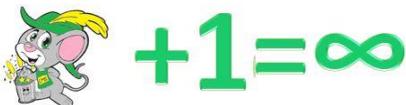


# St. Valentine

## Lou MacNarin School February 2014 Newsletter

### Mission Statement



Please visit our WEB SITE: <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-E/schools/loumacnarin/Pages/default.aspx>

### School Improvement Goals

Math - We will monitor student's math skills using Math Screeners and provide interventions to support progress/achievement.

Reading - We will monitor student's reading levels with Running Records and provide interventions to support progress/achievement.

Writing - We will monitor student's writing levels using Common Rubrics and provide interventions to support progress/achievement.

### Important Dates

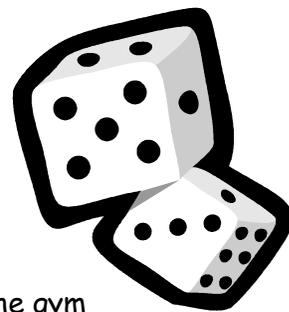
- February 12- Grade 4 Field trip to the Wetlands in Sackville.
- February 14- Red Day! Students are invited to wear red today to celebrate. Valentine Special in the cafeteria \$5.00 Heart Shaped Pizza, Milk and dessert- Snow Date February 18.
- February 17 - **No School for students.** Teacher Professional Development Day
- February 26 - Pink Shirt Day- students are invited to wear pink, red, or purple. Leadership students will be reading to classes about pro social skills.



Reminder for parents that we are into the cold/wet days of winter and students should be dressing accordingly. On cold or snowy days when we have inside recesses, students may continue to begin their day by entering the school through the door off the playground to enter the school. If you are coming into the school please use the front door and sign in at the office.

Many thanks to everyone for your efforts to improve safety during the busy drop off time in the morning. Please remember that school starts at 8:25. Parents are also reminded that students should not be dropped off before 8:00 when supervision begins. Please ensure that you are using the drop off zone on the west side of the building.

**Making Math Fun** can be accomplished by playing board games with dice - These games allow children to count and recognize dot configurations on dice, numbers and number values. It's a great way to make learning fun!



**Our Snuggle Up and Read Activity** was well attended. We filled the gym and stage with our Early Years Readers! Students and parents, grandparents, guardians and friends were invited to spend time sharing some wonderful stories together in the gym. We appreciate everyone coming to read with our children. Some of our older students were reading partners for younger students who did not have an adult available to attend the activity. Some of the elementary classes also invited parents in to participate in literacy activities.

We encourage our students to sort their garbage in the cafeteria - Blue for dry, Green for Wet and Red for recyclables.

If you have friends or family members in the community who have children who are ready to start Kindergarten in September please encourage them to register as soon as possible.

### Staff Updates

In light of all the changes that have taken place at Lou MacNarin this year, I would like to update our families on staff members.

#### Staff:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Lawless, Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. White, Mrs. Patterson.

Educational Assistant support: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Hache, Mrs. Dickinson

School Intervention Workers- Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Gallant

Grade 1 - Mr. Landry, Mrs. Allen Ashe replacing Mrs. Smidt, Mrs. Thistle, Ms. Vallee

Educational Assistants: Ms. Ross, Ms. Stables, Ms. Seamone, Mrs. Morgan

School Intervention Worker: Ms. Pratt

Grade 2 - Mrs. Mellish, Mrs. Zwicker, Ms Guitard (AM), Mrs. Cail (PM), Mrs. Steeves

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Magee, Mrs. Ells.

Grade 3 - Mr. Reardon, Madame LeBlanc Ashe, Madame Drisdelle, Mrs. Steeves

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Wobma, Ms. Caissie, Ms. Methot

Grade 4 - Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Robichaud

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Strang, Mrs. Gagnon

Grade 5 - Madame White, Madame Aitken, Madame Roy

Administration: Mrs. DeWare, Mrs. Lloyd

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Thebeau

Specialists: Mr. DiBonaventura, Ms. McMullen

Custodians: Mr. Bell, Mr. Dever, Mrs. Doiron, TBA



### Breakfast Club Updates.

It's been a busy year for our Breakfast Committee and volunteers! Our students and stakeholders have been busy fundraising to help ensure that our students have a warm, yummy breakfast in the morning. Helping to ensure that blood sugar levels are stable during learning times is shown to make a big difference when engaged in learning. Our school has received donations from our friends at the Irving Group as well as donations from other local businesses and community members. Working together helps our community. Thank you all for your time, your commitment to our children, as well as your donations!

Happy Valentine's Day !!

