Grand Manan Community School and White Head Elementary School



School Mission

We will work collaboratively to ensure that each student learns the essential skills to be valued citizens.

Vision

We are an exemplar school.

General School Goals for GMCS and WHES (1 of 2) Team Leaders End Policy 3

Our reality: We currently use talk mail, homework blogs and agendas to communicate with parents, but want to increase communication and find more efficient ways to engage families.

Goal: To provide a variety of communication strategies and social media to strengthen connections with family and community.

Performance Target: Use 2 new methods of communication this year.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	Seek input from parents on how they want to receive information (send survey at the beginning of the year). Create a school Facebook page to communicate information quickly.	Surveys returned.	September	Andrew Jones		
	Possibly create a class or team Facebook page. Administration will look into safety issues and how to create an information board as opposed to a discussion board, so that parents/students cannot make comments. Upgrade school website to the new district format. Include a quick flash news bulletin.	Facebook page created.	Fall	Administration		
	Explore the possibilities of using twitter. Regular changes made on the school website.	School website updated.	As Needed	District Office staff and Tech SPR, Secretary		

General School Goals (2 of 2) Team Leaders Ends Policy 4

Our reality: We are just beginning to learn about mental fitness.

Goal: To promote mental fitness in students and staff.

Performance Target: Have all staff knowledgeable about mental fitness and implement at least one idea in their classroom.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	Monthly wellness activities for staff.	Activities occurred	Monthly	Wellness Coordinator		
	Incorporate Yoga and meditation into Health and Phys. Ed. classes.					
	Learn more about mental fitness, and share ideas with students.			Staff		
	Have District Personnel come to a staff meeting to educate staff on ways to engage students in mental fitness.		Fall	District Personnel		
	Share ideas and expertise among staff at team meetings and/or staff meetings.		Fall and Spring			

Ends Policy 1: Primary Team Goal 1

Our reality: In 2011 65.4% of students were successful (34.6% appropriate performance and 30.8% strong performance) on the Grade 2 Language Arts Assessments in Reading Comprehension. Results for 2012: 67% appropriate performance, 11% strong performance. Writing is no longer marked provincially.

Goal: To have 80% of the Grade Two students successful on the Grade Two Language Arts Assessment.

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One/Two.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	Implement Daily 5 in all K-2 classrooms. Students not completing any assignment will receive extra support until all assignments are complete, or at another time before or after school. To familiarize students with expectations for writing and reading skills, and to use the district curriculum maps and common planning time to ensure consistency among classes. Teachers will be using the Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Kindergarten Resource binder in Kindergarten.	Write Traits activities will be incorporated into grade K-2 lesson plans. Improved writing in classroom work and assessment. Improved reading levels over the course	Homework help will continue as needed. Reading Club for grades 1-2 started in mid-September; Kindergarten will join Reading Club in January. Rubrics, Write Traits, L.O.O.T. are all already implemented in our classrooms and we	Primary teachers will ensure that homework and school work is completed successfully. Gr. K-2 teachers will consistently use writing rubrics and exemplars found in the standards. Literacy Support Teachers and Resource Teacher	ориан	
	Teachers will be using L.O.O.T. binders in Grades K-2. Writing strategies from 'Write Traits' will be employed in the grade K-2 classrooms. Jolly Phonics sounds will be taught	of the year. Student performance on assessments.	will continue to discuss their use in team meetings. Extra focus on	will continue to work with students who were identified as experiencing difficulty.		

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Gr. K-2 teachers will

Teachers will continue Reading Club (Anna Plan) two days a week and reevaluate the students' reading levels at the end of each rotation (5-6 weeks) or use this for extra writing time. Continue to use multiple choice questions for assessment of each book used in Reading Club, and introduce multiple choice questions in You and Your World. Use Literacy Support Teacher to help prepare students for assessments and to work in Grade 2 classrooms twice a week. Use Literacy Support Intervention for students reading below grade level expectations. Send a teacher to marking sessions. Use CARS multiple choice questions for grade 1 and 2. AIMS web benchmarking 3 times a year and strategic monitoring where needed. Lucy Calkins book study and implementation of ideas in K-2 classes.	Literacy Support in Grade 2 in March and April to prepare for the assessment. AIMS web benchmarking in September, January and May	employ 'Write Traits' strategies in the classroom. Literacy Teacher will be included with the K-2 teachers in Reading Club. Primary teachers, with the help of our literacy specialist, will implement Daily 5 in our classes this year and writing workshop (Lucy Calkins). Primary teachers will complete AIMS web benchmarking.	

