

# Dr. A.T. LEATHERBARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Dream Achieve Teach Learn



**Be Kind**

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

**Important Dates:**

- Thursday, January 18: Welcome to Kindergarten 3 PM - 4 PM
- Thursday, January 25: Hot Lunch Orders for February are due into the office
- Friday, January 26—Donna & Andy Performance at 12:45
- Tuesday, January 30th - Deadline for French Immersion Registration



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

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### Lunch with the Principal

Our Code of Conduct is to **be kind, be safe, be responsible and be respectful**. For the months of November and December, we focused on being respectful and kind. All students who demonstrated being respectful and 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 me!

### **Welcome to Kindergarten 2018-19**

We are inviting next year's Kindergarten class to a "Welcome to Kindergarten" session on January 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. The children and parents 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 kindergarten curriculum. We look forward to meeting our new K students.





**2018 Literacy Week at  
Leatherbarrow  
January 22 to 26**

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. Friday, January 26, 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.

We have many reasons to celebrate Family Literacy Day:

- Reading aloud to children develops their listening skills, vocabulary and language skills, imagination and creativity (*Family Literacy Foundation*);
- Creating a culture of learning at home encourages an exchange of ideas, enriches family relationships, and bolsters confidence and independent thinking;
- Literacy affects all aspects of our daily lives... "Reading, writing, financial and digital literacy are all essential skills Canadians require to live a fully engaged life." (<http://abclifelifiteracy.ca/flid/family-literacy-facts-stats>)

At Leatherbarrow, our Family Literacy Day celebrations will occur the entire week of January 22-26! *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!* Also, we would like to invite any male family members who'd be willing to visit a class and read aloud from a favourite picture book (on the afternoon of Thursday, January 25) to please contact the school, Thursday January 18. There will be lots more happening January 22-26, so stay tuned for details about activities and events scheduled for Literacy Week at DATL!



**Raz-Kids**

Our staff is dedicated to promoting literacy learning and assisting your children in becoming more versed in the use of technology. For these reasons we have purchased the site license to 'Raz-Kids' for every child in our school!

Raz-Kids is an educational website where children can comfortably practice their literacy skills at school and at home. It offers differentiated reading instruction with hundreds of animated leveled books. Students can listen to books for modeled fluency and also read books independently. Teachers can access the students' reading logs to support them, recognize genres of interest, and praise their effort and progress.

If you have not yet taken advantage of this free opportunity to help your child grow stronger as a reader, please contact your child's classroom teacher for more information.




**Outdoor Play** Please make sure that your child is dressed properly for the outdoors including snow pants, hats and mittens. We always have extra hats and mittens at school. If your child needs some, we would be happy to provide them.



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**Hot Lunch Orders**

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted after 2:30 the day they are due. You may call your order into the office if your child is out on the due date.

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 We are proud to announce that our **Grade 2 Choir** will be singing our **national anthem** at an upcoming **Saint John Sea Dogs** game at Harbour Station on **Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at 7:00pm**. Information about flex ticket purchases will be forthcoming in January. We hope to count on your support!"  
 Mr. Britten, Music Teacher, DATL  
  
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Help Your Child Succeed in School:  
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

Did you know: Research shows that missing ten percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence. The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

**What You Can Do:**

Set early bed times and start getting ready for bed at least 30 minutes before bed. Children are alert and ready to learn when they are well rested.

Set your alarm clock to avoid being late.

If you drive your child to school make arrangements to have someone take your child in case you are unable to.

Allow time for the unpredictable. Make sure clothes and backpacks are ready to go, and school work is complete the night before the next school day. Wake up and get moving in plenty of time to get ready for the school day.

Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. You are the best judge of this.

Try to avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Communicate with your child's school and let them know if you are having a hard time getting to school or have to miss a day. The school may be able to offer some assistance.



Sources: Attendance Works; <http://www.showupstandout.org/get-the-facts/why-attendance-matters/>

## French Immersion Registration

This year parents will register their children for French Immersion programs using an **online registration form**. Registration deadline is January 30, 2018. Only those registering for French Immersion programs need to register.

To register:

Go to <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/fsl/Pages/default.asp> Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **Register for French Immersion 2018-2019**.

**To get to the registration form from the ASD-S Website:**

1. Click on **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REGISTERING FOR FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**
2. Click on the link below **REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FSL PROGRAMS-Deadline January 30, 2018**
3. Click on the link **Registration for French Immersion Programs 2018-2019**
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **Register for French Immersion 2018-2019**

## **Guidance Corner**

The holiday season has come to a close and now we can all get back to a slower, predictable routine and quieter pace of life which we all crave, students and parents alike. With lots of family visits, parties and social situations it can make us feel a little socially overwhelmed. The kindergarten students are working on a wonderful program called "Fun Friends". One of the lessons addresses steps to work on being socially brave. If this is an area your child could use some extra guidance with you can try practicing the steps slowly with your child and reassure him/her that it is normal to feel nervous when you meet new people. Social greetings can cause a lot of anxiety, fortunately with practice and encouragement it can get easier overtime. First have your child start by looking at someone when they say "hi". Eye contact is the first step. The next step is to try to smile. Once he/she feels successful with looking and smiling, the next step is to try to muster up enough courage to say "hi". If finding their voice is too hard, a wave is a good friendly alternative. Practice at home with toys, family members that are familiar and overtime social greetings will hopefully become less taxing for our socially anxious children.

Please contact the school, or your child's classroom teacher, if your child would benefit from being involved in a social club to give them a helping hand forming friendships. Also, if you feel your child would benefit from being involved in the Rainbows Program please contact the school or your child's classroom teacher.



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**