

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and CLUBS

include:



Little Dickens Choir Lunch Program Assistants
Junior Choir Student Secretaries
Gym Team Running Club
Chess Club Yoga Club AMA Patrols
...as well, indoor and outdoor intramural sports for our students to learn new skills, stay fit, meet new friends and have fun!

A SAMPLING OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES and HIGHLIGHTS

We retained our title of "CBC Turkey Drive Champions", raising a record amount of money, enough to purchase 405 turkeys!

Our choirs performed at a host of venues through out the year, including, City Hall and CBC's "Centre Stage"

Our Christmas, spring and year-end concerts provided the opportunity for all of our students to participate and shine!

All of kindergarten through grade six students enjoyed professional instruction in gymnastics at the Ortona Gym Club, participated in a hip-hop dance workshop, took part in our school-wide "Walk to School Day" and "Winter Walk", enjoyed the "Kids in Power" Tae Kwon-Do sessions.

Cultural performances enrich our student's lives and compliment second language learning. Our students enjoyed a variety of live performances, including the a cappella group, HOJA; the Irish dance troupe; Mattiere; the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra; "Pinocchio" by the Story Theatre Company and "Les Bucherons," French Canadian entertainers and a Canada Parks nature play.

Holyrood students were treated to an "Artist in Residence Program" and had a wonderful time working with local artist,"Spyder" Jones.

Working with our school parent groups and community organizations, our second natureescape/outdoor classroom was completed at year-end. Native trees and shrubs, five raised beds for students to grow vegetables, walkways and outdoor seating has provided us with another special place for our students.

The "Holyrood Winter Olympics" and "cabane a sucre" were winter activities enjoyed by all our students and our family dances drew large crowds!

Videoconferencing provided our grade 4 students with the opportunity to enjoy the marvels of the Tyrell Museum from their classroom and allowed several classes to make international contacts during "Read Around the Planet" week.

Holyrood School Programs

French Immersion Program
(kindergarten through grade six)

English Program
(kindergarten through grade six)

Ukrainian International Bilingual Program
(kindergarten through grade six)

French as Second Language Program
(English program students in grades 4- 6;
Ukrainian program students grades 3-6)

French Immersion Strategies Program
(grades four to six)



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HOLYROOD SCHOOL



English • French Immersion
Ukrainian Bilingual

RESULTS REVIEW & ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE 2009-10



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Holyrood School Mission Statement

“Working together for a successful tomorrow”

Holyrood School provides a safe learning environment where students are treated with dignity and respect; a school with high standards where students are encouraged to strive for excellence so every student will become a responsible and caring citizen in an ever-changing

Holyrood School has served the families of south-east Edmonton for more than half a century. Our students come to us from more than 35 Edmonton neighbourhoods and several out-of-city communities. Thousands of students have passed through our doors over the years and our present population includes third-generation Holyroodians!

The 2009-10 school year was one of great excitement for Holyroodians as the eight million dollar major modernization project neared completion. A new and larger gym, more library space, new washrooms, wireless technology are just some of the school’s new features Holyrood students now enjoy!

About us...

Holyrood is a well-established and vibrant south-east Edmonton school which has maintained healthy student numbers for more than half a century. Our students come to Holyrood to take advantage of the school’s unique culture, our focus on literacy and numeracy, second language instruction and our emphasis on working hard, playing hard and enjoying school! We have high expectations for our students, their parents and our staff in this important business of education. The partnership of the home and the school has been a key factor in our students’ successes and we strive to involve parents in their child’s education at every opportunity.

99% of Holyrood School parents surveyed expressed satisfaction with the quality of education their child received

Student achievement, citizenship, conduct and safety

We work hard to provide the teaching, coaching and modeling to assist our students in meeting curriculum expectations. Our ongoing work to improve student achievement has been the focus of our staff professional development activities.

We have invested much time in collaborative planning, sharing best practices and assessment for learning to improve our teaching practices in both literacy and numeracy.

Our teaching staff have been trained in the “Balanced Literacy” approach and in using the “Six Plus One Writing Traits” program.

We expect our students to be responsible for the choices they make, to be respectful of themselves and others and to “live” the citizenship traits of our Character Education program.

We expect our staff to communicate effectively with parents, to be current in their teaching practices and to be active in their professional development.

