

Pierre Laporte Middle School

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GRADE RANGE: 6 to 8

Interesting Feature

Pride in Every Stride

Our school team is made up of an active cadre of dedicated teachers, staff, volunteers, teacher candidates, parents and students. Together, we work to promote student success through activities such as:

Ambassadors
Skills Canada
Global Partners Project
Career Day
Quebec Trip
various clubs
sports teams
Kiwanis Music Festival
Dare to Dream
Young Women on the Move
field trips
outdoor education

Pierre Laporte Middle School is located on Wilson Avenue between Keele and Jane Streets. The school was built in 1973 in memory of Pierre Laporte, a former cabinet minister of the Quebec government.

Pierre Laporte MS currently serves approximately 310 students in a multiracial, multicultural environment. We are a regional centre for students in Gifted and Behavioural programs. As well, we welcome approximately 25 students a year into our English as a Second Language program.

At Pierre Laporte MS, teachers focus on ensuring that each student reaches his or her maximum potential. We work to produce confident students with strong academic and social skills.

PIERRE LAPORTE'S 4 P's

Punctuality

- Arrive to school and classes on time and be ready to learn
- Enter and exit classrooms and buildings at appropriate times

Preparedness

- Follow PLP's dress code
- Bring required materials and school work to class

Positive Communication

- Use appropriate language with everyone at school
- Encourage others and be a good listener

Participation

- Be engaged in classroom activities
- Respect and cooperate with others in a positive way





Literacy

Our overall reading scores improved last year from 66% - 79% of students achieving level 3 and 4 - that is an improvement of 13%. Our writing scores also improved last year from 62% - 76% at level 3 and 4 - that is an improvement of 14%. By the end of 2011-2012 we would like to see our literacy achievement increase by 10% with a focus on narrowing the gap between genders.



Numeracy

52% of our grade 6 students are achieving level 3 and 4 in EQAO. We would like to see our student performance in Grade 6 Math improve by 10%, increasing their achievement level to 62%. Based on report card data, we would like to see our students increase their achievement by 5% in all math strands.



Pathways

At Pierre Laporte we are focussing on students who are achieving Level 2 or below and determining which supports are needed. We are doing this by looking at the following data: Report Card Data, At-Risk Forms, Attendance, CASI scores, IST Referrals, EQAO, Data Walls, Guidance Referrals and Office Referrals.



Community, Caring and Culture

In order to support our students' emotional and social needs, community and staff have come together to deliver various programs. Some examples include Pride in Action, Student Ambassadors, office helpers, morning announcers and various sports activities. Staff also help to plan special events including literacy days, math nights and other parent information sessions.



Additional Features

- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Home School Program & Language Lab
- Multimedia Learning Resource Centre
- Design & Technology/Family Studies
- Grades 7 & 8 Instrumental Music
- Visual Arts & Talent Shows
- Various Sports Programs
- Eco School - Bronze Level



Student Life - Where You Belong

School routines and culture are based on the positive belief that all students have the right to learn in a safe, respectful and caring environment. To foster this belief, our teachers are committed to knowing our students personally and academically and delivering interesting and relevant lessons that require and develop critical thinking skills in all areas of the curriculum.

Our students have demonstrated a commitment to learning and achieving both in and out of the classroom. Many students are actively participating in a variety of teams and or clubs such as intramural sports, tournament sports, track & field, cross country, Glee, yearbook, art, eco, talent shows, radio announcers, server support, and office helpers. In addition, students at Pierre Laporte MS have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by participating in Pride in Action, Young Women on the Move, Ambassadors and Student Council. Many of these leadership groups work in conjunction with outside organizations that support our school wide vision. We are pleased to have a positive environment where student ownership is realized daily. We take pride in every stride and are proud to be PLP!



What Sets Us Apart

At Pierre Laporte, we believe that it is important to use differentiated instruction to create powerful and inclusive learning environments that reflect all of the different types of learners in our classrooms. Throughout the school we work to foster leadership in our next generation. Pierre Laporte is a diverse learning community that caters to a spectrum of needs to ensure the success of students having varying skills and abilities. We realize that teaching is as much about motivation as helping students understand how the curriculum affects their daily lives. We realize that not all students learn in the same way, therefore it is important to ensure the use of different learning strategies to meet the varying need in our classrooms.





Parent and Community Engagement

School Volunteers, Faculties of Education, Trails Youth Initiative, Jamaican Canadian Association, Child Development Institute, and Junior Achievement are just some of the many community groups who work with our students at Pierre Laporte Middle School. On Career Days, we involve local businesses which provide workshops to our students on diverse careers such as engineering, graphics design, animation, law, and construction trades. The school also works actively and regularly with community agencies such as Hincks / Dellcrest Centre who then works with students and their families. Students take part in fundraising for many community agencies, including the Heart & Stroke Foundation, an annual food drive, Free the Children Campaign and the Terry Fox Run.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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