



Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

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NEWSLETTER #9

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



Kind Safe Responsible Respectful

Art From the Heart

On May 15 from 5 to 7 pm, our students will be displaying their wonderful paintings in our classrooms for our Art from the Heart art show. The students have been very engaged in learning about art under the guidance of Heidi Jardine-Stoddart, our District Art Mentor, and Sara Creighton, our very own DATL Teacher.



The Art From the Heart Process:

1. First, the students, as art detectives, described what they saw
2. Next they analyzed the work by looking at the composition of the piece.
3. Then they interpreted the piece by imagining they were in the painting — what did they hear, see, feel, etc.
4. After, they judged the painting by deciding a title that summarized the main idea.
5. Then the students conceptualized and sketched their own piece of work.
6. Finally, they completed a painting **from their hearts!**

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Grade 2 Provincial Reading Assessment

The Grade 2 Provincial Literacy assessment supports the Department's educational commitment that students are able to read and write well by the end of Grade 2.

The assessment is in two parts this year—a reading comprehension component and a reading record assessing your child's independent reading level.

The dates for these assessments are May 22-29th. Please ensure your children are here, rested, and ready to read on these days!

All Grade 2 Parents

Are Welcome to

Hampton Elementary School's Parent Information Meeting

Monday, May 12

7 pm

HES Gymnasium

Kindergarten Transition Day

May 30

Two Groups: 9:00 am–11:30 am

11:45 am–2:30 pm

There is No School for our
Current Kindergarten Class on
This Day

Denim Day

May 13th is Denim Day
in support of cancer research.
DATL will be participating and
donating \$5 each to the
Cure Foundation.

Library News

Thank you to all who volunteered in our library this year. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. Throughout the year, the children usually had a parent or grandparent read to them and help them choose books. Our volunteers also ensured the library was well maintained. We would like to commend our librarians for their time and dedication.

- The last week for borrowing books from the library will be the week of **May 26 to 30**.
- We ask that all books be returned the week of **June 2 to June 6**.
- The librarians will continue to help in our library during the week of **June 2 to June 6**, at their regularly scheduled times, to repair and re-shelve all books for the summer.

We are so grateful for your work!



Earth Day

Many classes participated in Earth Day lessons and activities on April 22 including picking up litter on the trail.



PSSC Meeting

The May meeting
will be held on May 22 at 6:30 pm
All parents are welcome!

SIP TIP

Our School Improvement Plan, Ends Policy 3, states: "We will develop and enhance family and community partnerships." Here is another great example of this:

Four days a week, student leaders come from Hampton Middle School to mentor and guide appropriate play during outside noon recess. Pictured are just three of this very conscientious group who give up their noon breaks to volunteer with our students. Thank you, HMS Playground Helpers!



Jump Rope for Heart

For the 5th year, all DATL students will take part in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign by joining a buddy class at HES and enjoying many fun jump rope activities. Mrs. Brenton is looking for volunteers to assist for about 40 minutes with your child's class. A schedule will be finalized soon and sent home with your son or daughter. Be heart-healthy by staying active!

If you have volunteered in any way this year at DATL, you are invited to a:



Volunteer Tea!

Friday, June 6, at 12:00pm
DATL Gym

Please RSVP at 832-6022 by May 30th

Donation from the Hampton River Runners

Thank you to the Hampton River Runners for the grant of \$1500!

This money will be used for general playground maintenance. It will also provide introductory yoga sessions for students in Grade 1 and 2 in the fall.



Donation from the Rotary Club

Three Grade 2 students model the free helmets provided to all Grade 2 by the Hampton Rotary Club. Mrs. Brenton reviewed proper sizing and use of the helmet.

We appreciate the service work of our local Rotary club and their interest in the safety of our students.



2013-2014 New Brunswick Elementary Student Wellness Survey

The New Brunswick Elementary Student Wellness Survey began in 2007-2008 for grades K-5 and was repeated in 2010-2011. As part of the NB Wellness Strategy, the New Brunswick Department of Healthy and Inclusive Communities in collaboration with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the New Brunswick Health Council have undertaken the 2013-2014 NB Elementary Student Wellness Survey to measure and report on the wellness behaviours of all students in grades K-5.

Parents/guardians of all students at DATL will be asked to complete a family wellness survey. By taking the time to complete this survey, students and parents can contribute to their school's improvement plans and student wellness activities. In May, our school will be participating in this survey as we aim to improve the health and wellness of children in our community.

If you would like more information on this survey, please call the New Brunswick Health Council at 1-877-225-2521.



R-E-S-P-E-C-T > Just a little respect

Children learn many wonderful things from those parenting them before they ever enter the formal learning environment of school including social skills, like using manners. These skills are important in all areas of a child's life: at home, on the playground, in the classroom, and in the workplace.

- Social skills help others feel comfortable with us and help us make friends.
- Relationship-building skills help us resolve conflicts in a healthy way.

We have been learning about respect at school. Here are some tips for raising polite, mannered children who can grow into polite, respectful adults:

- Advise children of behavioral expectations ahead of time.
- Point out observed acts of kindness and manners.
- Work on one skill at a time, and give immediate positive feedback for success.
- Be tolerant of children's mistakes, and give a noncritical prompt when children forget.
- Set a good example-- manners are not a one-way street—and admit when we've made a mistake and ways the situation could have been handled differently.

