



Oh the places we have gone and are still going

As the school year comes to an end, teachers are busy filling out report cards. Typically, this is the time of year that teachers evaluate student achievement. However, with our Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) project, **teachers and students** have been **reflecting** on their learning and growth throughout the school year. Our AISI project focuses on assessment for learning. This enables assessment to become a learning tool. Assessment is much more than evaluation (giving marks). The purpose of assessment is to improve student learning. We have been working primarily on sharing learning goals (curricular objectives) with students in language they can understand (I can statements). We have also been involving students in the assessment process. Teachers have been using student written/friendly rubrics, self assessment, feedback, checklists and reflections. These tools help teachers and students to gauge where they are at in their learning, where they need to go, and how to get there.

The AISI project is a 3 year process. We have a good start on this process of helping students to become self assessors and use this information to plan the next steps they have to take. In my reflection as the lead teacher in this project, I leave you with a quote from *Dr. Seuss* from *Oh the Places You'll Go*, "you're off to great places, you're off and away."

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To help with this project, you can fill out a **quick online parent survey**. The results of this survey will help us to determine where we are in the project and where we need to go. The survey is under www.ghsd75.com under AISI parent survey. Please complete this survey by June 10th.