

We, the St. Francis Elementary School community, foster the love of learning while respecting the individualities and strengths of each child within a caring environment.

St. Francis Elementary School
355 College Street South
Richmond, QC JOB 2H0
(819) 826-3737

2009-2010
Grades K-6

Hours of instruction: 8:45 am – 3:00pm



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School Community Information

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Gail Kelso
<u>STAFF ASSISTANT</u>	Helena Bates
<u>SCHOOL SECRETARY</u>	Patricia Kendall
<u>CARETAKERS</u>	Peter Taylor Dale Carson
<u>CAFETERIA COOK</u>	Shirley Cross

Student Enrolment: 266
Number of Teaching Staff: 16

About our School

St. Francis Elementary School sits on the highest point of land in Richmond overlooking the St. Francis River. It was built on the original site of the St. Francis College which was established in 1855 as a classical college for men. A dedicated, hard-working staff encourages responsibility and promotes lifelong learning by working to develop each child's individual potential. The focus on high academic standards and positive social skills, the enhancement provided by extra-curricular activities, and a partnership with parents, combine to provide a unique learning experience.

Facilities:

- Cafeteria
- Laptop computers for students in cycles 2 and 3
- Wireless Telecommunication
- Large gymnasium
- Large playground and sports field with playground equipment
- Fitness Room
- Art Room
- Motor Room
- Equipment Room (recess & lunch)

Governing Board

Chair: Stéphane Bouchard

The St. Francis Governing Board consists of five parents, four teachers, one support staff member, one community representative and the principal.

Parent Participation Organization

Chair: Karine Brochu

Learning at our School

Academic Program

Curriculum Program

- Full Day Bilingual Kindergarten
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Social Studies
- Home Reading Program
- Second Step Violence Prevention Program
- Music Program
- Kindergarten "Read at Home" Program
- Early Intervention

French Second Language

- Bilingual Kindergarten Program
- 450 minutes/week in cycles 1 to 3 with social studies taught in French in cycles 2 and 3. Music taught in French at all levels.

Special Needs

Individual Education Plans are developed for students at risk. Instruction is based on the objectives of the plans and is carried out in a variety of ways depending on the needs of the child. Integration in the regular class with assistance from a resource teacher or Special Education Technician is the preferred method of meeting needs. Students are also pulled out of class to work in small groups or, in some cases, on a one-to-one basis.



Co-Curricular Program

- Soccer
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Track and Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Computer Club
- Yearbook Committee
- Music Club
- Recycling Programs
- Fundraising Activities
- Field Trips
- Naturalist Visit
- Dance Workshops
- Artists in the Schools Program
- Homework Program
- Healthy Lifestyles Program
- Leadership Program

School Events

- Terry Fox Run
- Richmond Youth Fair
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Christmas Concert
- Talent Show
- Book Fairs
- Track and Field Day
- Field Games Day
- Second Step Assemblies
- Visits to Senior Citizens Home
- Grade 6 Graduation



