# Bouchie Lake Elementary School – School Growth Plan – Reflections of 2013-2014 November 2014 (NI Planning Day)

# Practices that worked well and we will continue in 2014-2015:

Guided Reading (used in K, Grade 1-7) The Daily 5 Word, Letter, and Reading Buddies Use of the District Literacy Team to support teachers and students Literature Circles (based on readiness)

### Things we will do to improve:

Provide more resources for teaching early literacy, especially levelled readers Reading groups for intermediate students not meeting expectations in reading Use a Literacy Coaches model for targeting students not meeting expectations in reading Develop a strategy for improving students' basic numeracy facts

# How to involve parents:

Parent Volunteers PAC meetings Invitations to special events (field trips, school celebrations, classroom gatherings) Email School Website Social Media (PAC Facebook page) Classroom letters to parents to communicate things happening in the classroom

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**GOAL: LITERACY** - To improve student success in literacy (reading & writing)

### **GOAL RATIONALE:**

1) Data shows a continued need to focus on literacy, particularly in the Primary grades.

2) Data as of March 2014 – 39% of primary and 3% of our intermediate students were not reading at grade level

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- To improve the literacy levels for students who are not yet meeting expectations
- To implement writing strategies instruction for each grade.
- To continue with a peer literacy coaching program in reading to provide all students the opportunity to coach and have reading practice.
- To teach reading strategies for students at all levels to use.

Target	Measures	Strategies					
TargetTo increase the number of students who are minimally meeting or fully meeting expectations in reading and writing.TARGET: 75% of Primary students minimally meeting or better 90% of Intermediate students minimally meeting or better (March 2014 – goal attained – 97%)	Measures Reading: PM Benchmarks K assessment DART Performance Standards Alberta Diagnostic Jerry Johns Language Arts Letter Grades Writing: Whole-school write Performance Standards Writing Rubrics DART Jerry Johns	<ul> <li>Strategies</li> <li>Reading: <ol> <li>Reading strategies &amp; resources used: Guided Reading, Assessment for Learning, Performance Standards, rubrics, Good fit books, Literature Circles, What in the World, Animated Alphabet, Animated Literacy, <u>Reading Power</u> by Adrienne Gear, <u>The Daily 5</u> by Gail Boushey &amp; Joan Moser, Reading A-Z, RAZ Kids, Daily Language (Evan-Moor), Primary Success, sight word recognition and reading games, Kurzweil, literature centers, talking tables, Moe the Mouse</li> <li>On-going formative assessment to guide planning and teaching</li> <li>Word, letter, and reading buddies</li> <li>Use of District Literacy Team: Connie Torvik (Grade 2) – not meeting expectations, Tier 3 intervention</li> <li>Use of LART – Tier 2 intervention for students not meeting or minimally meeting expectations in Grades 2 - 7</li> <li>LA time for kindergarten and Grade 1 students not meeting expectations (Tier 2) – Connie Torvik</li> </ol></li></ul> <li>Literacy Coaching Program</li> <li>Continue with a Literacy Coaching program. All students in grades 4-7 will be taught reading strategies by Mrs. Torvik and Ms. Klics to use in literacy buddies sessions.</li> <li>Literacy Buddies sessions will start between November and January (varies by grade) (length of time will vary dependent on readiness). Literacy Coaches will work with students in grades K-3.</li> <li>School Events</li> <li>Hold a "Reading Day" to show an enjoyment of reading independently, with buddies, reading aloud, and reader's theatre in January/February.</li> <li>Hold a "Book Showcase", where students create a report, diorama, presentation about a favourite book and have it on display for other students. This is part of a day of activities – Appreciation Tea and Spring Concert 11. Participate in Drop Everything and Read – Monday,</li>					

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Writing:
<ol> <li>Writing strategies: Writing Power, Words Their Way, Reading responses, literature circles, 6+1 Traits, peer and student assessment of writing, peer &amp; self-editing, writing samples, rubrics, Assessment for Learning strategies, journals, pen pal letters, spelling programs, Writer's Workshop, Animated Literacy, Kurzweil, Primary Success</li> <li>Assess two writing samples by the students, one in the January and one in the late spring.</li> <li>Use BC Performance Standards for Writing Quick Scale rubric, have students learn to use the rubric to improve writing</li> <li>On-going formative assessment to guide planning and teaching</li> </ol>

