



Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

Our Vision: Our School community will be encouraged and supported to be the best we can be!

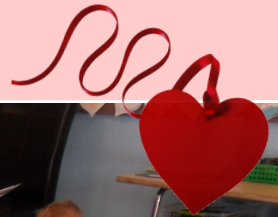


Our Mission: We will work in partnership with families and the community to provide quality education in a positive learning environment

Be Kind Be Safe Be Responsible Be Respectful



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*"Lunch with the Principal" —
We celebrated being responsible in January!
February Focus — Be Kind*

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ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

Canada Games Activity Challenge

Exciting News! DATL has registered for the Canada Games Activity Challenge, and in doing so, we are one of only two major award winners from over 4000 schools participating! Our school is the lucky recipient of a visit from Paralympian Bo Hedges on February 13! In your child's homework bag this week, please read the "Parent Consent Form" and decide whether or not to allow your child to register in this challenge. We would like to have as many students as possible participating. Forms are due back by **MONDAY, February 6th**. Please visit <https://activitychallenge.canadagames.ca/> for more information and for answers to FAQs.

Kindness Week Celebrations — February 27 to March 3

Every day we will be celebrating kindness with a different activity. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Hampton Food Bank Monday to Thursday. On Friday, we will be collecting loonies for a donation to the IWK.

- Monday:** Write about a friend day
- Tuesday:** Make a school friendship craft
- Wednesday:** Be kind to family day
- Thursday:** Be kind to our bodies — **Family Fun Fitness Night**
- Friday:** Skating—Wear your PJs day and bring a favorite stuffed toy



Celebrating Parent Support of Education

PSSC Meeting

February PSSC meeting
Tuesday, February 7th
6:30 pm
All parents are welcome!

Supporting our Music Program at DATL

Our Grade 2 Choir will be singing our national anthem at an upcoming **Saint John Sea Dogs** game at Harbour Station on **Friday, February 10th, 2017 at 7:00pm.**



Advance tickets are **\$10/student and \$15/adult** and available to the whole student body until Monday, Feb.6th. \$5 from every adult ticket sold will go directly to the music education fund at DATL. These tickets are assigned to sections 11-12 for this particular game on the 10th. Please send in an envelope with your name, number of student/adult tickets with exact change and we will then send the tickets home with your child.

We hope that you will join us on Friday, February 10th, 2017 at Harbour Station so we can show all of Saint John and surrounding areas how DATL families support their students. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Mr. Britten, Music Teacher, DATL



Family Fun Fitness Night—Thursday, March 2nd



All students and their family members are invited to attend our 8th Annual Family Fun Fitness Night from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 2nd.

Family Fun Fitness Night is an opportunity for students and their family members to participate in many fun fitness and wellness activities. Our goal is to encourage mental and physical wellness by having families enjoy fitness together. We will be mixing physical activity with literacy and math activities to ensure a night of fun, fitness and learning. Save the date!

Volunteers are an integral part of the success of the evening. Areas of need include, set up and clean up, locating door prizes, and running a few of our stations. If you are able to help on that afternoon or evening, please call the school and leave your name and telephone number. We would love to have you on board. Thank you!

DATL HOME AND SCHOOL

Next Meeting:
Thursday
February 9th
6:30pm

Family Game Night

Friday, February 17th, 6:30 - 7:30

DATL Home and School would like to invite families to join our Family Game Night. Board games will be set up within the school. Admission is free but we will be selling concessions to raise money for the Home and School. Parents please RSVP the school by February 10 the number of people attending from your family.



Staff Appreciation Week

February 13th to 17th
is Staff Appreciation Week!

Please join us in celebrating our entire staff at DATL.



We Celebrate Literacy!



Thank you so much to the many volunteers who helped make “Literacy Week at Leatherbarrow” such a celebration! (top photo) Many Dads, Grampies and Uncles came in to read aloud from their favourite books, and so did the Hampton Huskies hockey players during “Favourite Jersey” day (middle photo). How exciting to have so many wonderful male role models sharing their love of reading.



A special thank you also goes out to Mrs. Muir and the team of dedicated DATL Librarians, who created a great “Favourite Book” display, and provided every child in the school with a book of their own to take home on Family Literacy Day!

Literacy at Leatherbarrow

Literacy support will look a little different at Leatherbarrow for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Stoddart, our fabulous Literacy Lead, will be primarily in the classrooms three days a week with all of our grade 2 teachers and students. This is in keeping with the new 10 Year Education Plan "Everyone at their Best".

We are fortunate to still have so many volunteers come in to work with small groups of students. Your involvement is key to our students' success.

If you would like to volunteer your time to read with students during the school day, either individual or in small groups, please contact the school.

We also have our ELF program that supports our grade 2 students after school. ELF is another valuable partner in our efforts to ensure student success.



We had a lot of fun dressing up in our favorite book character costumes. (Photo: Mrs. Allaby's kindergarten class)

JUST TRY IT Lacrosse sessions (free of charge)

February 18th and March 4th
Hampton High School gym

- 9am to 10:30 am - TYKE (DOB 2008 and 2009) and NOVICE (DOB 2006 and 2007) with lacrosse balls and stick provided; request that children wear helmet and gloves
- 10:30 am to 12 noon - Pee Wee (DOB 2004 and 2005) and Bantam (DOB 2002 and 2003)

LEARN TO PLAY Lacrosse sessions
(\$10 per student)

April 1st and April 8th

- Hampton Middle School gym
- 9am to 10:30 am - TYKE (DOB 2008 and 2009) and NOVICE (DOB 2006 and 2007) with lacrosse balls and stick provided; request that children wear helmet and gloves
- 10:30 am to 12 noon - Pee Wee (DOB 2004 and 2005) and Bantam (DOB 2002 and 2003)

Reminders:

- In order to be ready for class, your child should arrive no later than 8:20am.
- If you have not paid your child's student fee, please do so as soon as possible.
- School closures and bus delays are announced on the local radio stations and the storm line 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW). Please make sure we know your **best first contact** if school is closed early during the school day.
- Your child should be dressed properly for the outdoors.
- Proof of immunization including the Pre-school booster due at 4 years of age is required for children in New Brunswick schools. Please send an up-to-date copy if you have not already done so.



Math Matters — 100 Days of School

An interesting way to incorporate real math into school is to celebrate the 100th day of school. Our teachers incorporate the ideas into their daily activities. They begin with the first day of school and end on the 100th day which usually falls mid February. This year the 100th day of school will be celebrated during the week of February 15. The teaching opportunities prior to the actual day are endless. The children (depending on grade) learn to count by ones, twos, fives, and tens. They learn to use number lines and about tens and ones. As the 100th day grows closer, so does the excitement. A variety of activities take place on the 100th Day; for example, students may do 100 Day projects, read 100 Day books, and participate in 100 Day crafts.