Ends Policy 2: Primary Team Goal 2

Our reality: We have 10 % of students in K-2 who have been diagnosed with special needs.

Goal: To provide positive, safe, and inclusive learning and working environments for children, youth and staff.

Performance Target: Improve Numeracy skills

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	Continue focusing on WITS program. Sensitivity training with Jill McMullin with the K-2 students. You and Your World emphasis on growth and development, and on what makes us unique as individuals. Model compassion and empathy in the classroom.	More evidence of inclusive behavior and acceptance of special needs kids.	WITS once a month Fall and Spring	K-2 teachers, Corp. Prime. Jill McMullin K-2 teachers and specialist teachers.	Update	
	Encourage helping and friendships among students. Have the student of the day be the helper of the day as well.	and Your World lessons completed at least monthly.				

Ends Policy 3: Primary Team Goal 3

Our reality: Less than 50% of parents are aware of the school's improvement goals and curriculum expectations, based on the parent perception survey.

Goal: Increase Parent awareness

Performance Target: Increase to 75% the parental awareness in these respects

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of	Time lines	Responsibility	Status	Revisio
		success			Update	ns
	Keep blogs up to date.	Parent	Blogs will be	Primary teachers will		
		perception	updated weekly.	keep blogs up to date		
	Add curriculum goals to blogs,	survey results		weekly.		
	newsletters, and/or monthly	improve to	Curriculum updates	,		
	calendars.	75% in these	through blogs, letters	Primary teachers will		
		areas.	home, etc will be	send home monthly		
	Host at least two curriculum night		done monthly.	calendars, including		
	per year (one in fall, and one in	50% of parents	j	information about		
	spring that includes pre K's).	attend	Handout re school	curriculum goals.		
	,	curriculum	improvement goals			
	Include a newsletter with the	night.	will be sent with the	Administration will send		
	November and March report cards		first term report card.	home talk-mails re		
	with the school's improvement		Curriculum night to	curriculum nights.		
	goals, curriculum activities, and		be held in the late fall			
	K-2 happenings.		or early winter.	All involved staff will		
	Fr			plan and host 2		
			Fall Curriculum Day	curriculum nights.		
			November 6, 6-7pm;	- Salasain ingins.		
			Spring Curriculum			
			Day May 7, 6-7pm.			
1			Day May 1, 0-1pm.			

Ends Policy 2: Upper Elementary Team: Goal 1
Our reality: Bullying is a negative influence in our school, and perception survey results indicate that parents, students and teachers perceive it as a problem at GMCS.

Performance Target: To improve positive feelings at school, and to provide a safe place for students to learn.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of	Time lines	Responsibility	Status	Revisions
		success			Update	
To actively promote good manners and respect.	To make students aware of manners and respect using the positive behavior support strategy lessons, concentrating on the first 2 weeks of school. To frequently have discussions about manners and review continuously. Circles when needed i.e. for mean spirited words. Schedule one per month in Guidance. Implement WITS program. Have WOW ballets as incentives for all good behaviors and incentive programs in each classroom including Physical Education and Music ballots for good hallway movement. Continue with the no-warning playground on the wall consequence as a time out session for reflection. Incorporate Know the Code at School social skills program Continue with communication books for 3 – 5 concerns (Staff record of student concerns). Incorporate a Manner of the Month and catch students displaying these manners giving them WOW ballots.	To fewer issues on the playground, the bus, and in the cafeteria To see a decrease in instances of bullying To have well mannered and respectful students	This will be ongoing through the year. WITS will be in place in Oct./Nov. to continue throughout the year (monthly themes)	All 3-5 teachers All 3-5 teachers All 3-5 teachers SIW Worker? and ISD worker Sharon Green	WITS was implemented in the 2012-2013 school year with regular monthly visits by RCMP members into the classrooms. We want to continue with WITS this year.	Taking out "On the wall" consequence and trying out a reflective consequence, filling out a form of a behavior that was displayed.

Ends Policy 1: Upper Elementary Team: Goal 2

Our reality: The Grade 4 Provincial LA assessment was taken out in June 2013.