#### RESULTS

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Measure	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/2014	2014/15
% of Grade 4-7 Students not meeting (using DART, Alberta Diagnostic, Jerry Johns)	11% Baseline	22%	17%	15%	12%	n/a	11.2%	March Data (Job Action) 3%	
% of Grade 4-7 Students minimally meeting	89% Baseline (NYM & MM)	42%	36%	37%	21%	n/a	22%	March Data (Job Action) 15%	
DART # of Grade 4-7 Students fully meeting	N/A	36%	37%	56%	55%	n/a	53.5%	March Data (Job Action) 73%	
DART % of Grade 4-7 Students exceeding expectations	N/A	0%	10%	6%	10%	n/a	0%	March Data (Job Action) 9%	
Language Arts Letter Grades 4-7 (C or better)	78%	83%	85%	87%	84%	n/a	97%	March Data (Job Action) 97%	
Report card data in Language Arts Grade K-3 – MM, FM or Ex expectations							76% (Baseline data)	March Data (Job Action) 81%	
Primary Benchmarks (% Gr. 1-3 Not Meeting)	14%	15%	22%	14%	21%	n/a	35.4%	March Data (Job Action) 39%	
Primary Benchmarks (% of Gr. 1-3 minimally meeting)	N/A	19%	13%	19%	28%	n/a	10.4%	March Data (Job Action) 11%	
Primary Benchmarks (% Gr. 1-3 Meeting)	N/A	37%	49%	48%	26%	n/a	22.9%	March Data (Job Action) 22%	
Primary Benchmarks (% of Gr. 1-3 Exceeding)	N/A	29%	17%	19%	19%	n/a	31.3%	March Data (Job Action) 28%	
K Early Lit. Assessment % Meeting Number At risk	92% 2/26	100% 0/12	74% 4/15	77% 5/22	70% 6/20	n/a	86.9% 3/23		
Whole School Write (% grade 1-7 fully meeting or exceeding)	90% Baseline	5,12	80%	69%	50%	n/a	44.6%	N/A Job Action	

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**GOAL:** Numeracy – Students will improve their numeracy skills (math facts, problem, solving, classroom performance standards), with an emphasis on those students not yet meeting and minimally meeting.

**GOAL RATIONALE:** The reliance on technology to figure out quick math facts has shown a need for students to focus on memorizing their addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. Math facts are fundamental building blocks to other math skills.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- To improve the numeracy levels for students who are not yet meeting expectations
- To improve fluency in number facts

Target	
Math Facts: Minimally meeting or better: 80% Performance Standards: Minimally meeting or better: 80% <i>(March</i> 2014 – goal attained – 98%)	

#### RESULTS

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Measure	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
FSA Numeracy Grade 4	73%	73%	48%	47%	n/a		58.3%	27%	
Meeting or Exceeding				(50%		n/a	(60% wrote)	(65% wrote)	
				wrote)					
FSA Numeracy Grade 7	52%	62%	37%	60%	n/a		52.9%	33.3%	
Meeting or Exceeding				(33%		n/a	(85% wrote)	(95% wrote)	
				wrote)					
Mathematics Performance	75%	79%	76%	73.4%	75%	79%	94%	Data from March	
Standards – Primary: MM,								2014 (No data	
FM, Ex								available in June –	
								Job Action)	
								98%	
Report Card Data:							(baseline data)	Data from March	
Intermediate: Letter Grades							93%	2014 (No data	
(C or better)								available in June –	
								Job Action)	
								98%	

