

# Dr. A.T. LEATHERBARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Dream Achieve Teach Learn

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

### Important Dates

Wednesday, December 19—Christmas Concert

Friday, December 21—Last day of school before the Christmas holidays.

Tuesday, January 8—The first day back for students after Christmas Break.



### Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 19, 2018

We will be holding our concerts at the Hampton Baptist Church. In order to accommodate all families, we are having 3 concerts.

The times are as follows:

**Kindergarten** students will be performing at **9:00 am**

**Grade 2** will be performing at **10 :00 am**

**Grade 1** students will be performing at **11:15 am**.

In the event of a storm, the storm date will be Thursday, December 20th.



### Enter to WIN Premium Seating & Parking at the DATL Holiday Concert!

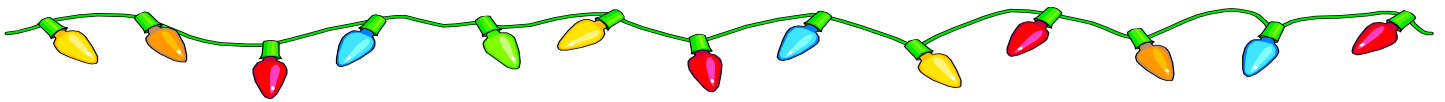
This year the DATL Home and School Association is once again selling tickets on Premium Seating (up to 5 seats), and Reserved Parking at the DATL Holiday Concert. There will be one winner for each of the concert performances. Winners will be announced on Friday, December 14th.

Tickets MUST be received by 9 AM, Thursday, December 13th.

### November's Lunch with the Principal



On Wednesday, December 5, and Wednesday, December 12, our entire school will be involved in enrichment activities! We are very lucky to have a wide variety of sessions planned for our students. We will have MAD science, kindergarten math games, baking, crafts, detectives, coding, reindeer training, snap circuits, pottery, golf and music. Students have selected the types of enrichment in which they would be most interested and have been placed in multi-aged groupings. We are very excited for *Wednesdays in December!*



## Upcoming Events

### Skating

It's time for skating! DATL offers a skating program as part of our Physical Education Program. The skating schedule is on Mrs. Brenton's page of our website.

All children **must** wear a helmet, preferably one with a face mask, snow pants, and **thick** mittens. All of these items are necessary for your child's protection. We are not allowed to lend helmets but do have some extra skates. If your child needs skates, please let their teacher know before their skating date.

Students will walk to and from the rink except in very cold weather. In the case of extremely cold weather, skating will be cancelled. We do need parents to transport skates and helmets at each skating time. Also, if you are able to volunteer to help tie skates, it would very much appreciated. Please contact your child's teacher.



Dr. A. T. Leatherbarrow Primary School  
Physical Education Presents  
**Two Can Dance**  
1st Annual Food Drive  
*Strengthening our bodies and helping  
our community at the same time*



Please donate **two** canned goods for your child to use as weights to strengthen his/her arm & shoulder muscles while we dance in class!

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**



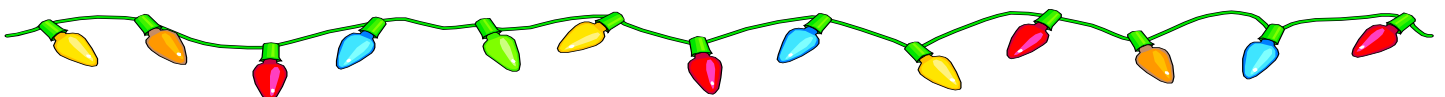
Students will participate in the event during their regularly schedule P. E. Classes.  
All canned goods will be donated to the Hampton Food Bank prior to the holiday season.  
We are accepting any extra canned good donations in a box in our lobby.  
Thank you so much for the support!

### Library News

To all librarians,  
Thank you for your faithful dedication to our students. We really appreciate you coming weekly to provide assistance with this program. The week of December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> will be the last week for students to sign out books until after the holidays. We would appreciate you coming in the week of December 10 -14 to return books to the library shelves. Students will go to the library again to sign out books during the week of January 7 to 11, 2019!

### DATL PSSC Meeting

The monthly PSSC meeting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.



## Guidance Corner

Dear families,

As the newest member of staff at DATL, I have replaced Cynthia Veniot as Guidance Teacher while she is on maternity leave. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the past month!

Guidance classroom sessions in November continued to focus on mindful strategies that help to calm the mind and body, and increase focus and attention. We explored the science of how our brain processes information and responds to stress. We learned about brain parts such as the amygdala (security guard), prefrontal cortex (thinking part) and our hippocampus (memory saver). Even our youngest kindergarten students did a wonderful job of explaining how it feels to have an amygdala that is "triggered" leading to fight, flight and freeze reactions. We were reminded of strategies that were learned in Zones of Regulation lessons earlier in the year that help to calm us. For instance, deep breathing, taking a break, asking for help and talking to a caring adult can help return us to our calm "green zone" where learning can occur. In December, we will continue to focus on how we can practice control over our reactions in order to make wise choices with our words and actions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [kate.johnson@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:kate.johnson@nbed.nb.ca) or 832-6022 if you feel your child would benefit from support from Guidance this year.