Our Goal: To benchmark students throughout the 2013-2014 school year within the classroom with consistent progress monitoring using AIMS Web, cloze activities and the new benchmark system.

Performance Target: We will maintain the provincial reading and writing results from June 2010.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of	Time lines	Responsibility	Status	Revisions
		success			Update	
Provincial	To familiarize students with	Daily Five	Continue Daily	Gr. 3–5 teachers will	There was	Teachers
reading	expectations for writing and	activities will	Five in the fall.	collaborate to make a	no Grade 4	need to
and	reading skills, and to ensure	be		common rubric for	LA	collect at
writing	consistency among classes,	incorporated	Literacy Place	L.A.	provincial	least three
results	common checklists/rubrics will be	into grade 3 –	and LOOT have		assessment in June	independent writing
	used	5 lesson plan	already been	Literacy Support	2013.	samples
	Teachers will focus on vocabulary	and students	implemented in	Teacher and Resource	2013.	from each
	from text features and make a list	will work	our classroom	Teacher will continue	Classroom	reporting
	of these terms collaboratively.	independently	and we will	to work with students	teachers	period to
	Introduce the Writer's Notebook as	while the	continue to plan	who were identified as	will be	add to a
	seen at subject Council in May	teacher	for this during	experiencing	doing	student
	2012.	conferences.	team meetings.	difficulty.	Aims Web	portfolio
	Involve students in creating check				testing as	
	lists/rubrics.	Improved	Teachers will	Gr. $3-5$ teachers will	literacy	
	Use the New Benchmark	writing in	focus on the	employ Daily Five	support teacher's	
	Assessment System for testing	classroom	management of	strategies in the	time is	
	students	work and	Daily Five.	classroom.	limited.	
	Track students with AIMS Web.	assessment.				
	Continue Daily 5 in the Language			All teachers in $3-5$		
	Arts block. In additions we will	Improved		will incorporate		
	continue to meet as a K–4 team to	scores on		writing with each		
	discuss and plan with this and	CARS tests		subject.		
	Lucy Caulkins Writing book study.	and district				
	Be sure that student writing	and				

matches with their reading levels	provincial		
according to the standards.	assessments.		
Teachers will be using LOOT			
binders in Grades 3 - 5. During			
our weekly planning meetings we			
can review common evaluation			
tools and create some together (the			
checklist).			
Writing strategies from Write			
Traits, Literacy Place and Moving			
Up will be employed in the grade 3			
- 5 classrooms.			
Use Literacy Support Teacher to			
help prepare students for			
assessments. Literacy Support			
Teacher is targeting the students			
who achieved below Appropriate			
Achievement.			
Work on the CAFE reading			
strategies.			
Teachers will use Camet kits for			
assessment tools only.			
Teachers will focus on daily usage			
of the vocabulary from all text			
features in preparation for			
provincial assessments and make a			
list of these terms.			

Ends Policy 1: Upper Elementary Team: Goal 3

Goal: June 2012 **Provincial** Gr. 3 Math Assessment: 77.3% achieved AA and 4.5% achieved SA, with an AA/SA total of 81.8% In June 2012, 38.9% of students achieved appropriate achievement on the Grade 5 Math assessment and 50% achieved "strong, with an AA/SA total of 88.9%.

Our Smart Goal:

To improve the AA% by 11% on the Grade 5 Provincial Math Assessment in June 2012 and maintain the AA/SA average for Grade 3 in June 2012

Performance Target:

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
Math	Incorporate more Mental Math	Students will	Practice	All 3 – 5 teachers	*** We will	
Assessment	activities into daily activities	improve Math	assessment	will incorporate	update when	
	Model more practice assessment	scores on	questions	more consistently	results come	
	questions	grade 5	will be	the above classroom	ın.	
	Model strategies for multiple choice	practice	done once	strategies in daily		
	questions. Use Smart board to get	assessment	weekly.	math lessons.		
	students familiar with multiple choice	questions.				
	questions.			We hope to have the		
	Resource groups for students who	Students will		math mentor back		
	experience difficulty in basic math skills.	improve in		this year from		
	Teachers are using their monthly	provincial		District office.		
	curriculum math maps	assessment				
	Use a Math word wall	results.				
	Use a weekly Math journal					
	Use district assessment results to inform	Report card				
	instruction in the fall.	marks in Math				
	Plan a 3-5 student-centered Math	will improve.				
	Activity night in the late fall and Fri.					
	afternoon multi-age math centers and					
	games 4 times per year.					

