



Walnut Park
SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN: 2023-24

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Walnut Park Elementary is a Kindergarten to Grade 7 school serving 317 students. There are 14 divisions servicing students from Telkwa, Lake Kathlyn area, Witset, and the Town of Smithers. Indigenous students make up 33% of the school community. We recently moved into a brand-new school, and this is our third year in the new building.

School Goal

Our school's growth plan is centered around our school community, emphasizing social responsibility, belonging, and unity within our educational environment. We are dedicated to cultivating a sense of belonging among our students, ensuring that each individual feels valued and connected within our school. Our commitment to social responsibility is reflected in initiatives that empower our students to contribute positively to our school community. We are excited to announce that the book 'Be A Good Ancestor' will guide our collective focus, providing valuable insights and principles to inspire our journey towards a more inclusive and responsible school community, strengthening the bonds within our school and creating a supportive and inclusive educational atmosphere."

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Walnut Park School Goal: 2023-24:

Objectives:

- Focus on community and what it means to be a good friend and neighbour.
 - Appreciate elements of our story that bring our community together
 - Gain knowledge of one's heritage, language, beliefs
- Focus on thoughts and turning kind thoughts into actions.
 - Experience the joy of doing kind things for others
 - Looking at our social responsibility towards our school
 - Develop a social awareness and responsibility
 - contribute to the community and care for the environment
- Focus on community and belonging using indigenous perspectives and resources
 - Using the book "Be a good Ancestor" rotate through the pages making each page a theme to focus on throughout the school
 - Pages for year one will focus on being a good neighbour, turning thoughts into actions and being a good ancestor with the land.
- Improve the writing skills for all learners connected to personal writing.
 - Focus on strong narration, coherent sentence structure and basic conventions.
 - Track student progress through a Fall and Spring demand write.

Connection to District Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Increase knowledge of and value for Indigenous world view and perspectives
 - a. A sense of belonging is fostered through authentic integration of Indigenous content throughout our school and by making Indigenous understandings visible.
 - b. Develop an understanding and appreciation of our local story and history of our land

2. Promote and support Innovative Instructional Practices and Learning Opportunities for students
 - a. Teachers engaged in collaboration around writing practices

Writing

According to FSA data and teachers’ observations, we have noticed a need to focus on writing skills.

FSA Writing Data (2021-22) – From the written component of assessment

Grade 4

	Writing
Emerging	17.5%
Developing	61%
Applying	21.5%
Extending	

Grade 7

	Writing
Emerging	18%
Developing	70%
Applying	12%
Extending	