

Healthy Schools Year-End Story Template

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School Name: Ecole Cedardale

School District: School District 45 (West Vancouver)

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Tell us about your Healthy Schools Team (i.e. who was on it? How many students? Other teachers? Partners?): Our Healthy Schools Team was comprised of Vice Principal, Misty Paterson, Grades 4 – 7 students, and myself

Share Your School Story! Tell us about what happened and how it went!

I was transferred to be Principal of Ecole Cedardale in January 2013. Cedardale is a K-7 school of 209 students that has been growing one grade at a time for the last nine years. This is the first year that the school has a full group of Grade Sevens and the school goal for the last several years has been around student behavior.

Intermediate students were asked for their playground observations, what issues they perceived were in need of improvement, the resources needed, and proposed plans. What became apparent was that many of the behavior issues that arose during recess breaks were as a result of not enough options for students on the playground.

Three tetherball poles were installed and four soccer nets were added to the grounds. An overgrown forested area was cleared of brush. An outside vegetable garden area was prepared, and entrances/exits to/from the building were reassessed. Because of the lack of a basketball court, the gym was opened to senior students as an alternate play space during the lunch hours.

Student feedback has been uniformly positive. 100% of students indicated in surveys that as a result of playground improvements, they were more physically active and felt safer.

Reflections (what worked well, what would you do differently next year?)

The process has been one that was very positive and very exciting. The students have all been engaged and their level of trust due to sense of being “listened to and heard” is exciting. Given the opportunity for a longer timeline, I would probably have students more involved in the research/ordering/acquisition to aid them in understanding the cost and value of the equipment.

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Dear Mrs. Labounty
19.02.2013
How are you? Thank you for all the things you've done for our school. I think the Tether Ball, 20 and the soccer nets have been a great addition to our school. I've noticed that opening the back door have facilitated our entry to the school because there's less people coming in from one door. I think to that, we can get to class before. I've also noticed that thanks to the Tether Balls and the soccer nets, there's 1. more participation 2. more space to play because there's not so many people standing arounding 3. less line up for ^{the} swings. I think you're a really good principal.
Sincerely, Juliana Angel.

Dear Mrs. Labounty
19.02.2013
Thank you for all the work you've done. All the kids loved what's new about this school. All what I see is lots of open space and all the kids with a big smile. This school got changed and I've noticed all the fun together. I think the Tetherball idea was a great idea because now everyone partcipe in the game even thought they're in the line up. Having no more hallpasses was the best. Now it's fair and funner. But everyone likes the back door idea because everyone likes getting faster in the class so ya. And again thank you.
Sincerely, Jon Hong Div. 3 Grade 5