



Keeping Parents Informed



This Month: Sturgeon's AISI Projects

Newsletter Insert #1

The Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS I) Projects in Sturgeon School Division

Alberta Education provides funding to every school district in the province to support projects focused on school improvement. In Sturgeon School Division we have two projects that all of our schools are involved with. Please find a brief description of each one below.

Project 1- "Student Learning, Assessment and Reporting"

The aim of this project is to improve student achievement through improved teaching and assessment strategies along with improved communication with parents. Teachers are using a variety of strategies that allow students to practice their learning without it counting towards a report card grade (known as formative assessment strategies).

The goal to improve communication with parents involves a new computer program called Power School that is being implemented this year. New district report cards and an online parent portal that allows parents to check their child's grades and attendance are key parts of this process. **Stay tuned for more information that will come home with your child and through the mail early in October.**

Project 2- "21st Century Teaching for 21st Century Learning"

The aim of this project is to increase student engagement and achievement with teachers using new instructional technologies in the classroom. Examples of these new technologies include interactive whiteboards, laptops in classrooms, web tools, and video conferencing. With the new technologies and research comes opportunity for teachers to explore different ways to engage your child in his/her learning.

What can you do to support your child's learning?

Talk with your child's teacher about how the AISI projects are contributing to improving learning in Sturgeon and please be patient as we work with these innovative approaches. Thank you.