

Mission House Methodist Basic School

Principal Report

Year 2021-2022

As the new school year commenced 2020-2021, we continued to grapple with the effects of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic. Our school year officially commenced On September 6, 2021 using the online modality to engage students. The enrolment for this academic year began with 44 students, 26 boys and 25 girls. However, our online attendance saw an overall average of 56% participation for the first academic term.

The 3 year olds class had a major challenge of parent availability to support the younger ones with the online classes. The 4 and 5 year olds classes had at least 80 % of class participation. Throughout the term the teachers made themselves available on Fridays to correct and compile learning activities to assist parents who had difficulties purchasing learning materials such as text books. This continued until the end of the first term.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness provided guidelines for the reopening of schools. Implementations such as a hand wash stations, 25 table partitions and 7 sanitization stations were in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Wellness guidelines. Our school received approval to reopen in January 2022. The students and teachers were excited to return to face to face classes. We gradually got in a Covid-19 protection routine. It was a challenge to teach, sanitize, reinforce Covid-19 protocols and interact effectively with the children and parents. The second term of the academic year was very tedious and tiring. We became more flexible in the third term and were able to effectively implement the content and concept of the curriculum. Our end of year final assessment statistics revealed that our students were performing at 70% readiness to continue to the next step on their educational ladder.

DONATIONS

Although the pandemic limited our face to face interaction, donations were still given to continue the improvement of our learning environment. The Gordon Town Methodist Church continues to assist with salary contribution for teacher Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Christopher Card continues to assist with our staff development through his kind contribution of salary payment to teacher Ms. Johnson. Our school received monetary contribution from the Riverside United Church in Canada. We also received monetary contribution from Mr. William Fuller from Connecticut, USA to assist with the pest control spraying at our school. In addition, 2 tablets from Dormaine Colum from Georgia, USA who is a member the Gordon Town Methodist Church. The Kiwanis of East Andrew through the Early Childhood Commission donated 2 recycled bucket hand wash station with metal stands.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The integration of the different school activities has balanced our 2017-2018 school year. These include fundraisers, special events, and fieldtrips. The children, parents and teachers, participated in the following activities: Crazy shirt day, creative hat day, career day, boy's day & girl's day, read across Jamaica day, jeans day, Jamaica day and birthday parties. Our teachers attended regular training sessions put on by the Early Childhood Commission to develop professional skills and methods in fostering growth and development in the children we nurture on a daily basis.

Sad Note

It with a heavy and sad heart that I read this aspect of our report. On Monday November 8th, 2021, We lost our beloved vice chairman Mr. Winston Jackson. He was the backbone of the

development of our school. He would be at every School Leaving Exercise ready to hand out our certificates. Let us have a moment of silent for Mr. Jackson.

Thank You

As we come to the end of the academic year 2021-2022, we would like thank everyone who supported our school throughout the year. It was a year of challenges but we forged ahead with God being our anchor to overcome and remain committed to our children and parents.

Thanks to the teaching staff at Mission House Ms. Douse, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Taylor for their hard work and dedication. Thanks to our extended teaching staff from Gore Family Foundation (aunty sequana, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Gragory), for adding their talent and skills to develop our children to become well rounded individuals. I am privileged to work with such a dynamic team every day. Thanks to my support staff Auntie Christine and Uncle Chris, you won't have notice, but there was no child left unfed, and no filthy school environment.

Thanks to all our sponsors we made it possible for our doors to remain opened throughout this challenging time. Thanks to the school for entrusting me each year with this task of leading the school to higher heights.

I want to encourage our parents to support your child's dream not yours, observe them, pray over them and train them in the right ways that are pleasing to God. To my children you are a promise and you can become anything God has in store for you. Believe in yourselves and work hard to reach for the stars.

Thank you