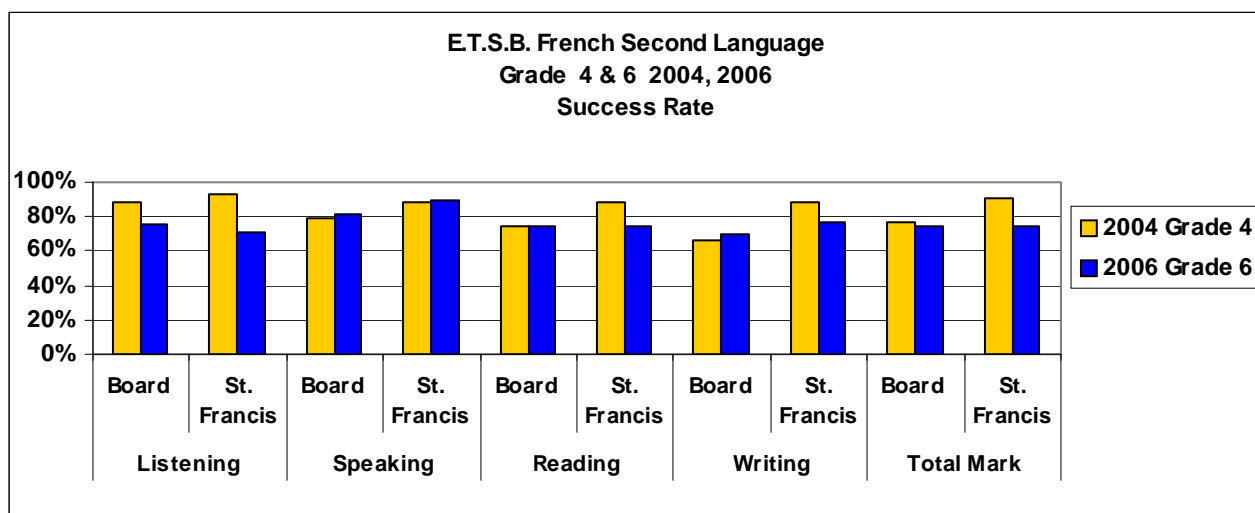
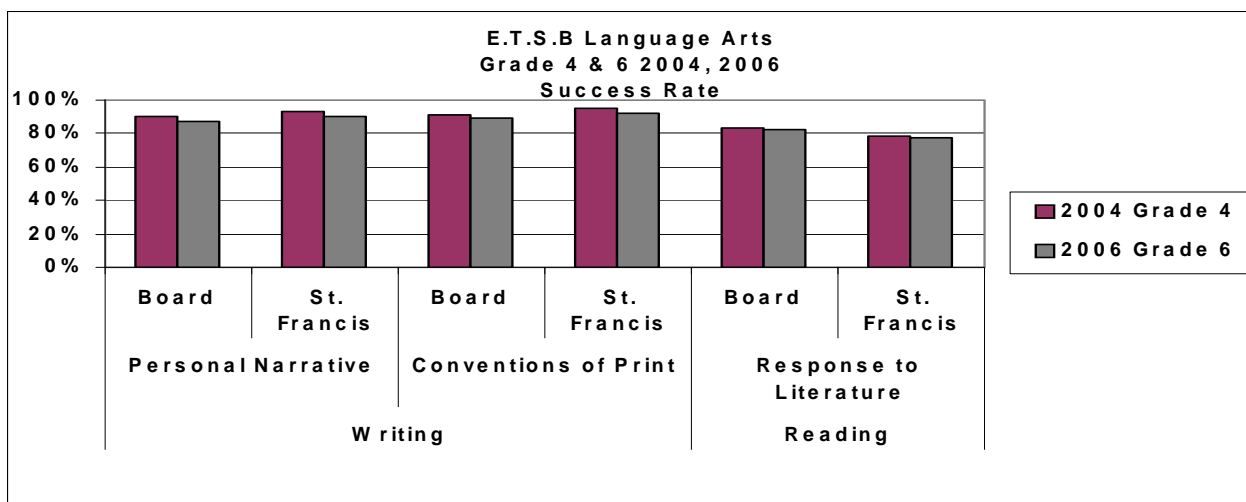
HOW WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING

Assessing Student Progress

This year students across the E.T.S.B. school board were evaluated using common exams at the end of cycle 3 elementary in Math, Language Arts and French. The graphs below indicate the success rate of these students compared to their results collected in 2004 at the end of cycle 2 in Language Arts and French.

E.T.S.B. Math Grade 6, 2006

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.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our School Success Plan and Mission Statement were rewritten following a survey of our school's partners – parents, staff members, and the community. We are focusing upon Literacy, in both English and French, as well as Math Operations, Personal & Social Development, and Citizenship (community, world, and environmental). St. Francis is working toward becoming a Green School with SEEDS accreditation. We feel confident that the interventions that we are making, and will continue to make, in these areas are having a positive effect on the students' overall success.

Once again this year our **Second Step Violence Prevention Program** was taught by homeroom teachers. Observations from parents, teachers, and visitors to the school indicate that the program has been successful. It is our intention to continue with this program for years to come. In addition all students without incident reports were recognized each term and at the end of the school year.

The school has purchased a variety of digital equipment to compliment the Enhanced Learning Strategy, which involves the integration of technology into our academic programs. The students at St. Francis are becoming very proficient in the use of, and troubleshooting with, the laptop computers, digital projectors, digital movie cameras and digital still cameras as well as a large variety of applications. Our goal is for students to use these technological tools to develop the skills they will need to be successful in the 21st century. We presently have one SMARTBoard and hope to equip more classrooms in the future.

Our Parent Participation Organization is a hard-working group of parents who support our school on a regular basis. Their much appreciated contributions of time, effort and money provide our students with a great variety of opportunities and experiences which we greatly appreciate.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The school is an integral part of the community. The Richmond Youth Worker has been involved in our Extra-Curricular Program. We support the veterans from the local Royal Canadian Legion Branch. Events such as our Auction & Spaghetti Supper received much community support.

We have organized and supported fundraisers for the Terry Fox Run, Canadian Heart Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society and MS Society Branch 2000, Haitian Relief, as well as Christmas Baskets.

The school is available to community groups for little or no charge. The 4-H Club Square Dancers, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and Sparks have all used the school.

Our school library is completely run by volunteers (staff, student & community members) whose efforts and dedication are very much appreciated.



More About Our Student/School Achievement

St. Francis Elementary School recognizes both exemplary student effort and achievement in citizenship and academic success. Positive behaviour notes are issued to students for effort, positive attitude, and overall respect towards staff and peers.

Inspiring assemblies are held and children are praised, rewarded and recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.