

# Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

*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**



### Reminders:

- In order to be ready for class, your child should arrive no later than 8:20am.
- If you have not paid your child's student fee, please do so as soon as possible.
- School closures and bus delays are announced on the local radio stations and the storm line 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW). Please make sure we know your **best first contact** if school is closed early during the school day.
- Your child should be dressed properly for the outdoors.
- Proof of immunization including the Preschool booster due at 4 years of age is required for children in New Brunswick schools. Please send an up-to-date

### "Lunch with the Principal" —

Celebrating Students Who Were Especially **Responsible** in January!

### Family Fun Fitness Night— *Thursday, February 26!*

All students and their family members are invited to attend our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fitness Night from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Fitness Night is an opportunity for students and their family members to participate in many fun fitness and wellness activities. Our focus is to provide encouragement to families to try something different and to enjoy fitness together.

Volunteers are an integral part of the success of the evening. Areas of need include set up and clean up, locating door prizes, and running a few of our stations. If you are able to help on that afternoon or evening, please call the school and leave your name and telephone number. We would love to have you on board. Thank you!



### Kindness Week Celebrations — *February 23 to 27*

Every day we will be celebrating friendship with a different activity. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Hampton Food Bank Monday to Thursday.

- Monday:** Write about a friend day
  - Tuesday:** Make a school friendship craft
  - Wednesday:** Be kind to family day
  - Thursday:** Be kind to our bodies — Family Fun Fitness Night
  - Friday:** Wear PJs day and bring a favorite stuffed toy
- On Friday, we will be collecting loonies for a donation to the IWK.



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**100 Days of School:** An interesting way to incorporate real math into school is to celebrate the 100th day of school. Our teachers incorporate the ideas into their daily activities. They begin with the first day of school and end on the 100th day which usually falls mid February. This year the 100th day of school will be celebrated during the week of February 16. The teaching opportunities prior to the actual day are endless.

The children (depending on grade) learn to count by ones, twos, fives, and tens. They learn to use number lines and about tens and ones. As the 100th day grows closer so does the excitement. A variety of activities take place on the 100th Day; for example, students may do 100 Day projects, read 100 Day books, and participate in 100 Day crafts.

## NOTICE TO ALL GRADE 2 PARENTS

Information Nights will be held for parents of Grade 2 students entering Grade 3 in September, 2015.

The information will be provided on two of the programs available at the Grade 3 level: **English Prime and French Immersion – Grade 3 Program.**

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the meeting for their school. If this is not convenient, please feel free to attend another meeting near you.

Date	Time	Location	Target Schools	Snow Date
Wednesday, February 11	7pm	Sussex Middle School	Apohaqui Elem. Norton Elem. Sussex Corner Elem. Sussex Elem.	Thursday, February 12 at SMS
Tuesday, February 17	7pm	Hampton Middle School	Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Hammond River Macdonald Consolidated Belleisle Elem.	Thursday, February 19 at HMS
Wednesday, February 18	7pm	Kennebecasis Valley High School	Lakefield Elem. Quispamsis Elem. Fairvale Elem. Kennebecasis Park Rothesay Elem.	Thursday, February 19 At KVHS

## Celebrating Inclusion!

Congratulations to Miss Creighton for winning the NB Community Living National Recognition Award for Inclusion! Miss Creighton works diligently each and every day to ensure that all students achieve success in a positive learning environment. Last year, Miss Creighton conceptualized and facilitated the "What I Am" project. This school-wide project allowed every student to celebrate the qualities that makes each one special.

**Congratulations Miss Creighton!**



## S.I.P. Tip

An ends policy in our School Improvement Plan is to learn and work in a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment. One of the ways we can achieve this is to foster mental fitness.

Mental fitness is defined as "a sense of well-being (positive thoughts and feelings) experienced when our needs for competence, autonomy, and relatedness are met."

We recognize the importance of working toward this goal for everyone within our school community—

**Competence**— The school recognizes the strengths and talents of everyone and uses these skills to accomplish common objectives. Students, staff, and families feel valued and are proud of their accomplishments.

**Autonomy**—The school community listens to the students, staff, and families and involves them in the process of decision-making.

**Relatedness**—Students, staff, and families are proud to belong to their school community. It is a place where they feel supported and encouraged. Everyone supports each other and nurtures strong connections.

[www.gnb.ca/wellness](http://www.gnb.ca/wellness)

## A Message from Your Home & School

Hello Fellow DATL Parents!

We are in our third year as the DATL Home and School and are really enjoying our work in support of our local school. We so appreciate the support of parents, staff, and the community.

Please join us in thanking each and everyone who works in our schools during Staff Appreciation Week, February 9 to 12. We appreciate everything they do for our children every day!

Our next Home and School meeting is on February 4 at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome!

From your Home and School Association

## Please Let Us Know about Chickenpox

One of our Kindergarten students has just recently completed his treatment for Leukemia. Yahoo! Although his treatment is finished, his immune system will take several months to recover and work properly.

It is important that we continue to protect him from infections as much as possible. Chickenpox, in particular, can be very serious. If he spends time with someone who then develops chickenpox he may require a treatment that would give his body additional protection.

If your child or someone else in your family develops a rash that you think may be chickenpox, please notify the school immediately. Please then be seen by a doctor for confirmation. Even though most children these days have had the chickenpox vaccination, there is still a chance they can develop a mild case. Please keep in mind that children are contagious for 1-2 days before they break out and until all their lesions have crusted over, so please err on the side of caution. Thanks!

### PSSC Meeting

Our February PSSC meeting will be held on February 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All parents are welcome!



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## We Celebrate Literacy!



Many of our Male Guest Readers in Celebration of Family Literacy Week—Thank You All for Coming!



## SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(FROM THE ASD-S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT)

### Sharing Books with Your Child

Sharing books together is a great learning and bonding activity to do with your child. It's not just reading pages to your child. It's taking time to read, look at pictures, talk with and connect with your child. Not only is it fun for you and your child, sharing books has been found to have many, many benefits for children. Research has connected sharing books with a child with **higher vocabularies**, *better grammar skills*, **increased phonological awareness** or pre-reading skills and *academic performance*. It has also been found that the more fun you make it, the higher the benefits!

### Suggestions for Sharing Books with Your Child:

- Make book sharing a special time that you and your child(ren) spend together.
- Schedule a few minutes every day (or as many possible) to share books with your child.
- Your child does not have to read in this activity, but can read bits of the book if they want to.
- Choose books that are 2-3 levels about their reading level, so that you play a big part in the story.
- Look at both narrative (story books) and information books as they are both important for school success and use different types of thinking. Make sure your child is interested in the topic.
- Spend time focusing on pictures. Talk about what you see, what you like, what you don't like, etc.
- Pause between pages. Talk about what happened. Have your child guess what may happen next.
- When talking about the book use terms such as "before," "after," "first," "last," "because," etc.
- Connect the book to experiences your child has had: compare the dog in the book to your pet dog; ask if they have played that game, etc.
- Ask open-ended questions throughout the book.
- Talk about words and items in the book and what they mean.
- Make sure your child has time to comment on what they see.
- Expand book time by doing related activities: sing a related song, pretend you are living in a castle, etc.
- Get a library card! Not only do they have many wonderful books, libraries have great activities for parents and children to participate in.
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN!