



SCHOOL: Cinnabar Valley Elementary

YEAR: 2024-25

PRINCIPAL: Colette Young



OUR SCHOOL

Nestled in the heart of the valley, Cinnabar Valley School is a vibrant community where students are nurtured, challenged, and celebrated. At Cinnabar Valley, our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program forms the foundation of our commitment to developing well-rounded, resilient individuals equipped with essential skills for life. Our culture revolves around three core values: safety, respect, and responsibility, brought to life through monthly virtues that echo across our classrooms and hallways.

These virtues are celebrated in lively assemblies featuring a choir and a drumming group, each bringing character to life through music. This is further reinforced by our Valley Virtue slips, house team activities, and challenges that promote positive behavior and foster a culture of growth and community.

Our SEL program empowers students with tools to regulate their emotions and thoughts, promoting calm, supportive spaces where each child feels safe to take risks, learn, and grow. We are proud to see leadership blossom at every level—from our Grade 7 senior leaders to our enthusiastic Grade 4-5 junior leaders. These roles foster a sense of community responsibility and encourage meaningful engagement.

Since 2001, Cinnabar Valley has stood as a beacon of academic, athletic, and artistic excellence. Our 260 Valley Vipers, including 33 Indigenous students, create a rich tapestry of perspectives that define our school. The dedicated guidance of our Indigenous Culture & Student Support Worker and teachers offers students an inspiring journey into the Hul'q'uminum language and cultural practices, allowing them to appreciate and respect the wealth of traditions in our community.

Our school comprises 12 divisions from kindergarten through Grade 7, all led by a dedicated team of 13 full-time teachers and specialized staff who bring unique skills to each day. Among them, our Library/Commons Prep Teacher (.719), Counsellor (2 days per week), ADST/Gym Teacher (.657) and more recently a full-time reading intervention teacher- all contributing to our well-rounded curriculum. Additional student support comes from our Speech and Language Pathologist (.2) and School Psychologist, as needed. Six Educational Assistants, a Child and Youth Care Worker (2 days per week), and our .4 Indigenous Culture & Student Support Worker contribute to a truly inclusive environment. Our full-time Secretary keeps our school running smoothly, and with guidance from our full-time Principal and the ongoing support of our active Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Cinnabar Valley is a place of belonging where students flourish academically, socially, and emotionally, ready for the bright futures ahead of them.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

Student Success

Increase literacy success rates for all students

Implement targeted, evidence-based reading interventions for primary and intermediate students requiring Tier 2 and Tier 3 support to improve reading fluency, comprehension, and overall literacy skills by at least one grade level within the school year.

Student and Employee Wellness

Increase the number of Students who feel welcome, safe and have a sense of belonging in their school

Implement regular wellness initiatives that address the mental, emotional, and physical health needs of students and staff, aiming to increase engagement in wellness activities by at least 30% by the end of the school year.

Select a Board Goal

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OUR CELEBRATION STORY

Cinnabar Valley Elementary is proud to represent School District 68's commitment to a secure, nurturing, and vibrant learning environment that celebrates the diversity of our educational community. This mission was recently highlighted through our remarkable Week of Wellness, guided by our inspiring Junior Leaders. Through innovative buddy classes that build friendships and leadership skills across grades, our junior leaders shined as role models throughout the week, inspiring students to embrace health and well-being wholeheartedly.

The weeks theme days offered an engaging and educational journey. Mindful Monday kicked off with calming mindfulness exercises led by students, creating a tranquil, focused start. Tasty Tuesday celebrated healthy eating, with our junior leaders encouraging students to explore nutritious snacks and colorful produce. Wellness Wednesday promoted essential self-care habits like sleep and hydration, with our junior leaders taking the lead. Thankful Thursday connected our community through acts of gratitude, filling the school with messages of appreciation and positivity. On Fitness Friday, energy and excitement peaked as everyone participated in activities that boosted both fitness and morale. Our junior leaders extended these practices with Self-care Saturday and Soulful Sunday, encouraging ongoing mindfulness and self-care over the weekend.

Our Week of Wellness was a joyful and impactful display of leadership, community, and wellness, embodying our commitment to creating a positive, inclusive environment for all. As we celebrate these successes, we look forward to deepening our culture of wellness and kindness across Cinnabar Valley Elementary, building a thriving school community.