

Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

Our Vision: Our School community will be encouraged of 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

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Kind Safe Responsible Respectful

Engaged Learning Zone Reminders:

- •In order to be ready for class, your child should arrive no later than 8:20am.
- Please drop off items in the office rather than visit the classroom during school hours
- Please wait in the lobby or outside by the kindergarten doors at 1:45 if you wish to pick up your child

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Huskies Hockey Team Came to Read! (Above)—We are always celebrating literacy at Leatherbarrow Primary! We were thrilled to have the Hampton Huskies Hockey Team players come to read to us!





Family Fun Fitness Night (Above)—

Well over 100 families attended our Family Fun Fitness Night on Thursday, February 27! We enjoyed speed skating, zumba, soccer, obstacle courses, cup stacking, jujutsu, hoola hoops, jump ropes, old fashioned games, and healthy snacks! We look forward to doing this again in 2015! Come back next year!

Grade 2 Choir (Left)—Our Grade 2 Choir sang about kindness during Friendship Week announcements and led our students singing O'Canada.



<u>Chess Students</u>—Bailey Regular and Carter Saunders are practicing for the District Chess Tournament on March 15



Remembrance Day Entries—Kayla Lewell received recognition for her poster from the Hampton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion



Lunch with the Principal

Just a few of our "Bucket-Fillers" this month—one drawn from each class—who had lunch with me on February 28 (pajama day). Our three SIP TIP winners joined us (see page 3). Ask your child what it means to fill each others' buckets—a great metaphor for kids to understand how being kind "fills" the lives of others as well as our own!

100% Worth Celebrating!

In February, we celebrated the 100th day of school! The students made fantastic 100 Day projects.

Our youngest students, in K, stretched their imagination and wrote about what they could do if they were 100 years old. One wrote that he will finally be able to put a stick of wood in the stove. Here are some other examples of skills and goals our K student will have accomplished in 95 years or so:

- I will dye my hair pink and purple
- I will go diving
- I will live in my own house
- I will eat fish
- I can cook
- I will go bowling
- I can go places by myself

Please check just a few of their self portraits at 100 years of age!









Celebrating Family & Community Partnerships





Generous Support

We were overwhelmed with your generosity during Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you for your well wishes, kind notes, treats all week, and lunch for our Professional Learning Day on February 17!

We are passionate in our work everyday with your children, and your expression of appreciation exemplifies your heartfelt support of education!

Report Cards & Student-Involved Conferences

The second report card will be sent home on Monday, March 24.

Our Student-Involved conferences will be held on Thursday, March

27th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday, March 28th from

8:30am to 10:30am. All appointment times will be scheduled.

Mrs. Davis, our Literacy Teacher, Mrs. Brenton, our Phys. Ed Teacher, and Mrs. Creighton, our Resource Teacher, will be available on both days. Mr. Britten, our Music Teacher, will be at DATL on Thursday, March 27th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and Jodie Fischer, our Guidance Counselor, will be here on Friday, March 28th from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

Our District requires all Primary & Elementary Schools to use the Student Involved Conference format for these meetings. This means the children must attend with their parents/caregivers. Student Involved Conferences will be scheduled by classroom teachers.

PSSC Meeting

Our March PSSC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 pm All parents are welcome!

S.I.P. Tip

Thank you to all families who participated in the SIP TIP challenge. We appreciate your taking the time to review our School Improvement Plan and enter our contest.

The three winners were:

Dameon Richarson, Olivia Stewart,
and Aidan Barnett



<u>Thank You for Food Donations!</u> —Mrs. Landry's class packs groceries for the Hampton Food Bank during Friendship Week



<u>Thank You</u> — for sending eligible product labels for HHS's "Labels for Education" fundraiser for DATL http://www.labelsforeducation.ca/english/



Donate Your Canadian Tire Money!— The Canadian Tire Jumpstart program will match your donation of Canadian Tire money to help support P.R.O. Kids Hampton. You can donate your Canadian Tire money at the Hampton rink. The P.R.O. Kids organization provides funds for all children and youth up to 18 years of age who are in need of financial assistance in order to participate in a community-based program. It serves those who are in the Hampton High School zone. Applications for assistance are available at www.townofhampton.ca.

March Wellness Tip: The right drink for your child

Every day children use up a lot of energy to learn at school, do sports, play with friends, etc. They need to take in energy and keep hydrated throughout the day. Energy drinks might seem attractive to provide them with an extra boost; however, these drinks are not recommended for children because they are extremely high in caffeine and sugar.

The best drink choices for your child are water, milk or a glass of pure fruit juice so they can receive the energy they need.



60 Minutes Kids Club

Keep logging in to the 60 Minutes Kids Club (www.60minkidsclub.org) and keep track of your child's activity, sleep, healthy eating and water intake. The challenge finishes on March 15th.



Teach Respect by Daily Examples_Firm, Fair & Consistent

You want your child to show respect for you, his/her teachers and people in general. Just as importantly, we hope for our children to respect rules and theirs/others belongings. Teaching respect is a big job. Thankfully, research shows a specific method to use.

Children learn respect when they are treated with respect. Children learn many things through watching and listening to the adults in their family. So, make these simple efforts a daily habit:



- Communicate with respect. Listen attentively to your child. Don't interrupt. Make sure you understand what he or she is saying. Focus on the positive, and support your child's interests and strengths.
- *Practice solving problems calmly*. Use "I statements" ("I feel ignored when you don't answer me") instead of hurtful accusations ("You always ignore me!").
- *Take responsibility*. When you make an agreement with your child, stick to it and expect him or her to do the same. If something goes wrong, the person responsible should make amends and learn from the experience.
- Care for belongings. Cleaning up is a way of showing respect for belongings, both our own and others.