Sincerely,

Kate Johnson

## DATL Home & School NEWS!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm** in the DATL Staff Room. We would love to see some new members – it's not too late to join us!

A shout out to everyone who took part in our Second Cup Fundraiser. With your help, we raised \$1,100.00. Thank you for your support! Orders will go home the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Match Box Pizza Fundraiser** – For only \$20, you can buy a Match Box Pizza coupon good for a 16" Round 3 topping pizza and a 12" garlic fingers (value of \$26). \$5 from each sale will go directly to our Inclusive Education & Play Initiative. Forms must be returned by December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to allow us time to get the vouchers to the children before Christmas Break. Great stocking stuffer and supports a local business!

**Christmas Concert VIP Tickets** will go on sale soon. There are three (3) chances to win this year as there are 3 separate concerts for each grade! The winners will have a row of seating and one vehicle spot reserved.

**Children's Christmas Dinner** – The Hampton High School Culinary Students will be preparing a Christmas Dinner for all of our DATL children this year. The dinner will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Legion. We are currently looking for the following donations:

15 Large Turkeys

10 x 10lb Bags of Potatoes

16 x 2lb Bags of Carrots

**Sapito** has generously donated 250 x 250ml cartons of white milk. Thank you!

Please visit our Home & School Facebook page for more details.

**Comedy Show Fundraiser** – Let's SELL OUT this show! We have scheduled James Mullinger and Hampton's own Matt Keenan for this event. The show will be held at the Hampton High School on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Tickets will be \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Proceeds will go to support our Inclusive Education & Play Initiative. A shout out to Mark Savidant of Alison Street Web Design for volunteering his time to design our posters and tickets for this event, and to Jerry at Atlantic Press for offering to print our tickets and posters for FREE! Love our little town. Details about where to purchase tickets will be communicated shortly. Please visit our Home & School Facebook page to stay informed.

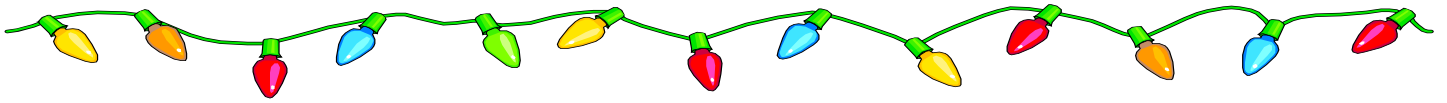
**2018 / 2019 Fundraisers** – Here are a few more fundraiser that we have planned for this year.

January 2019 / February 2019 – Java Moose Fundraiser

April 2019 – Online Auction

April / May – Mother's Day Basket





## SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(FROM THE ASD-5 HEC SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT)

### The Art of Listening

**"You never listen!" or "He hears me but he chooses not to listen!"  
Who says this to their child or about their child at home??**

**What is the difference between HEARING and LISTENING?**

**Here's a question: What do you hear right now?**

You may hear the low hum of the refrigerator, children talking (or yelling), the sound of cars going by outside your window...



The trick in this question is that, by asking you what you were hearing, your brain tuned in — and made you listen rather than just hear. The difference between the sense of hearing and the skill of listening is attention.

Hearing is easy so long as everything is in working order. It is *passive*. And because there is no place in the universe that is totally silent, your auditory system has evolved a complex and automatic 'volume control' to keep most sounds out of your thoughts unless they might be useful. When you actually pay attention to something you're listening to, whether it is your favorite song or a loud yell for help, you *actively* focus on what you're hearing and tune out sights and sounds that aren't as important. Some kids need practice with 'listening'. Luckily, we can train our listening just as with any other skill. \*\*For some kids, however, it may not be that they are not listening as much as they are having challenges with understanding language.\*

#### Attention and Listening Activities for Kids

- Musical Chairs
- Barrier Games – without being able to see an item, have the child guess what is making the noise
- What's Missing? – Show a tray of objects, take one away and let them guess what is missing
- Simon Says – ask your kids to point to two or three body parts or do two – three actions, instead of just one!
- Listening to sounds – play different sounds (from a CD, or audio clips online) and have the kids guess what they heard or raise their hand when they hear something they're listening for
- Sound Bingo – Listen to sounds and cover the corresponding picture (e.g. play animal sounds and they cover the animal that matches)
- Shared Reading – have kids listen for 'special words' and tell you/raise their hands when they hear it
- Circle Time – when one person is speaking, they could hold a 'listening device' which means that everyone else must listen (including adults!)
- Chinese whispers – pass an action message around the circle (e.g. Jump up and down). The last person to receive the message has to perform the action! Alternatively, you can pass along a 'secret' message.
- Tap a Rhythm – tap a rhythm and have the kids repeat it.
- Group Story – in a group, create a story by having each person repeat the story and add to it (e.g. I went to the store. I went to the store and bought an apple...)

**Please note: If you have concerns with your child's hearing, you can call the Audiology Department at the Saint John Regional Hospital to have their hearing tested. You do NOT need a referral from a doctor. If you have concerns with your child's language skills (for example they have trouble understanding what you say, following directions or remembering what they were told), please share these concerns with the school who can discuss with the team's Speech-Language Pathologist.**

The entire staff of  
Leatherbarrow Primary  
wishes you and your family  
Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and  
a Happy New Year!

