

Knowlton Academy
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2009 - 2010
Grades K-Sec. 1

Hours of instruction: 8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.



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School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Nathalie Chartrand
<u>STAFF ASSISTANT</u>	Lynn McKelvey
<u>SCHOOL SECRETARY</u>	Sandra Marchand
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Shelley Paige
<u>SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS</u>	Richard Gagnon Diane Jones Alice McCrory
<u>DAYTIME CARETAKER</u>	Stephen Laduke
<u>EVENING CLEANER</u>	Gail Metzger
<u>DAYCARE COORDINATOR</u>	Jocelyn MacLeod

The Mission Statement

"As a community-embraced school dedicated to revealing each child's uniqueness, the mission of Knowlton Academy is to facilitate balanced learning and to encourage the growth of children by addressing individual needs and abilities, and celebrating the collective cultures of Quebec in a safe, enjoyable and nurturing environment."

About our School

Knowlton Academy is nestled in the heart of Knowlton, Quebec. The kindergarten through secondary 1 student population is drawn from several neighboring communities: Foster, Fulford, Bromont, Brome, Bondville and South Bolton.

Facilities:

Within the large school building is a full size gymnasium with a stage and balcony, dance room, resource centre, arts centre, bright classrooms, a daycare service, cafeteria, library and a wireless network facilitating one-to-one iBook enhanced learning at cycles 2 and 3 and secondary 1. The school also has a picturesque campus, which includes a modern playground, large playing field, basketball court, climbing board and picnic area. It is not uncommon to see deer also enjoying our campus.

Student Enrolment:	233
Number of Staff:	28

Governing Board

Chair:	Jason Edwards
Parents:	Joanne Croghan, Nate Forster, Tim Wiebe, Kelly Hume, Kathie Battley, Caroline Hui
Teachers:	Lynn McKelvey, Barbra Plouffe, Josie Gibbs, Lynne Hamilton
Daycare Rep:	Jocelyn MacLeod
Support Staff:	Jocelyn MacLeod
Community Reps:	Bill Stewart, Shirley Tipper

In addition to the governing board, we have a very active Parent Participation Organization consisting of hard workers who, in addition to organizing fundraisers during the school year, contribute tremendously of their time and spirit in activities to benefit the students of the school. The funds raised go to support student activities and provide much needed equipment and materials to teachers.

Chairperson:	Judy Henderson
Vice-Chair:	Shawn Crandall
Secretary:	Jodi Crandall
Treasurer:	Shelley Paige

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Language arts - English
- Language arts - French
- Health and physical education
- Arts - music, dance, drama & art
- Science & technology
- Social studies
- Mathematics
- Ethics and religious cultures

French Second Language

- Bilingual kindergarten
- Extended French language arts cycles 1, 2 & 3

Support to Students

We work within a resource centre model

- One lead resource teacher
- Five accompanying resource team teachers
- Three integration aids
- Parent volunteers are encouraged to assist within and external classrooms
- The "Engine Room" and Alert Program strategies integrated in school practice
- The "Academy Bistro" Cooking, Leadership & Entrepreneurial Program

Dennis McCullough Initiative - Enhanced Learning Strategy

Technology-integrated learning is at the forefront, with the cycle 2 through secondary 1 students and teachers enhancing learning through one-to-one laptop support.



Co-Curricular Program

Knowlton Academy is very proud of its wide variety of activities available to all age groups and interests:

- Five day downhill ski program for all students in cycle 1 through sec. 1;
- Other extracurricular sports include soccer, x-country running, volleyball, basketball, badminton, gymnastics, food & fitness and track and field;
- Noon hour activities include choir, Green Club, leadership, athletics and the library.

New at Knowlton Academy

How best can we support the development of bi-literacy and success in both French and English? Staff development has been engaged in researching best practices and strategies supporting cross-language transfer in order to improve success rates across our curriculum. With a goal of providing our students with the tools required to be successful citizens of Quebec and of the world, we will be offering new programming this year. Knowlton Academy students will now be able to select a bilingual program where 50% instruction will be delivered in English & 50% instruction will be delivered in French.

School Events

The events calendar is action packed with a host of interesting, worthwhile activities such as:

- Celebrating community at Brome Fair
- Annual Terry Fox Run
- Spaghetti supper and silent auction
- Sales of new children's books
- Public speaking
- Science fair
- Math competitions
- CanSpell
- Remembrance Day assembly
- A variety of Christmas activities
- "Academy Bistro" events
- Fall Fun Day
- Primary Play Day, just to name a few.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. We will continue to develop our resource centre. Included in this is the growth of the "Engine Room" and how we implement the "Alert Program" in our classrooms as a means of attaining improved student achievement. We will also further develop the "Academy Bistro", a service under the resource centre that sees students opening and operating a restaurant that opens to the public several times across the school year. We will use data to drive instruction.
2. Within the context of the QEP, the Enhanced Learning Strategy and the ETSB *Policy on Good Health for Our Students*, we will maintain a priority on "Healthy Lifestyle". We will act as role models and offer healthy options in addition to teaching healthy lifestyle practices. This focus will extend across the classrooms and extracurricular activities, in addition to reaching out to families.
3. We will continue to improve bi-literacy through balanced literacy in both French and English. We will work as literacy teams and continue professional development supported through our PDIG grant. Expertise developed through this professional development will be shared across the school and applied to support improved student learning and performance as measured in bi-literacy assessments.
4. We will continue to develop expertise in the implementation of the Enhanced Learning Strategy at all levels, including kindergarten through cycle 1. We will remove the walls of our classrooms, connecting with the global educational community.
5. We will continue to be open to innovative ideas.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Knowlton community continues to be a very supportive partner of its school. The building is regularly used during the evenings and weekends for meetings, recreational activities, and social events. The local Scouts and Guides have their regular meetings at the school and occasionally centre invitational activities on the campus or in the building. The Optimist Club, Lions Club, the Shriners, the Free Masons, the Independent Order of the Oddfellows, Town of Brome Lake, and Rebbekahs all contribute financial support to the school. The Free Breakfast Program at Knowlton Academy is coordinated and is staffed each morning by volunteers from St. Paul's Anglican Church. The program relies entirely upon donations to cover expenses. Caring individuals and business representatives from the community offer both financial support as well as volunteer time to support the needs of our students. We recognize approximately 175 volunteers each year!

More About Our Student/School Achievement

We are very proud of our students' performance in athletic events and tournaments. They are lead by their physical education teachers, Nicolas Lemaitre, Sylvie Turmel and Carolyn Janidlo, and their team of volunteer coaches from the staff and the community.

Our young people have continued to be very successful at E.T.S.B. math competitions, optimist public speaking and science fair events.

Without a doubt, Knowlton Academy offers many varied opportunities for students to participate and to be successful. We take pride in our school and in our community!

