Alberta Education along with Vulcan Prairieview Elementary School is asking you to play an important role in your child's education. **The 2014 Accountability survey** will be arriving in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. All **surveys are anonymous** and ask questions about experiences with your child's school.

The survey focuses on parents of students in grades 4-6. **Your participation in the survey helps provide important information about the type and quality of education your child is receiving, so we strongly encourage you to complete them because your voice is a priceless resource.** The results are used by our school, school authorities and the government to assist in guiding future programming.

To assist you with this survey, we would like to take the opportunity to share with you some of our accomplishments that have occurred in the past year. We hope that be reviewing this list you will be more prepared to respond to the survey and be better informed in the areas where the answer of "I don't know" may come forth. If you are not a parent of a grade 4 –6 student and are not requested to fill out a survey, we thank you for sharing and celebrating our recent accomplishments.

We also thank the enthusiastic and dedicated students, staff and parents for contributing to these achievements.

Educational Quality

- Outstanding Provincial Achievement Test results

Provincial Achievement Test Scores were much higher than most of the provincial averages

VPE reading Excellence Grade 3--71% Province—40%

VPE reading Excellence Grade 6-49% Province—39%

VPE math Excellence Grade 3-66% Province-25%

VPE Math Excellence Grade 6-- 30% Province-16%

- Significantly improved Fountas & Pinnell Reading assessment levels
- Ongoing improvement in writing samples (3 formal assessments/year)

We celebrate our very high "Academic Achievement"...

Sharing a book at the Reading Picnic

Recognizing Star at Assemblies

Showcasing Student Work

Educational Programming

- Reading interventions including Reading Recovery, Early Literacy support, RAZ kids program, home reading program, Precision Reading, Fountas & Pinnell support
- After school educational support in all subject areas
- Strong arts program including music, choir experience, art and drama
- Christmas Concert and community involvement
- Strong athletics programs – intramurals, running club, after school basketball, curling, badminton, track and field
- Mentorship Program with County Central High School
- After school craft and sewing clubs
- Vulcan Junior ATB Branch
- French programming for Grades 3-6

Fun with Composers

French Fun

Fantastic Fine Arts Projects

Safe and Caring

- Learning citizenship and healthy living skills through the 7 Habits Program
- FSLC counselor available to all students
- Bi-weekly staff meetings to discuss how best to support students with social or emotional concerns
- Encouraging awareness towards anti-bullying
- Weekly Assemblies – Stars of the Week, Rodney's Playground Safety Initiative, celebration of personal achievements
- Nutritional eating committee – hot lunches, snacks, breakfast program
- Motivational Speakers - Steve Harmer
- Increased and visible playground supervision
- School patrol program
- Community involvement opportunities – singing at Peter Dawson, Community Clean Up
- Building conscientious citizens – Books for Buddies, Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox run

We are "Safe and Caring"…

School Patrollers

Christmas Feast

Healthy Eating Options

Active Supervision

We foster "Citizenship"…

Leadership- Steve Harmer

Terry Fox Run Fundraiser

Books for Buddies

Community Events

Preparation for Lifelong Learning (Work Preparation)

- Inclusive education – students with all types of learning needs are supported within the classroom
- Vulcan Junior ATB Branch
- Implementation of the 'Leader in Me'/7 Habits program
- Balanced literacy programming
- Technological training and support – computers, iPads
- Year-end transition meetings for Gr.6 students moving on to CCHS

We set the path to "Work Preparation"...

Vulcan Junior ATB

Leader in Me/7 Habits

After-school help

Real-life Problem Solving

While this is not a complete list, we are confident it will help you to fill out the survey. We hope that these initiatives indicate our commitment to you and your children as we strive to create a safe, caring and educational environment for all our students.

We look forward to continuing our work with parents, students and the community to offer quality education for all.

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