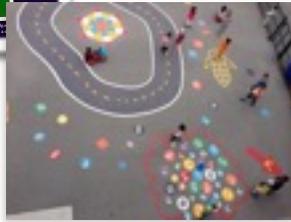
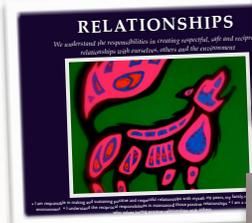


RAISING THE BAR AT ALDERGROVE!

Aldergrove is a Performance Plus school in South Markham. We continue to innovate and provide opportunities for our students to explore their world through social justice, use all of our spaces to engage in learning and use a variety of tools to make their thinking visible.

Our Challenge of Practice: we want our students to make their thinking visible as they demonstrate and apply Higher Order Thinking Skills.



PROMOTING WELL-BEING

At Aldergrove every student is a member of one of five **TRIBES**; Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Heart. Through these tribes we build inclusion, foster community and increase well-being.

Our **playground** is designed to engage students literacy and numeracy skills through play. It is an extension of our classroom as it promotes collaboration and active learning.

In order to create dynamic, literate and compassionate world citizens, we focus on 7 key values. Our **7 values** have been inspired by the First Nations teachings from the 7 grandfathers whose ancestors welcomed the world to Ontario and Canada. Our 7 values are:

Optimism, Innovation, Relationships, Self-Awareness, Inclusivity, Empathy and Citizenship.

We hope to see this demonstrated in our students on a daily basis and believe that these 7 values are critical components that will help them navigate the world which they will inherit.

ENSURING EQUITY

Ensuring equity for all students is a fundamental foundation to closing the gap and helping all students rise to their fullest potential. Students need to feel safe and supported in order to be successful in school. Addressing the gap proactively through **Student Town Halls**, our annual **Community Report Card**, reflecting **multiple kinds of lived experiences in our daily instruction**, **shared experiences for students and families**, **celebrating many festivals** that make up our community and **ongoing monitoring** assists us to do this.



Students and parents feel safe to provide feedback

ENHANCING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The most precious gift a parent/guardian can give us, is the trust of their child's well-being and learning. At Aldergrove, our belief is that if we do what is best for our students, public confidence will increase. At the Grove, we value our parents as partners in their child/ren's learning. We invite parents to engage with us through our **KG reading program**, **extended library hours**, monthly **Chai and Chat**, a thriving **School Council**, **dual language reading programs for parents and students**, providing a **warm and invitational welcome** at school and ongoing **regular communication which is translated** to support our families .



Parent involvement has greatly increased over the last year

INNOVATION

Innovation is the thread necessary to transform the educational experiences of our children. By thinking differently, approaching students and staff in ways that allows them to critically question and think "outside the box" and to take risks we open ourselves to many wonderful possibilities for the future. At the Grove, our work is facilitated through the principle of "**The Environment as Third Teacher**". Additionally, we started school with "**Camp Aldergrove**", our soon to be open **Maker Space** with a 3D printer and our **transformed Learning Commons** are some glimpses to the way we think differently and innovate to support our students' well-being and achievement.



Grade 7 students at Markham Food Bank