# report to the community



2023-24

## Lakewood Elementary School



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The Early Years (K-5) provides a nurturing environment where children are encouraged to investigate, create and discover. Children develop their competencies in language and literacy skills, thinking and problem-solving skills, social and emotional development, independence, creativity and knowledge in preparation for becoming responsible citizens. Instruction in the following curricula: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education/Health and the Arts is focused on meeting the unique needs of Early Years students. Instruction focuses on the integration of subject matter and hands-on activity-based approaches to learning.

## Last Year's Broad Areas of Focus (2022-2023)

Literacy Goal: To strengthen students' decoding skills and word recognition so that they are able to read and write proficiently.

Numeracy Goal: To strengthen students' conceptual understanding and improve their accuracy of number operations so that they can solve problems independently.

## What Did the Evidence of Student Learning Tell Us?

- ✓ Students were able to demonstrate their understanding of numbers
- $\checkmark$  in a variety of ways.
- ✓ Students were able to communicate their understanding of numbers
- ✓ both orally and written.
- ✓ Students participated in daily explicit phonological work.
- ✓ Students worked on building stamina for independent reading.

#### Our Vision Statement

Lakewood School is a collaborative, inclusive community committed to engaging our learners in a safe and caring environment.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Lakewood School will provide a safe, caring, inclusive and respectful community. We encourage children to try their best, learn from their mistakes, and to be empathetic and responsible learners.

#### School Profile

Number of teachers: 16

Number of students: 228

Grade levels: Kinder – Grade 5

#### School Highlights

Breakfast program daily from 8:20-8:40am.

Primary and Intermediate choirs.

Lego club, Circus Club

Sports throughout the year.

Marathon Club

## Anticipated Next Steps

Literacy and Numeracy:

- ✓ We are committed to intentional, explicit, systematic, efficient and effective instruction and instructional routines.
- ✓ Time, focus, and engagement with literacy and numeracy will be visible in our words and actions.
- ✓ Data will be collected and analyzed regularly to inform literacy and numeracy improvement and to determine next steps.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

- ✓ We are committed to the mental health and well-being of all of our students at Lakewood.
- Mental health and well-being promotion, prevention, and early interventions will be incorporated through curriculum and teaching practices that focus on social-emotional skill building, self-regulation and problem solving.

## 2023-2024 Planning & Goal Setting Process

Lakewood School's goals are created using the Divisional Strategic Plan as the guideline. The goal setting includes input from students, teachers, parents, caregivers and the community. Goals are developed with student progress, achievement and needs as our focus and our mission and vision statement as our foundation.

#### 2023-2024 Identified Areas of Focus

Literacy Goal: To strengthen students' phonemic awareness, decoding skills and word recognition so that they are able to read and write proficiently.

Numeracy Goal: To strengthen students' conceptual understanding and improve their accuracy of number operations so that they can solve problems independently.

Community and well-being Goal: To strengthen connections that nourish the well-being of our students to build strong mental health and resilience.