

Ayer's Cliff Elementary School provides programs from pre-kindergarten to grade six for approximately 175 students from both the English and French communities. It offers all the advantages of a small caring school, while at the same time providing quality education. The dedication of our staff is complemented by direct parental involvement in the many facets of school life.

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EDUCATIONAL PROJECT
2006 - 2010

This pamphlet is an overview of our **EDUCATIONAL PROJECT FOR THE NEXT THREE** School years. It has been revised by our teaching staff, members of the *Governing Board* and the school principal.

We feel confident that this project, supported by our annual *School Success Plan*, will enhance and enrich the learning and teaching at *Ayer's Cliff Elementary School*.

The *Governing Board* plays a crucial role in assuring the realization of the project and we count on the support and participation of all parents.

LEARNING TOGETHER IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

We at A.C.E.S. are committed to providing a caring learning environment by:

- Creating a positive school climate
- Meeting our students' needs to prepare them for the future

Strategies used to attain these goals will include:

Increasing literacy skills in both languages across the subject areas by:

- Using highly recommended programs such as LaRoue, Signature, Soundprints and Jolly Phonics in a Balanced Literacy Framework
- Encourage reading through daily D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read), bi-annual reading week, home reading programs, paired reading, etc
- Integrating information/communication technology with the Dennis McCullough-Enhanced Learning Strategy
- Providing support for at risk students, through such means as Wilson program
- Purchasing the necessary resources/books
- Maximizing the benefits of cycle assessments/evaluation for learning
- Keeping informed of the latest research as a means of making pedagogical decisions
- Inviting parents to take an active role in building literacy skills at home

Providing professional training for teachers and aides, such as:

- Workshops that address specific learning difficulties
- Professional improvement workshops
- E.T.S.B. training and follow up
- On site training (sharing local expertise)
- S.T.A.R.T. (School's Targets, Achievement and Results Team)

Planning activities to promote fitness and cooperation, such as:

- Increased physical education instructional time
- Regular outdoor events
- Extra-curricular sports
- Tabloid day/Track and Field Meet
- Ski and Skate days
- Carnival day
- Milk Program
- Nutrition/Health Days
- Healthy Snack Program

Exposing students to various career ideas, such as:

- Guest speakers
- Visits to museums, local industries, and Vocational Education Center
- Job shadowing
- Career week

Developing students' interpersonal relationships, such as:

- Second Step/Steps to Respect programs
- Adopt a Kindergarten Program
- Individualized support for at-risk students
- Extra curricular sports and activities
- Active involvement of psycho-educator in classes
- Good Deed Recognition System

Creating a pleasant school atmosphere with:

- Monthly school assemblies
- Mini performances
- Seasonal School Décor
- Acknowledgement of birthdays/good deeds

Encouraging Family/Community Involvement, such as:

- Parent volunteers (tutors, librarians, trip supervisors, etc.)
- Regular newsletters
- Governing Board Highlights
- June BBQ
- The Record School Page
- Special School events (ex. Christmas Production, Talent Show)