Ends Policy 1: Upper Elementary Team Goal 4

Goal: a) Our reality: Our grade 3 students achieved 30% on the mental math strand of their provincial assessment June 2012. Our goal is to improve the mental math results for Grade 3 by 10% in June 2013. B) Our reality: Grade 5 achieved 45% on the mental math strand of their provincial assessment. Our goal is to improve the mental math strand by 5% in June 2013.

Performance Target: To maintain grade 3 and 4 fact results.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
To improve grade 3 and 5mental math results.	Mental Math will be occurring daily. Request training sessions on how to teach mental math strategies Use Math vocabulary within Mental Math questions Model think aloud and use math journals Do timed mental math facts several times per week Mental math problem of the day or week (or both)	Mental math results will increase on the provincial and district assessments. Students will be able to explain their Math strategies orally and in writing (Math journal).	This will be ongoing for the year.	3-5 homeroom teachers.	** We will update when results come in.	

Ends Policy 1: High School Team Goal 1

Our reality: In 2011-2012, 18/26 and 2012-2013, 15/21, Grade 9 students had appropriate achievement or better on the reading section of the Grade 9 ELPA. 21/26 and 12/20 Grade 9 students had appropriate achievement or better on the writing section of the Grade 9 ELPA.

Performance Target: Increase the number of students achieving appropriate development by 5% on the Grade 9 English Language Proficiency Assessment

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
Literacy	HS Teachers will review a common rubric and teach its effective use to all English classes. (Students will be seen using the rubric to self and peer evaluate. Students will understand rubric terminology.) Writing strategies from "Write Traits" will be used in high school English classrooms twice a month. (Students will have practiced at least 10 of the reading and writing skills modeled in exemplars by January 2014. Students will complete at least six "Write Traits" activities prior to writing the ELPA.) Grade 9 students will undergo pretesting in reading and writing the first week of classes to develop a plan of action to proceed in preparation for the ELPA.	80% of students will achieve appropriate or better on the Grade 9 ELPA reading section. 70% of students will achieve appropriate or better on the Grade 9 ELPA writing section.	December-January 2014 Provincial rubric use is on-going. Use of "Write Traits" program is on-going Use of "Stepping Out" strategies is on-going.	Grade 9 English teacher High School teachers		

Ends Policy 1: High School Team Goal 2 (Numeracy)

Our Reality: In 2011/12, the grade 9 class average for Linear Relations was 63% for the GMCS Formative Assessments. The grade 8 Provincial Assessment for 2011/12 was 64% in the area of Patterns and Relations. In 2012/2013, the grade 9 class average for Linear Relations was 74% for the GMCS Formative Assessments. The grade 8 Provincial Assessment for 2012/13 is currently being tabulated in the area of Patterns and Relations.

Goal: In June 2014, the students' success rate will increase by 5% for the Linear Relations strand.

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status	Revisions
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Math	Reinforce linear relations and	85% of students will	September	Ms. Ward, the		
	graphing in Science class by	complete each graphing	2013 to	grade 9 Science		
	having students complete and analyze one graph per unit.	activity in Science.	January 2014	teacher		
	Grade 9 math students will be					
	exposed to all seven	85% of students will		Mrs.		
	outcomes in the Linear	successfully complete	January – Jun	e McLaughlin, the		
	Relation strand.	classroom assessments in the Linear Relation	2014	grade 9 Math teacher		
	Grade 10 math students will be exposed to the Linear	strand.				
	Relations' curriculum	85% of students will	September –	Mr. Jones, the		
	outcomes.	successfully complete	January 2014	grade 10 Math		
		classroom assessments in		teacher		
	Students will participate in a	the Linear Relation				
	variety of practical world	strand.				
	applications, including					
	kinesthetic, to increase their		September - to			
	understanding of Linear	90% of students will	June 2014	math and science		
	Relations.	successfully participate in		teachers		
		differentiated activities.				