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#### **GOAL:** Social Responsibility 1) Provide students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate leadership, cooperation, and collaboration. 2) To build a positive school culture where students feel connected to at least one adult and one peer in the school. **GOAL RATIONALE:** Research informs us that a positive and non-threatening school environment is contributing factor to improved student achievement. "When teachers and staff role model prosocial behaviour and students feel connected to those teachers, students are more likely to adopt these prosocial attitudes and behaviour as well." Indicators of Social and Emotional Healthy Living, Schonert-Reichl, 2009 **OBJECTIVE:** 1) Students will be contributing members of a positive school environment. 2) To create a respectful and non-threatening learning environment for all students. 3) To teach students how to solve problems/conflict in peaceful ways and will treat each other fairly and respectfully. 4) To encourage students to show expected behaviours and to examine the consequences when showing unexpected. Strategies Target Measures 1) Use of EBS Bouchie Lake CARES Program 1. Office referral data 1. Reduce the Appropriate student behaviour will be recognized by staff members who will award a annual number of 2. School Bullying "Gotcha" ticket for showing CARES: Caring, Achieving, Respectful, Encouraging, Safe office referrals. Survey behaviour. CARES Gotcha tickets were read daily on the morning announcements. Target: 100 (June 3. Satisfaction Survey Monthly assemblies will be held to draw 4 Primary tickets and 4 Intermediate tickets 2014 - 101) data for prizes. 2. 4. Meaningful work/ Increase the For targeted months the school will focus on one of the CARES behaviours for a percentage of School Jobs program "Gotcha Blitz". The focus will be taught and discussed at the CARES assembly on the students who 5. Number of last Wednesday of the month. Using Character Counts - 6 Pillars of Character state that they Gotchas/CARES awards The Six Pillars of Character feel safe at 6. Resourcing for Equity school. data Target: 95% of population No more than 5% 3. of office referrals/incident s for bullying Continue the School Jobs/Meaningful Work program, where students apply for 2) behaviours school jobs, including office assistant, library assistant, announcement reader, etc. 4. Increase the 3) Review the school Code of Conduct. The principal will visit each classroom in October number of to discuss the Code. A copy will be sent home with every student. "Gotcha" CARES 4) Administer a bullying indicator/school culture survey in January and June to all students. tickets handed Use resources "Be A Bucketfiller", "How Full is Your Bucket", "Focus On Bullying", 5) out. "Character Counts", and "Fin's Friends" to encourage and teach students about Target: 4,000 being a responsible citizen, and showing CARES behaviour. (June 2014 -6) Increase student opportunities to take responsibility for their environment. Students 3, 804) will be encouraged to compost and recycle. We will start the GREEN SCHOOLS program, and will record environmental projects happening around the school. Provide the opportunity to purchase a pink "Bullying Stops Here" t-shirt to the 7) students in the fall. Each staff member will have a pink shirt. A school-wide "Pink Shirt Day" to show support of taking a stand to bullying will be held on the last Wednesday of the month. A choir will be organized - songs focus on anti-bullying themes that they will sing at 8) our monthly assemblies (Ms. Beauvillier) Problem-solving, thinking papers, meaningful work, expected & unexpected 9) behaviours discussions will be used for office referrals. Behaviour plans or referral to counsellor for students who demonstrated on-going trends. 10) Create a Rainbow Resource Box to teach diversity and acceptance. 11) Have more School Spirit Days (Hat Day, Wacky Hair Day, PJ Day) - tied to achieving a certain number of "Gotcha tickets" 12) Use the Healthy Buddies Program (BC Children's Hospital) to facilitate buddy programs between primary and intermediate that focus on wellness and physical

activity.

13) Newsletter - in all newsletters provide a small segment that talks about bullying -

	definition of, how to support your child.
14)	Girls Group – Salvaging the Sisterhood for all Grade 6/7 girls – facilitated by Ms. Klics (principal) (January/February)
15)	Boys Group – Boys Council – Growing Healthy, Growing Strong for all Grade 6/7 boys – facilitated by Mrs. Rokoss (Grade 6/7 teacher) (January/February)
16)	Lunch time Girls Group – for all girls interested in Grades 6/7 facilitated by Jody Baxter (Aboriginal Education Support) 1 day per week – focus on: Self-esteem
17)	Lunch time Boys Group – for all boys interested in Grades 5/6 facilitated by Jody Baxter (Aboriginal Education Support) 1 day per week – focus on: connecting to peers and adult
18)	<ul> <li>Increase opportunities for students to lead and teach other students.</li> <li>Plan multi-age activities for a variety of school activities, including sports days, whole school Reading Day, Math Event</li> </ul>

#### RESULTS

Measure	2012/13	2013/2014	2014/15		
	(Baseline				
	data)				
Office referrals	128	101			
Bullying survey - June	23.2%	N/A (Job			
Intermediate students who state they have been		action)			
bullied more than once this year.					
Number of "Gotcha" CARES tickets - Sept to June	3,497	3,804			
Number of students with social/emotional	47/ 142	N/A (Job			
indicators (from "socialization" of RFE grid)	33%	action)			
Percentage of intermediate students who answer	92.9%	N/A (Job			
"yes" to "Does our school feel safe to you?"		Action)			
Number of students Fully Meeting or Exceeding	61.4%	N/A (Job			
Expectations in Social Responsibility (June report)		Action)			
Number of Bullying Incidents		N/A (Job			
		Action)			