



Kleefeld School Planning Priorities for 2016–2017

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Our Mission Is To: Build a foundation for our students to become confident, competent, socially responsible individuals.

Priority #1 SCHOOL WIDE NUMERACY GOAL

Initiatives:

- ⇒ Through collaborative mental math and estimation tasks, students will have multiple opportunities to:
 - Communicate with each other mathematically,
 - Explore multiple mathematical strategies and solutions,
 - Share ideas, ask questions and obtain feedback as they develop their mental math and estimation skills.
- ⇒ Teachers will participate in divisional mathematically focused professional development opportunities.
- ⇒ The four components (fluency, problem solving, content and group work) of a balanced numeracy program will be taught at each grade level.

Priority #2 ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Initiatives:

- ⇒ A student run ESF team, made up of grade 4-6 students, will be created.
- ⇒ The ESF team will identify ways to establish learning partnerships with groups and individuals outside of Kleefeld School.
- ⇒ Kindergarten—Gr. 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in school wide activities and assemblies lead by the ESF team.
- ⇒ Kindergarten—Gr. 8 students will demonstrate active citizenship by participating in activities which serve the community in which they live.

Priority #3 KLEEFELD SCHOOL WILL BECOME A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Initiatives:

- ⇒ Teachers will participate in school based professional development focused on student thinking routines.
- ⇒ Teachers' roles will move from being conveyer's of knowledge to learners who acquire new knowledge alongside students.
- ⇒ Students will be taught how to reflect on and describe themselves as learners, ie: what style of learning works best for them, how can they connect what they already know with new knowledge, how they can best show what they have learned.
- ⇒ Students will use technology not only to gather information, but also to solve problems and show their new knowledge.

About Kleefeld School's Community of Learners

- ◆ K-8 School with an enrollment of 353 students. The caring adults fulfill the following roles; 21 teachers, 2 resource teachers, 1 Guidance Counselor, 12 educational assistants, 3 support staff, 2 principals, and 3 custodial staff
- ◆ We believe literacy skills are the foundation of a learning community. We have invested effort and resources in creating a growing library to which new materials are constantly being added.
- ◆ School-wide physical literacy is encouraged. All students have two fifteen minute recess breaks with a thirty-five minute lunch break. Gym time has been increased so that students have the opportunity for daily physical education. Once the weather becomes cold, noon-hour intramurals are available to students. Students have the opportunity to develop sport specific skills through the grade 5/6 sports club on Wednesdays and team sports such as cross country running, volleyball, basketball, badminton and track and field.
- ◆ Kleefeld School values the arts. Grade 1-6 students participate in musicals at Christmas and in spring. Grade 7-8 students participate in the band program.
- ◆ We have an active PAC (Parent Advisory Council) who provide opportunities for parents to participate in school life through volunteering. Presently, the PAC is working to install a play structure in the spring of 2017.