

Dr. A.T. LEATHERBARROW PRIMARY



Our Vision: Be Your Best You!

Doing Achieving Teaching Learning



Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

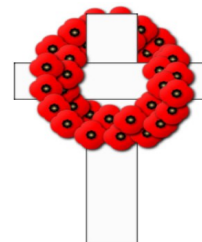
Be Respectful

Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Conferences

The first report cards for all children will be sent home on **Monday, November 20**. A brochure explaining the new provincial report card is attached. This was previously sent home to parents in September but may be more relevant now that report cards will be coming home this month. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 23 from 4:00-7:00 pm and Friday, November 24, from 8:30-10:30 am. All conferences will be scheduled. Please make every effort to attend a conference with your child's teacher.

Remembrance Day

We will be having a short Remembrance Day service in the gym on **Thursday, November 9, at 12:45 pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. Members of the Hampton Legion will distribute sticker poppies to the children. You may wish to send some coins for your child to give to the Legionnaires.



School will be closed on:

Monday, November 13th for Remembrance Day

School is closed for students on:

Wednesday November 8th for Professional Learning.

Friday, November 24th for Parent Teacher and PL.



Lunch with the Principal

Our Code of Conduct is to **be kind, be safe, be responsible and be respectful**. For the month of September and October, our focus was on being safe. All students who demonstrated being safe 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 Mrs. Jardine!

Empty Stocking Fund

Our Grade 2 choir will be participating in the Empty Stocking Fund on **Saturday, November 25 at Saint John High School**. We are very excited! A note will be sent home to all choir members.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GRADE K, 2, & 5 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Information sessions regarding program selection for September, 2018 will be held according to the schedule below.

Information will be provided on options for Grades 1, 3, and 6 students: English Prime Program, Early French Immersion program (gr.1 and gr. 3 entries) and the late Gr. 6 French Immersion Program.

This year, program registration will be done online. The link will be provided when the registration site is operating.

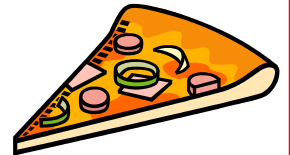
Parents/Guardians are invited to attend whichever meeting they wish. The information presented will be the same at all meetings.

Hampton Education Center

Monday, November 20, 2017	6:30 pm	Kennebecasis Valley High School Theatre	Snow Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Wednesday, November 22, 2017	6:30 pm	Hampton Middle School Theatre	Snow Date: Thursday, November 23, 2017
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	6:30 pm	Sussex Regional High School Theatre	Snow Date: Thursday, December 7,

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.



DATL Home & School Association News

The Home & School Association would like to thank everyone who took part in Fall Norcard Fundraiser Campaign. With your help we raised \$2,800! This will be used to help fund our inclusive education and play initiative. Our 2nd fundraiser of the year is our popular Java Moose Coffee Sale. Order forms have already been sent home and are due back to the school by November 7th. With the monies raised from our upcoming fundraisers, we are hoping to be able to purchase Wall Mounted Water Bottle Refilling Stations for the school. Look for information on our next fundraisers, VIP Concert Seating Ticket Sales and a Produce Pack Sale, in the December newsletter. Our next Home & School Meeting will be on November 16th at 6:30 in the staff room. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Safe Arrival

Please call the Safe Arrival number **832-6162** each time your child is absent from school. For this program to work well, it is very important that parents call every time their child is absent or late (after 8:30). If we don't receive a call, we call parents and emergency contacts of children who are not accounted for. Please **do not** leave other messages at this number. Contact with the school/teachers should be made at 832-6022.



DATL PSSC Meeting

The monthly PSSC meeting will be Held on November 14 at 6:30 PM

SKATING

Skating will begin in December!
Please check to make sure your child has skates & a helmet.
The cost of skating is covered by the student fee.



School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goal 2: Students will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy skills reaching or exceeding provincial and district targets

New Report Card 4 Point Scale

As mentioned, attached is the provincial brochure explaining the changes to the report card. One of the biggest changes is that teachers will now identify the level of achievement on a 4 point scale instead of the BA, AA and SA to which some of you may be accustomed. The following is an analogy of how the numbers relate to your child's progress.

