. All are aimed at trying to interest our students.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

At Drummondville Elementary, we encourage our students to take part in community life and become responsible citizens. Families participated in fundraising to support our two Relay for Life teams comprised of staff members and volunteer parents benefiting the Canadian Cancer Society. We also received a "Green Apple Grant" where the grade 6 class purchased dishes that can be washed for special meals and has drastically reduced the amount of waste at D.E.S.

Students are also learning and practicing ecological behaviours, and studying famous Canadians whose stories are inspirational. Class projects and whole-school activities allow students to share what they have learned and work together to make their school a healthy, peaceful, and caring community. Grade 6 students worked on a very special project called "Chores for Haiti" to come in aid of the earth quake victims. Students volunteered their "allowances" doing at-home chores and donating to this project. Funds raised were given to the Red Cross.

One of the values we share is that cultural and athletic activities are an important part of a well-rounded life. Students frequently visit cultural sites as far away as Montreal and Quebec City, as well as local attractions, parks and events. All trips are related to the instruction students receive and the projects they undertake, which make the trips meaningful learning opportunities. Recent trips include the *Ferme du Bassin*, Quebec City Museum, Odanak Museum and Frontier Lodge.

Sports events such as whole school "outdoor" days with the Centre Drummondville Sud's *Plaisir d'hiver* and the Drummondville Municipal Beach allow students to swim, slide, skate and play with their classmates and teachers. Specific sporting events such as interschool basketball, soccer, and track and field are looked forward to with anticipation. Once again, Cycle III students enjoyed the ETSB Field Games at Atto Beaver Park. Often, we are lucky enough to have parents available on these special days.

Students may join our school community as young as four years old, as we are fortunate to be able to offer *Passe-Partout* classes several mornings a week. We also offer after-school daycare services that many parents use and appreciate.

More About Our Student/School Achievement

We have made a commitment to provide our students with the best teaching and all the necessary tools for the students of DES to be orally bilingual and to read both languages with comprehension. We note that the results from the ETSB French tests recognize DES students as being very successful. Success in reading and writing in both official languages has increased with the regular use of technology in the classroom.

Evaluation of learning and student goal setting is done through the use of Student Portfolios. This year, students in collaboration with their teachers, will host another "Portfolio Evening" where parents will be invited to witness and celebrate the learning and success of their children. This event has become a high interest event with a very high participation rate.