

We believe in creating an open and supportive environment where we instill in all students the values of mutual respect and a love for learning. Our focus is to continually increase literacy in both French and English using a program of balanced literacy.

Farnham Elementary School
425 St. Joseph Street
Farnham, QC J2N 1P4
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2009-2010
Grades Pre K-6

Hours of instruction: 7:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.



Farnham Elementary School

School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Petra Bardon
<u>HEAD TEACHER</u>	Jane Akroyd
<u>SCHOOL SECRETARY</u>	Evelyn Irwin
<u>CARETAKER</u>	Yves Cloutier
<u>PREK & K</u>	Nathalie Litjens
<u>CYCLE 1</u>	Karine Lefebvre
<u>CYCLE 2</u>	Rebecca Enright
<u>CYCLE 3</u>	Jane Akroyd
<u>FSL & PE</u>	Louise Leblanc
<u>HANDICAPPED STUDENT ATTENDANT</u>	Julie Guay

About our School

Farnham Elementary is a unique rural school of approximately 60 students. Our program of studies ranges from pre-kindergarten (4 year olds) to cycle 3. On the playground, in the cafeteria, or in the classroom you will hear students and staff speaking English and French. Farnham Elementary is truly a bilingual school and receives good community support from parents and businesses. In fact, community businesses fund our Breakfast Program through generous donations. Our strong school team approach results in several school-wide projects and activities throughout the year.

Facilities:

Gym, playground, library, Internet access in each homeroom.

Governing Board

Chair: Jessica Labrie

The school's governing board meets monthly and is made-up of four parents, three staff members, a community representative and the principal. The governing board deals with a wide variety of issues that affect the lives of students in the school and plays a strong and positive role in the school community.

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Bilingual pre k/kindergarten
- Physical education and health taught in French
- Project-based learning in all cycles
- Integrated art and drama
- Focus on language skills
- Language arts
- French
- Math
- Science
- Social studies
- Moral education
- Enhanced Learning Strategy

French Second Language

- All students receive 450 minutes a week of instruction in French.
- Physical education is taught in French as well.

Special Needs

All special needs students have an individual education plan developed to meet their ability level.

Other

Cycle 3 students each have a laptop computer to use in class and at home.

Co-Curricular Program

- Soccer tournament
- Track and field tournament
- Recreational skating
- Intramural sports
- Breakfast Program
- Frequent field trips to various cultural activities

School Events

- Visit to apple orchard
- Hiking
- Terry Fox Run
- UNICEF
- Jump Rope for the Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Christmas play, concert and dinner
- Monthly assemblies to recognize student achievement
- PDIG grant
- Wellness program
- Homework Program
- Kindergarten Read at Home Program
- Early Intervention program
- Celebration of learning in June
- Volunteer tea hosted by cycle 3
- End of year BBQ



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Success Plan and Educational Project will continue to focus on literacy in both English and French. We will maintain a balanced approach to literacy and will make it a budget priority. With the introduction of the "NANS" (New Approaches New Solutions) intervention strategy we will implement new measures and strengthen existing approaches in an effort to have a positive impact on student success this year. In addition, we will continue to show growth in all areas of the curriculum utilizing the laptop computer. This is part of the Dennis McCullough Initiative – Enhanced Learning Strategy. We will be closely monitoring student use of the laptops to ensure the success of this program.

We initiated a kindergarten Read at Home program to help foster a love of reading. Also, the Early Intervention program has been a success this year and will be continued with kindergarten and cycle 1 students next year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community relations are strong at Farnham Elementary School. Parents report a high level of satisfaction with the school. The governing board is very involved in school life and is very supportive of the school in terms of time and energy. The business community has generously donated funds to the Breakfast Program over the last few years to ensure it's continued success. The community has been instrumental in supporting fundraising events in an effort to raise money for a new playground.

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More About Our Student/School Achievement

We take a very global view of student achievement. For some, achievement is getting good marks; for others, it is coming to school everyday; and for others, it is learning to behave in a respectful and peaceful way. This remains the constant challenge for the staff of Farnham Elementary. It is a challenge we embrace as we make our school a quality school and the very best it can be.

