

Annual Community Report

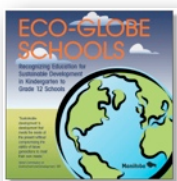
BE SAFE - BE RESPONSIBLE - BE RESPECTFUL

Education for Sustainable Development

DGJMS RECEIVES PROVINCIAL AWARD

This June our school joined the select company of only four other schools in Manitoba to receive the *Eco-Globe Action Award* in education for sustainable development. At our school, like every school in Evergreen School Division, Education for sustainable development is a priority. So what does it mean? Well quite simply it means that education should be about creating a better world for yourself and everyone else. It means being stewards of our environment, being socially responsible, and generally behaving in a way that promotes a positive quality of life for all. In addition to our efforts in community service, our staff and students have undertaken many ESD activities including: school wide recycling program, paperless staff meetings, Culture Day, Louis Riel Day, using scrap paper for note pads, "adopting" endangered animals through the World Wildlife

Foundation, workshops on Fair Trade, Cultural Diversity, nutrition and mental health.



Community Service alive and well at DGJMS

This year our students set a new standard with the extraordinary number of service projects they were involved with. Projects came in many varieties including raising money to support a foster child in Africa, sending money to a family in Africa to buy farm animals, raising money for many other charitable causes including; \$2000 for Haiti Earthquake relief, \$500 for the Gimli Humane Society, \$325 for the Leukemia Society, \$420 to the Canadian Cancer Society. Projects also included sending boxes of Christmas presents to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child, packing food for Evergreen Basic Needs, volunteering at the Betel Seniors Home, etc. In total there were

30 service projects at our school this year! Great job Cougars!!!



LOUIS RIEL DAY Once again this year, staff and students celebrated Louis Riel Day with a day full of entertainment, activities and food, dedicated to Manitoba's past, and especially it's Metis roots.



MANITOBA DAY Several students took home prizes in a Heritage Fair sponsored by the New Iceland Heritage Museum in Gimli to mark Manitoba Day.



From the Athletics Department Once again DGJMS dominated divisional middle years athletics, winning in many competitions, including the marquee events of Basketball, Volleyball and Track & Field.

School Community Strong at DGJMS



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

This year, as in the past four years, our school was fortunate to host international students at our school. This year we welcomed Fredrico, Mauricio, and Sebastien from Mexico. In the past we have also had students join us from South Korea. The boys benefit by improving their English skills at school and with their host families, and our students benefit from making new friends from another country. We look forward to two more students joining us from Mexico next year as well.

ART LIVES HERE

The arts continued to play an important part at our school this year. Along with a variety of live entertainment - Author Readings, Gaudry Boys Band, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Latin and Polynesian Dancers, we introduced a new art program in stained glass. A kiln and other equipment was purchased, and students



from each grade made colorful glass creations. For next year, plans are already in place to include a pottery project to our art program.

STUDENT ACTIVITY GROUPS

Also new to our school this year was the introduction of Student Activity Groups. Once a month students formed into multi-age groups and went to a teacher who led a variety of fun activities such as chess, orienteering, wall climbing, cooking, puzzles, etc. Our goal was to give us all an opportunity to meet and make relationships with staff and students we might not ordinarily get to interact with and hence build a stronger community identity.

HEALTHY LIVING

In order to promote healthy lifestyle choices, especially eating, we increased our efforts in this area. We expanded our breakfast program (66% of our students say they do not eat breakfast) to two days and included milk, crackers and cheese to the menu (thank you PAC). We also provided a healthy meal for each classroom - which students themselves had to shop for and prepare. In addition, grade 8 students took part in a workshop with a nutritionist.

88% of student feel close to someone at school

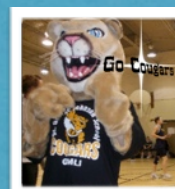
93% of students feel a part of school

88% of students are happy to be at school

92% of students feel safe at school

90% of students value school outcomes

Source: 2009 IRHA Youth Health Survey



VISION

Our school is a place where all students can achieve success

MISSION

The Dr. George Johnson School community will work together to maintain a safe, respectful, responsible, and challenging learning environment; in which all can participate, and show pride

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Year-end results are in and we can report the following achievement from our students:

Reading: 88% of students meet or exceed grade level expectations



Writing: 82% of students meet or exceed grade level expectations

Mathematics: 78% of students meet or exceed grade level expectations



ABOUT US

Dr. George Johnson Middle School is part of the Evergreen School Division, and serves approximately 220 students between grades 5 and 8, in Gimli and Winnipeg Beach

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