



Lou MacNarin School December Newsletter Mission Statement



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School Improvement Planning

Students at Lou MacNarin School will be progress monitored in Reading, Writing, and Math Facts to ensure that they are progressing toward and beyond grade level expectations. Students who are working below standards will show continuous progress through interventions that support student learning.

Tools for progress monitoring

Math Screeners, Math fluency booklets, teacher assessments
AIMSWEB, Running Records, report card criteria

Important Dates for December

- **December 7 - Cookie Dough Pick Up 4 - 6 PM**
 - Student of the Month Assembly - Being Attentive
 - Rehearsal for the Concert 8:45
- **December 8th - Hat Day \$1.00 donation for Fill the Bus Food Drive**
 - Rehearsal for the concert
- **December 9th - Concert 6:00PM - 7:00PM (Snow Date - December 11th 10:30 - 11:30)**
 - We would appreciate donations of food items for our Fill the Bus food drive the evening of the concert.
 - Please ensure that younger children remain with parents and are not unsupervised or playing noisily at the back of the gym.
 - Please remember that parking is permitted in the school parking lot and in the subdivision across the street from the school. Please do not park in the lots that belong to our neighboring businesses.
- December 10 - PJ Day - \$1.00 Donation for Fill the Bus
- December 11 - Snow Date for the Concert 10:30 - 11:30
- December 14 - K - 2 Free Holiday Lunch - snow date - December 16
- December 15 - 3 - 5 Free Holiday Lunch- snow date - December 16
- December 16th - Grade 1 Caroling at the Mazarolle Senior Care Home 8:45
- December 17th - Fill the Bus Food Donation Pick Up Day
- December 18th - Last Day before the holiday.
- January 4th - First day back for staff - Professional Learning Day. **NO School for children.**
- **January 5th First Day back for Students**
- Happy Holidays. December 19th - Monday, January 4th. **NO School**
 - January 5th - Tuesday, First Day for Students of 2015!



Cookie Dough pick up will be Monday, December 7, from 4:00PM until 6:00PM at the school. Thank you to all of the students and families who participated in the fund raiser! Please note that busses will be in the bus slip at 4:00 to drop off and pick up high school students.





Breakfast Program

We are offering bagels, fruit, eggs, hot cereal and other breakfast items in the mornings to students in the Breakfast Club. Many thanks to our community for working so hard to support the school. We are providing healthy breakfasts to approximately 100 children daily. We would especially like to thank our dedicated volunteers who are working so hard to prepare breakfast for our students every day. It is humbling to see so many folks step up to help us.

Drop Off Zone:

We would thank all of our parents who are working so hard to support our drop off zone in the mornings! In order for the traffic to move smoothly through the line in the mornings, it is very important that parents not park or stop for an extended amount of time. If you would like to spend time with your child at school in the mornings, you can park in the subdivision across the street from the school and walk to the playground. Please ensure that your child is secured in their booster seats during the drive and ready to get out of the car once they have arrived. If you have friends who are dropping off their children to catch busses to go to Moncton High, please encourage them to continue to use our drop off zone safely.



Our fall book fair was a great success. Thank you to all those who were able to come out and support our book fair! We are all very grateful for the hard work that Mrs. Helgason puts into organizing these important fundraisers for us.

The staff of Lou MacNarin School wish everyone a
Safe and Happy Holiday!

Remember, School Opens Tuesday, January 5, 2016 for Students.



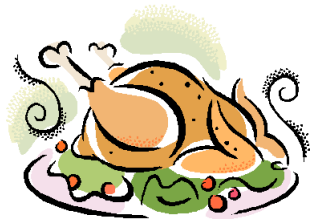
Holiday Lunch Order

Please indicate what your child's plan is for the holiday lunch day.

_____ My child will have the free holiday lunch- turkey dinner .

_____ My child will bring their own lunch.

_____ My child will bring their own lunch but will have a free holiday dessert of milk and a cookie.



Child's full name: _____

Grade and Homeroom teacher: _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher by December 10th, 2015.



I am able to volunteer to help serve the holiday lunch!

_____ K - 2 lunch on Monday, December 14 beginning at 11:15.

_____ 3 - 5 lunch on Tuesday, December 15 beginning at 12:00

_____ Snow Date - December 16th should school be cancelled on December 14th or 15th.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E mail: _____



Fill the Bus Kick Off Assembly

Mrs. Denise Zwicker is heading the Fill the Bus Food Drive at Lou MacNarin School. She is being helped by Mrs. Cail. This is a passion for Mrs. Zwicker and she has organized events around the holiday food drive. She has organized a number of fundraisers in order to support this important initiative. Our Student of the Month Assembly on Monday will focus on giving back and encouraging our students to help others in our community. Mrs. Zwicker will inspire students to bring in items that will be shared over the holiday season with families in need. Mrs. Zwicker and her grade 3 students will be organizing and counting the food items brought into the school in order to fill our bus with food for the holiday season.

DOTS for Mental Health

On November 30th, the Honorable Minister Roger Melanson visited Lou MacNarin School to help us celebrate mental fitness at a school wide assembly. Students in Madame Roy's Grade 5 class created a video featuring students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 5 engaging in activities that we provide to support a positive learning environment and develop positive mental fitness. Children highlighted areas like our sensory room - our Louzelen Room, Social Club, playgrounds, classrooms, clubs, and specialty areas. You can view this video on youtube, <http://youtu.be/8e18WC-ADvs>. Minister Melanson recognized children who engage in Bucket Filling behaviors. Paper drops, describing children's good deeds were shared in the assembly and we acknowledged their efforts to be good citizens. Minister Melanson helped us to celebrate the importance of mental fitness. We work every day to achieve this by taking time for ourselves, working as a team, taking time to focus on positive things, getting enough sleep, talking about our troubles with someone we trust, having a focus on things that are positive, laughing out loud, and spending time with people who make us feel good. Minister Melanson is a wonderful role model for these and a number of other ways to be mentally fit. He exercises, tells great jokes, is involved in lots of activities, and spends time doing things he enjoys. We would like to thank Minister Melanson for taking time to visit our school and engage in wonderful conversations about Mental Wellness.



Math Games

We want to congratulate our students who worked to showcase our math games at the Parent Teacher Interviews! They sold over 50 games. Our school received positive feedback from the community. Our students did a great job explaining the games and helping folks to choose games to help build mathematical thinking skills.

Home and School Fundraising

The Lou MacNarin Home and School Holiday Cookie Dough fundraiser was a great success. Parents and guardians may pick up their orders Monday, December 7, between 4 and 6 PM.. We are not able to store the orders so please be sure to make arrangements to pick up your order if you are unable to pick up on the day of delivery.

Concert

The Lou MacNarin Concert - *The North Pole Academy*, will be held on Wednesday night, December 9th, between 6 and 7 PM. Our snow date will be Friday, December 11th between 10:30 and 11:30 AM. Students in grades K - 5 will be performing a variety of holiday songs. Our flute club will also be performing as will our choir. Please join us for a fun evening of music and dance. Please bring a donation for the Fill the Bus Food Drive.

Hour of Code

Students in Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be participating in Hour of Code activities on December 10th and 11th. We will have special guest, Mr. Jeff Hughes, coming to the school to help our students engage in the coding activities. Many of our students are working on coding and are excited about this opportunity to work on their skills with a coding expert. Coding is an excellent way for our children to develop their computer skills as well as their logical and problem solving skills.