

# Dr. A.T. LEATHERBARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dream Achieve Teach Learn



Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful



### Important Dates:

- Thursday, January 16: Kickoff to Kindergarten for the parents of new kindergarten students
- Thursday, January 23: Welcome to K for new kindergarten students and parents
- Thursday, January 23: Hot Lunch Orders for February are due into the office
- Monday, January 27: NO School for students. Professional Learning Day for staff.



### Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

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Hampton, NB E5N 6B2

1-833-219-9065 (Safe Arrival)

Principal: Mrs. Lisa Jardine

Vice-Principal: Ms. Sara Creighton

Admin Assistant Elaine Hebert

<http://leatherbarrow.nbed.nb.ca>


We are tweeting about upcoming events, and good news stories about the incredible students and events at our school!

Please follow us: @LeatherbarrowPS

### Lunch with the Principal

Our Code of Conduct is to **be kind, be safe, be responsible and be respectful**. For December, our focus was on being kind. All students who demonstrated being kind in the halls, on the bus, in the classroom, on the playground, etc. had their names entered into their classroom buckets as "Bucket Fillers." Students whose names were drawn from their classroom buckets had lunch with Mrs. Jardine!



### Kickoff to Kindergarten—Rescheduled

For those of you with children starting kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year, there will be a Kickoff to Kindergarten information session held on Thursday, January 16th from 6:30-7:30 at DATL. This evening is intended for adults.

### Welcome to Kindergarten 2020-2020

We are inviting next year's kindergarten class to a "Welcome to Kindergarten" session on January 23rd from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Children and parents/guardians will enjoy a short classroom experience and will be given a bag of learning materials and books to take home to use. One of the objectives is for parents to interact with their children using these materials to help support them as students with the transition to kindergarten.

## Attendance Matters

When your child is absent or late, please remember to phone the Safe Arrival number  
1-833-219-9065

and give the name of your child's teacher when you call.

The Education Act of the province of New Brunswick requires parents to provide a *written note* for any absences.



## Hot Lunch Orders

Lunch Order forms for February will be sent home with your child on January 20th. They are due back to the school on Thursday, January 23rd. Unfortunately, late orders **cannot** be accepted after 2:30 the day they are due. For your convenience you can order on line. If your child is out on the due date you may call your order into the school office and send the money into the school upon your child's return.



## Literacy Week at Leatherbarrow: January 28-31 "Take 20 in 2020"

Taking time to read or do a learning activity at home with your family is important every day. Then, on one special day every year, Family Literacy is celebrated across Canada. Monday, January 27th, is Family Literacy Day! Family literacy refers to the many ways families develop, use and encourage literacy skills, such as enjoying a storybook together, playing word games, singing songs, writing a note to a relative or friend, making a list, or using a recipe.

This year's theme for Family Literacy day is "Take 20 in 2020!" encouraging families to take 20 minutes each day to make learning a part of their daily routine.

We have many reasons to celebrate Family Literacy Day!

ABC Life Literacy has a list of 20 family literacy ideas to keep you busy in 2020. Click on the link for some ideas as to how to incorporate literacy into your home!

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/20-family-literacy-activities-to-keep-you-busy-in-2020/>

As this week approaches, children might start thinking about what they would like to wear on our "Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character" day on Wednesday! Also, we would like to invite any family members who'd be willing to visit a class and read aloud from a favourite picture book (on the afternoon of Friday, January 31st) to please contact the school.

There will be lots more happening January 28-31, so stay tuned for details about activities and events scheduled for Literacy Week at DATL!



## Guidance Corner

Hello everyone,

I have returned from my maternity leave, and have resumed my role as Guidance Counsellor for both DATL and Hampton Elementary. I look forward to getting to know the students, as well as provide support as they take on the final months of this academic year.

In January, I will continue with the Mind-Up Curriculum, and focus my guidance lessons on mindful tasting and mindful movement. These lessons are geared towards helping train the prefrontal cortex to absorb details more effectively, pay attention for longer periods of time and to think more clearly. These lessons also promote a healthier emotional balance by helping children regulate their breathing/heart rate, which can help lessen potential stress.

In terms of community supports for families, The Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick Saint John office is offering a free educational program geared towards parents of children between the ages of 4-9. The program will focus on equipping parents with the tools to help them cope and navigate childhood stress and anxiety. It is open to the public, and pre-registration is required.

For this free educational program, preregister by visiting office in Hilyard Place:

Kids Have Stress Too! beginning January 15, a two-week program for parents and/or caregivers of children aged 4-9 years. Westfield Elementary School. Register by calling 633-1705.

If you feel that your child would benefit from one-on-one support of a guidance counsellor, please reach out to me at [cynthia.veniot@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:cynthia.veniot@nbed.nb.ca).

Thank you.

**Home and School Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 14th  
@5:30 pm**

**PSSC Meeting**

**Monday, January 20, 2020  
@ 6:00 pm**