Your goal: To ride a bike by yourself		
	4	Extending the Standard Wow! You not only ride a bike on your own, but you can pop a wheelie, jump ramps, and perform other bike stunts.
	3	Achieving the Standard Congratulations! You are successfully riding a bike by yourself.
	2	Progressing with the Standard You are pedaling well and staying upright as long as someone is holding on and giving you a little push.
	1	Beginning with the Standard You are riding a bike, but using training wheels

Scholastic Book Fair: November 22-24

We will be selling books from Scholastic Canada from November 22 to 24. Our classes will be able to preview the books on Wednesday and purchase them on Thursday. If your child is purchasing books, please send the money to their classroom teacher in an envelope or Ziploc bag with their name, amount of money enclosed, and the name of their teacher. If there is a particular book they are looking for, please include the name on the envelope as well.

We also invite parents to spend some time at the Book Fair during our Parent-Teacher conference times for purchasing books.



Guidance Corner

Kindness is spreading all across Dr. A. T. Leatherbarrow! Just a few minutes is all that is needed and you can witness our students comforting other students when they are sad or hurt, asking others to play when they are looking for a playmate, and taking turns sharing the sand toys and the swings. It is so wonderful to see the smiles spread across their faces when they do kind things to help others. It is truly contagious.

The students at our school are becoming top notch problem solvers when it comes to getting along with others. They love telling you how they used their WITS to solve their problems. They know to Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help and they are putting their skills in action every day.

Has your child been coming home saying they are in the “Green Zone”? or the “Red Zone”, “Yellow Zone” or “Blue Zone”? It’s because we have been discussing the “Zones of Regulation”. It is a program to help students identify their feelings and work on strategies to help them manage these feelings. There are four Colour Zones: The Blue zone describes when you are feeling tired, sick or sad. The Green zone is the ‘ready to learn’ zone. You’re happy, calm and focused. The Yellow zone is when you are feeling frustrated, worried, or on the flipside you may be feeling silly and excited. The Red zone is when you feel angry, mad or extremely upset, or conversely you may be feeling elated. The students can now identify what zone they are in at a given time and they know that their zone can change throughout the day and that the change can happen because of either a positive or a negative “trigger”. A trigger can be good, like a present, or negative like dropping your ice cream cone. As the students explore and learn about their zones, they are also learning strategies to help them manage their feelings to try to stay in the calm, ready to learn, green zone. Thinking happy thoughts, doing deep breathing, yoga, taking a break, asking for help and talking to a caring adult are some strategies that the students are learning about. You can make your own “feelings bottle” at home to help create a feeling of calm in your child just by taking an old pop bottle, filling it with water, adding a few drops of food colouring and glitter. Shake the bottle and watch the glitter swirl around and settle back to a calm state. It’s very relaxing.

The Rainbows Program is going to be offered at our school very soon. This is a support group for students who have suffered a significant loss in their lives, either through divorce, death, or other life altering crisis. We will have brochures ready and available at parent teacher. If you feel your child would benefit from this program please contact us.

Introducing Iggy the Iguana

Recently, you may have heard your child mention “Iggy”, so here’s a bit of background information to help you know exactly who he is.

At the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Stoddart visited each class with her special reading buddy, “Iggy the Iguana”. Iggy is very shy, so he usually just whispers in Mrs. Stoddart’s ear, but he was very excited to meet so many students! In each classroom, Iggy shared some of his favourite books. He keeps them in a little book bag, and he takes them everywhere he goes because you never know when you’ll have a few moments to enjoy a good book... Maybe while you’re in the backseat of the car, or maybe while you’re waiting at the dentist’s office, or maybe while you’re enjoying a snack at the kitchen table. Then, Iggy and Mrs. Stoddart read a nifty book called, “How to Read a Story”.

After meeting all of the students, Iggy decided to write a message to students every day on a small whiteboard by the playground door. Mrs. Stoddart has noticed students pausing to read and discuss Iggy’s words each morning. Iggy also has a little mailbox beside the whiteboard, and he is delighted by the wonderful notes, pictures and even books that Leatherbarrow students are creating just for him! And if students remember to include their name and class on their creations for him, Iggy tries very hard to write a note back to each and every one.

