



## **CEDAR STREET SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROJECT**

*'The first practical step in any educational reform is to take it.'*  
*R.M. Shafer*

### **Our Vision**

At Cedar Street School, great value and emphasis is placed on the idea of community spirit, and of making this idea a living reality each day: a community of diverse individuals coming together with common goals and values, helping and supporting each other, working together, respecting each other's individuality, and celebrating differences. Cedar Street is a school where children come to learn in a safe, caring, positive, harmonious atmosphere.

### **Our Mission**

As outlined in the Quebec Education Program, every school's mission is threefold: to instruct, to socialize, and to provide qualifications. At Cedar Street, our aim is to promote a balanced set of priorities among cognitive and academic skills, social values and behaviour, and readiness for future success. Therefore, our mission is: To help students develop the necessary academic competencies in all their subject areas, and competencies within the broad areas of learning; to help students develop appropriate social skills; to promote self-confidence, self-awareness, and self-esteem; to help our students be successful and to contribute positively to society.

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### **Our Values**

RESPECT

SAFETY

TEAMWORK

THE RIGHT TO LEARN – SUCCESS FOR ALL

Every child has the right to learn in a safe, respectful environment, where each child is valued and listened to, where different learning styles are recognized and supported, and where teamwork is promoted in all aspects of school life.

### **Our History and Accomplishments**

Throughout its' history, Cedar Street School has been noted for its' dedication to high standards, for both students and staff. Our accomplishments include:

- Teacher-initiated professional development in a wide range of areas: literacy, special needs, arts, second language, social sciences, etc...
- Strong support for school-wide student projects
- Very dedicated and innovative staff, highly collaborative and supportive
- Excellent physical education program
- Enriched French program
- Excellent daycare and tutoring program
- Thriving, dynamic four-year-old program
- Noon-hour activities, social groups, etc...

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### **Our History and Accomplishments (cont'd):**

- Special programs for senior students: babysitting course, drug prevention, student Leadership Program
- Anti-bullying programs
- School-wide theatre and music project focusing on respect and the environment
- School-wide visual arts and science projects, with support from Artsmarts
- Music and drama programs
- Entrepreneur projects
- Very successful book fairs
- Read-a-thon
- Story publishing
- Cross-cycle reading partners
- Public speaking
- Commonwealth essay contest
- Charitable activities – sponsorship of foster child, student Caring Committee, support for needy families in school and community, Christmas food baskets, etc...
- Fund-raising drives resulting in a broad range of resources and student activities
- Active parent volunteer program
- New computers for all classrooms, computer lab
- Refurbished library

### **Our Goals**

Our main goals are consistency and stability in the promotion, development and implementation of our integrated academic and social/behavioural priorities: Students and staff must share the same expectations of social behaviour and interactions. The promotion of social skills, encouragement and companionship will support greater academic achievement in literacy. Since our school population is mainly Francophone, improving literacy skills in the language of instruction is our main academic focus. Promoting a learning environment and values consistent with these goals will result in greater academic success.