



TEN TENETS OF TRADITIONAL

- A safe environment
 - behavior is closely monitored
 - teachers work “in community” to guide all students, not just their own class
- Parents as partners
 - Parents are welcome to be part of the education process
 - Parents assist in many aspects of the school life:
 - Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
 - School Planning Council (SPC)
 - Key Communicator for the district
 - Coaching sports teams (with teacher in charge)
 - Fundraising
 - Book fairs
 - Traffic and parking
 - Noonhour supervisors
- A dress code
 - Rationale:
 - Develops a strong school focus
 - Produces a sense of belonging
 - Intruders on the premises stand out
 - Makes students easily identifiable
 - Children make friends based upon personality and interests, not on socio-economic status
- A clearly defined code of behavior
 - Maintain high levels of behavior through positive reinforcement
 - View mistakes as opportunities for learning
 - Discipline should:
 - Show students what they have done wrong
 - Show students how they are accountable for their actions
 - Show students that there are consequences
 - Show students that they can create solutions
 - Keep students’ dignity intact Teacher directed instruction



- A strong focus on academic achievement
 - Honour roll, Effort roll, Principal's Honour Roll
 - Healthy competition encouraged
 - Year end awards
 - Regular participation in district events: Spaghetti Bridge Competition, Public Speaking
- Consistent structured approach that maximizes class time
 - Key visuals throughout the school include:
 - Desks arranged in an orderly manner
 - Students move from class to class quietly, in an orderly fashion
 - Students stand to answer questions in formal settings
- Regular skills assessment
 - Teachers use Websites which clearly indicate homework requirements. Parents have full access to class websites
 - Teachers use web based programs that parents and students can access from home to check on progress and homework completion.
- An emphasis on solid literacy skills
 - Explicit reading and writing lessons taught in all grades.
- A regular homework policy
 - All students are expected to complete homework on a daily basis
 - Homework assignments are entered into the student planner and "signed off" by parents each evening
 - The formula for minutes of homework to expect is 10 minutes of homework per grade level