

# Dr. A.T. LEATHERBARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL



**D**ream **A**chieve **T**each **L**earn

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful



## **Proposed New Framework for Kindergarten and Grade 1**

EECD has announced that beginning in September 2023, students in kindergarten and grade 1 will have 50% of their day in English and 50% of their day in French.

It is critical for parents and educators to have the opportunity to provide feedback on this new proposed model and to help develop the new framework. To that end, EECD has scheduled public consultation sessions across the province. The session for ASD-South is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm.

- Bathurst – Gowan Brae Golf Club on Tues Jan 17, 2023
- Moncton – Delta Beauséjour on Thurs Jan 19, 2023
- **Saint John – Delta Saint John on Tues Jan 24, 2023**
- Fredericton – Delta Fredericton on Wed Jan 25, 2023
- Virtual - Tues Jan 31, 2023
- Virtual - Thurs Feb 2, 2023

I encourage you to attend this session to ask questions and to offer feedback that will help to define the new framework. Several teachers and I will be attending the session in Saint John to gain clarity so that we can offer your children an optimum learning environment in their first years of school and establish a foundation for their long-term success.

Your feedback also can be sent to [consultation.eecd.edpe@gnb.ca](mailto:consultation.eecd.edpe@gnb.ca)

My understanding is EECD will be reaching out to families directly with information about the consultation process, but I wanted to ensure you knew about the session on January 24th. I hope to see many of you there.

Lisa Jardine  
DATL Principal

## PINK SHIRT DAY– Feb. 22

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Pink Shirt Day.** If you would like to purchase a pink shirt for your child, please follow the directions below:



### **Buying shirts is simple!**

1. Click on the link below

[Pink Shirt Order Form](#)

2. **Pick our school from the dropdown menu.**
3. **Add the name and grade of student or teacher who purchased the shirt to the order**
4. BGC will deliver all the shirts to our school before Pink Shirt Day.

**Online orders must be done by Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.** Orders will be delivered to the school on February 17th.

## Literacy Week at Leatherbarrow: January 22-29 “Celebrate Your Heritage”

Taking time to read or do a learning activity at home with your family is important every day. On one special day every year, Family Literacy is celebrated across Canada. Friday, 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.

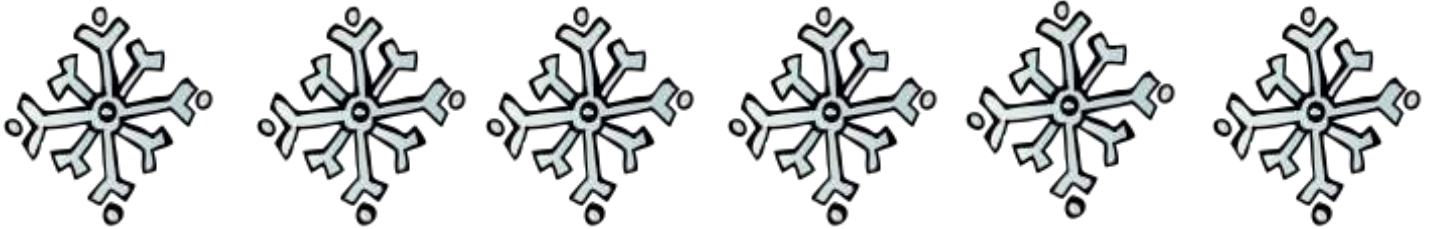
This year's theme for Family Literacy day is “Celebrate Your Heritage” encouraging families to find ways to connect, play and listen.

*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, January 25th.*

Also, we would like to invite any family members who'd be willing to do a read-aloud to classes from a favourite picture book (during literacy week) to please contact your child's teacher.

There will be more happening January 22-29, so stay tuned for details about activities and events scheduled for Literacy Week at DATL!





Hello DATL families!

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday.

In December, the focus of the guidance lessons was on learning how our brains respond to stress and by practicing strategies for quieting the mind. By learning these concepts, children become better at self-regulating, increase their capacity for absorbing information and improve their relationship skills.

The practice of focused, mindful awareness enhances the ability of all young learners, to direct their attention where it is needed. For January, we will practice mindfully observing our senses in hopes of enhancing memory, problem solving, relationships, creativity, and physical performance.

*Cynthia Veniot*

DATL Guidance Counsellor

