

QUISPAMSIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Quispamsis Elementary is to provide a safe, caring, collaborative learning environment, where students are given a solid educational foundation and encouraged to become life-long learners. The school, in co-operation with the community, strives to develop individuals who respect themselves and others, who demonstrate socially acceptable behaviors, and who will become active members of the global community.

VISION - To focus on learning for students and adults in a caring and supportive environment.

VALUES – To create a school climate and learning environment that is known as - **“The place to be”** in our community.

Collective Commitments –

Believe in student success...

Believe every individual has value...

Believe everyone can learn...

Believe in safe and healthy learning environments...

Believe in community partnerships...

Believe that with rights comes responsibility and accountability

SCHOOL PROFILE – 2009-2010

Building – Facilities

Quispamsis Elementary School is a Kindergarten to grade five school constructed in 1961. Prior to the completion of the building, the school was housed at the Rothesay Elementary School and at St. David's Church Hall. There were 6 original classes, with the teachers and their principal working at the 2 locations in Rothesay. The original building has received two additions since that time, one in 1967 when the gym and middle section of the school were added and a second addition of the primary wing and office area in 1987. Improvements to the facility have included a \$400,000 upgrade to the ventilation system in 2003, new flooring and painting in 2005, new windows to the 1967 addition in 2006 and re-pointing of the bricks in 2006. In 2008 the school received two additional modular classrooms and an extension to the hallway. In the summer of 2009, a fifth modular was installed and major renovations were completed on four of the original bathrooms.

Population

The population of the school in the fall of 2009 was 450 children, when we compare totals over the past few years we continue to add to our enrollment. In 2008, we had 418 children, in 2007 we were at 403 students, up from 367 in 2006, compared to 370 in 2005, and 386 in 2004. The students at our school come from a variety of backgrounds and neighbourhoods. The population includes a number of special needs students, some of who are academically and/or behaviorally challenged. Our drawing area includes about 25% of families who are in need of financial consideration and / or support from Social Development.

Enrollment Trends – Data from Sept. 30

2000 – 450

2001 – 432

2002 – 409

2003 – 390

2004 – 381

2005 – 368

2006 – 347

2007 – 402 (Boundaries were changed)

2008 – 418

2009 - 450

Support Organizations

The Home and School Association and Parent School Support Committee provide opportunities for parents to become involved in our school. An extensive volunteer program is coordinated by our Home and School to support Hot Lunch services, enable playground improvements, and to provide library parents. As well, these parent groups are proactive in supporting the school for special projects, funding teacher initiatives, and for lobbying the District officials for assistance regarding any other issues that influence the well being of our students and our school. As a Community School, we have benefitted from many wonderful partnerships to enhance the learning environment.