

# FORT LA REINE SCHOOL



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## Mission Statement

The mission of Fort La Reine School is to work with our parents to maximize student learning to develop in students, responsibility for their actions, promote respect for self and others and to foster a life-long love of learning.

## REPORT TO PARENTS

### Technology

Over the past five years one of our most important goals at Fort La Reine was to upgrade the availability of technology. Beside continual upgrade of our computers in classrooms and the computer lab, we now have a mobile lab of 30 netbooks, and one classroom where each student has their own netbook to use throughout the day. The entire school is wireless and there are SmartBoards and digital projectors in each classroom. All staff computers are in the process of being upgraded or switched over to laptops or netbooks. Our goal is to expand the number of laptops and netbooks that available for our students and staff to use.

### Library

Fort La Reine School's library is consistently updated as an ongoing part of our school plan. Books are purchased based not only on their interest level but also based on their value in support of specific literacy programs. Our Precision Reading program has been expanded this year to accommodate more students. With close to 10,000 book titles to choose from as well as a small, but modern computer mini-lab, it provides plenty of options for students for research or pleasure reading. We have purchased new chairs and tables for our library this year

### **Programs and Services offered to our students:**

#### Guidance

Our guidance counsellor is now full-time on days 1, 3 and 5 of the school cycle. Individual and group counselling for students is provided in addition to services offered in social skills training and grief issues.

#### Learning Assistance

Fort La Reine School offers a learning assistance program for challenged learners at the 1-3 and 4-6 levels. These classes receive referrals from throughout Portage School Division. Small class size, teachers with specialized training, and teaching assistant support are some of the benefits offered by these classes.

#### Non-Graded Classroom

The non-graded classroom was created to address the needs of students who were in danger of not moving on to their next age-appropriate grade level for reasons such as missed portions of the school year, language delays, and other sources of academic deficits. Each student in this classroom has their own netbook to use.

## **Fair Play Program**

The Fair Play program was developed at Fort la Reine School to aid in social skills training at all grade levels for all students. Delivered as part of our health program, the Fair Play promotes positive social skills at all grade levels such as sharing, caring for others, and social responsibility. It is supported by a rewards program known as our School Spirit Draws. As well, the skills taught in Fair Play are reinforced through staff enforcement of a strict “Hands off!” policy on the playground and in the school.

## **Home Reading, Early Years Literacy and Precision Reading**

These ongoing reading programs provide support to students each day in skills needed to overcome reading difficulties. Our Home Reading Program runs every other day for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. Our Early Literacy Program is for students in Grades 1 to 3 and is every afternoon. Our Precision Reading Program runs mornings and afternoons for Grade 4 to 6 students.

## **Resource**

Our resource teacher assists classroom teachers in providing remedial programs for challenged learners. As well, the resource teacher provides access to programs that help all learners reach their full potential.

## **Speech/Language Services**

Fort la Reine School is fortunate to have the services of a half-time Speech-Language Pathologist. At last count, more than 25% of our students were in need of Speech programming. Help is offered to students on an individual basis or in small groups.

## **Social Worker**

Portage School Division provides the services of a school social worker to address social issues that may affect a child’s education, such as attendance. Our social worker also provides programs such as parenting courses and acts as a liaison between home and school.

**For more information about the school or any of the programs that are offered, please contact us at:**

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## **Instructional News**

Each year, students in all grades at Fort la Reine School are assessed in many different ways. The results of these assessments provide valuable information for teachers in determining student needs and effective teaching strategies.

As well, each year, schools in Portage conduct formal assessments at the Grade 3 level. The results of these assessments help us in developing instructional programming to support those areas where our students are being successful and to identify areas where improvement is needed.

One of the most encouraging results from our recent grade 3 assessment shows that our students have shown a significant improvement in their oral reading skills. As this was once one of the instructional areas identified as needing attention, we are extremely happy with these results.

In our numeracy assessment, there was good news as well. Significant improvements were noted in our areas identified last year as needing attention.