Ends Policy 2: High School Team Goal 3

Our reality: Bullying and evidence of disrespect and intolerance among students is occurring in our school, as evidenced by the school perception surveys. On the 2013 TTFM survey, 78 % of students felt safe at school as well as going to/from school.

Goal: To help create a safe space and positive environment. **Our goal** is to increase our percentage to 85%

Focus	Strategies	Indicators of	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	GMCS will create a high school PBIS to support a school-wide positive behaviour policy.	HST will discuss during high school team meetings areas within the bottom tier of intervention strategies.	2013-2014 school year data to be used as a bench mark.	HST will add to agenda each meeting. All teachers will take note and share numbers of occurrences of inappropriate behaviour at team meetings.		
	HST will continue to use the <i>Beyond</i> the <i>Hurt</i> program (anti-bullying).	7% more students will respond positively to feeling safe at school as well as going to/from school.	2013-2014 school year	HST		

White Head Elementary School: School Improvement Plan 2012-2013 Ends Policy 1: WHES Goal 1 Our reality: The Provincial results for the 2011-2012 grades 3 Math, 3 of 4 students achieved BAA.

Goal 1: To have all students achieve AA

Performance Targets	: To have all	l students achieve A	A
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Focus	Strategies	Indicators of success	Time lines	Responsibility	Status Update	Revisions
	Use Provincial Assessment to inform instruction. Use Various resources, such as Math Makes Sense, Manipulatives, Math Minutes and Math for the Middle Grades, etc. Familiarize students with expectations and self checking for understanding. Benchmark assessments to monitor student progress (AIMS WEB) Regular assessment through assignments, chapter tests, AIMS WEB progress monitoring. Regular After school help as needed.	All students will achieve at the AA level on the Grade3math assessment	Throughout the year	K-6 teacher		

Ends Policy 1: WHES Goal 2

Our reality: The Provincial results for the 2011-2012 grade 5 Math, 4 of 5 students achieved BAA.

Goal 2: To have all students achieve AA

Performance Target: To have all students achieve AA **Focus Strategies Indicators of success** Time lines Responsibility **Status Revisions Update** Use Provincial Assessment to All students will Throughout K-6 teacher achieve at the AA inform instruction. the year level on the Grade 5 Use Various resources, such as math assessment Math Makes Sense, Manipulatives, Math Minutes and Math for the Middle Grades, etc. Familiarize students with expectations and self checking for understanding. **Benchmark** assessments to monitor student progress (AIMS WEB) Regular assessment through assignments, chapter tests, AIMS WEB progress monitoring. **Regular** After school help as needed.

Ends Policy 2: WHES Goal 3

Our Reality: We are a K-6 school and our younger students look to the older students as role models. We are concerned that not all of these role modeling relationships are positive. Many of our students have not had the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to make these interactions positive.

Performance Target: To provide opportunities for students to learn citizenship and role modeling skills. **Strategies Indicators of** Responsibility **Focus** Time **Revisions Status** success lines **Update** Anti-**Implement** WITS program at WHES. K-6 and All students ongoing **bullying Familiarize** students with expectations for positive interactions teacher getting along and being and behavior. positive role **Students** will be acknowledged for their positive behavior by; verbally being praised, notes home to their parents in their models for agendas and names entered into a monthly draw for an activity each other. of their choice. Students will be monitored consistently both at recess and in their classroom behavior. Make use of multiple resources for consistently promoting positive behavior. Teachers will display positive behavior themselves and will verbally encourage students to be doing the same.

GMCS and WHES PLWEP GOALS:

- 1. 85% of students will miss less than 10 days of school annually.
- 2. 97% of students will have no serious misbehaviours recorded in Winschool Behaviour tracking.

Data: Our PLWEP Goals for 2013-2014:

- 1. 85 % of our students will miss less than 10 days of school annually.
 - a. Using WINSCHOOL data 20.8% of our students missed 10 or more days of school in 2011-2012.
 - b. Students who missed 10 or more days dropped to 18.3% during the 2012-2013 school year.
- 2. 97% of our students will have no serious misbehaviours recorded in Winschool Behaviour Tracking
 - a. Thirty students (35 serious misconduct incidents) were recorded for the 2011-2012 school year. This translates to 30 of 332 students (9.0%).
 - b. Serious misbehaviours as recorded in Winschool dropped to 3.3% for the 2012-2013 school year.