The results of the District’s annual student attitude a survey tell us that Holyrood students find their school is a good place-

- ✦ 99 % of our students feel safe at school
- ✦ 99% feet safe on the way to and from school

Students are held accountable for their behavior and the choices they make.

- ✦ 91% responded that they liked being in school.
- ✦ 99% indicated that their teacher expected them to do their best
- ✦ 99% report their teachers help them when needed

We expect our students to respect the rights of themselves and others

- ✦ 98% of our students surveyed knew and followed the school rules;
- Students are expected follow the school’s dress code.*
Our grade five and six students are expected to take part in at least one school or community service activity during the year.

We provide opportunities for every student to succeed and to be recognized for their efforts. We celebrate our students’ successes and achievements and build on the importance of team work, collaboration, and sharing.

Our **Character Education** program is in its ninth year of operation. We believe that our work in our character education program has contributed in large measure to the culture of cooperative and responsible student conduct that is a hallmark of our school.



Our **music and performing arts program** develops our students’ love and knowledge of music and the performing arts and offers opportunities for student presentations throughout the year including Christmas and spring concerts, assemblies and year-end performances. Two choirs are offered, the junior choir, for grades 2 & 3 and “Little Dickens,” grades 4 - 6, our senior choir.

Second Language Learning

Holyrood School was one of the District’s second language “pioneers”-we’ve been offering the French Immersion and Ukrainian Bilingual language programs since the early ‘70s.

The importance of learning a second language cannot be emphasized enough. As the marvels of technology grow and our world becomes smaller, the need for the students of today to develop the skills, knowledge, and attributes to grow and thrive to become the successful citizens in our “global village” becomes that much more important. Second language learning provides many of these required skills, knowledge and attributes and is important business at Holyrood School!

Together, we celebrate the similarities and uniqueness of our three language programs and students enjoy the cultural celebrations and activities of our three language groups. We have helped our students develop a greater perspective of other people and places through our videoconferencing activities connecting Holyrood students with students and agencies from around the world and with our twin schools in Lviv, Ukraine and Rouen, France.



While English is the language of the playground, all students receive instruction in a second language (or two!) during their time at Holyrood School.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ...is what we do!

Our students work hard and are successful. Holyrood students typically perform better than the provincial or district average on standardized measures of student achievement

Standardized test results provide a “snapshot” of student performance; report card marks indicate the student’s performance in meeting curriculum expectations over the course of the year. The information that follows provides measures (standardized tests) of student achievement at the provincial and district level and measures of achievement over the school year.



District Measures

Highest Level of Achievement Tests (“HLATs”)

Each year, students in Edmonton’s public schools demonstrate their achievement in reading comprehension and in writing by writing the District “HLATs”.

The following tables indicate the percentage of students at each grade level that were reported **achieving at or above grade level:**

	WRITING	READING
Grades 1,2,3	95 %	86%
Grades 4,5,6	89 %	90%

Each spring, students in grade three and six write the Alberta Education provincial achievement tests (*students in grade three only write language arts and mathematics achievement tests*).

With the focused work of all our school staff, the support parents have provided and our students’ efforts, Holyrood students continue to perform well on the provincial achievement tests!

The table below provides the **percentage of all our students in grades three and six who met the acceptable standard or the standard of excellence**



Provincial Measures

Each spring, students in grade three and six (and nine) write the Alberta Education provincial achievement tests. The following table provides the percentage of all our students in grades three and six who met the acceptable standard or the standard of excellence in the subject area tests.

Acceptable Standard Standard of Excellence

Grade three		
Lang. arts	87%	18%
Mathematics	New curriculum	Standards not yet established
Grade six		
Lang. arts	96%	17%
Mathematics	New curriculum	Standards not yet established
Science	92%	40%
Social Studies	87%	8%

While we are generally quite pleased with our results, the work does not stop here! We have a tradition to maintain, challenges to meet and so many new things to teach our students!



School-Level Measures

These measures note the percentage of students achieving the acceptable standard or better in gr.1-6 language arts and math. The percentages are based the students’ performance throughout the year as reported on students’ final report card.

GRADE	LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
1	99%	99%
2	92%	100%
3	90%	98%
4	90%	98%
5	82%	100%
6	89%	95%