



# 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!*

**CODE OF CONDUCT: BE KIND, BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL**



## Newsletter #2

October 1st, 2016



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In this month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you, our incredible families, for everything you do to support our children and our staff! I am truly thankful that I get to work with the best students, staff, and families in the District!

On behalf of the staff of Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School,  
I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### October Code of Conduct Focus: Be Safe

For the month of October, we will continue to concentrate on being safe. We will learn about all the ways to play safe in every area of the school including the classroom, hallways, gym, wash-rooms, and playground. We will continue to practice our fire evacuation procedures and practice our school lockdown procedures.

Each teacher will review how to be safe and will celebrate students who demonstrate good safety practices.

### Be Safe: School Traffic Safety

For the safety of all, please follow these rules:

1. Drive slowly on School Street. The posted speed limit is 20km/h.
2. Use the crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the school.
3. Teach all children to walk inside the white line when they are dropped off by car in the off loading zone beside the modulars.
4. Do not pass school buses when their red lights are flashing.



**Observe the one way road signs:**

**School Street from H.E.S. to H.M.S. is a one-way street.**

### No School for Children

Students do not have school on Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7 as all staff are involved in Professional Learning sessions.

School is also closed on Monday, October 10, for Thanksgiving.





# CURRICULUM NIGHT

If you are interested in learning more about the expectations of each grade level, and more importantly how you can support your child to successfully meet these expectations, please join us on Thursday, October 27, from 6:30-7:30pm.

We will have coffee and conversation about the literacy and numeracy standards and how you can support your child in reaching these standards at home.

Please RSVP at 832-6022 or [click here for our office email](#) by October 20 if you are interested in coming.

## Celebrating our Students



*"Have You Filled a Bucket?"* is a story with the message that we all carry an invisible bucket where we keep our feelings about ourselves. The simple metaphor of a bucket helps children understand the importance of consideration and love.

Bucket filling doesn't just happen in schools. It happens at home when we do things such as share hugs, read stories together, and give each other positive feedback. Bucket filling happens in communities when we work together to make our environment a positive place to live as we look out for one another, give to the less fortunate, and make a point to recognize the good things that happen around us. When our buckets are full, we are happy; when they are empty, we are sad. It's important to know that we can fill our own bucket and so can others.

"Bucket fillers" are those who help without being asked, give hugs and compliments, and generally spread their love and good feelings to others. Even the simple act of smiling at someone can fill a bucket. "Bucket dippers" rob us of happy feelings by refusing to help with a task or by saying or doing mean things.

## COMING SOON!



Terrific Tuesday Movies-  
November's Movie  
**Finding Dory**

More Details in Nov's Newsletter!

## Picture Retakes



*Wednesday, October 26*

**Please contact the school to let us know if you want retakes**

**(if you haven't already returned the form from Harvey's).**



## Talk Mail

Our talkmail and email contact lists have been updated. If you notice you are not receiving talkmail, usually on Tuesdays, or newsletters by e-mail, usually the first couple of days of the month, please contact the office at 832-6022. Also please call if you would prefer a different phone number to receive talk mail messages. We also upload the talk mail messages and newsletters to our website.



## Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) News

The PSSC works with the Principal on the School Improvement Plan and assists in communication between school and parents. The PSSC meets on a monthly basis. Parents may bring concerns and comments to the PSSC by calling the Chairperson or any other PSSC member. The Hampton Education Centre PSSC orientation event is on October 18 at 6:30 pm at Hampton High School.

### 2016-2017 PSSC

Sarah Brannon  
(Chairperson)  
Beth Carson  
Elisha Dickinson-  
Mills

Lindsay Hall  
Grace O'Brien  
Nicole Wanamaker  
Sara Creighton

*Thank You!*

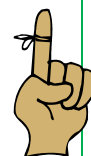
## Terry Fox Walk

Thanks to your generous donation of toonies, our school donated **\$242** to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Thank you!



## Supply Fee Reminder

A payment toward the Supply Fee of \$60 was due by September 30. The fee covers the cost of all school supplies. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 832-6022.



**Attendance Matters** because being present and on time has a positive impact on all learning. It starts in the early years! Thank you for calling our safe arrival line or school office by 8:25 am if your child will be absent. Also, please sign in your child at the office if you bring him or her to school after the announcements begin at 8:25 am.

## Registration and Kick-Off for Kindergarten Next Fall—2017-2018

Registration of children who will attend Kindergarten in September 2017 will be held at the school next week from **October 11 to 14** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call to make other arrangements if you are not able to come during these hours. Kindergarten attendance is compulsory for all children who reach the age of five years on or before December 31, 2017. However, parents may defer entry into Kindergarten until September 2017 for children who turn five between September 1 and December 31 of 2017. Children who have not reached the age of five on or before December 31, 2017, are not eligible for admission to kindergarten. **Requirements for registration are: (1) Proof of Age** (birth certificate or passport) and **(2) Proof of Immunization**. We also record your child's Medicare number. Parents of children having special needs should contact Brenda Bell at 847-6346 or the school at 832-6022. ***The first information session, Kick-Off for K, for parents registering a Kindergarten child for the 2017-2018 school year, will be held on December 1, 2016, at 6:30 pm.***

## Guidance: "Brain Breaks"

As we begin the new school year, we make the transition from summer schedules to more structured time. Change can be stressful for all of us, and it's important to keep in mind that we need "down time" to relax and recharge. Classroom guidance lessons are focusing on skills for learning and safety. We are talking about how we use good listening skills, focusing our attention, and keeping our bodies safe. Students are practicing "brain breaks" and this can also be practiced at home by adults. Here are a couple of ways you can practice, whenever you choose:

- Breathe deeply. Focus all attention on your breathing. Concentrate on feeling and listening as you inhale and exhale through your nostrils. Breathe deeply and slowly. When your attention wanders, gently return your focus to your breathing.
- Scan your body. When using this technique, focus attention on different parts of your body. Become aware of your body's various sensations, whether that's pain, tension, warmth or relaxation.



## Literacy at Home

All children need families who:

- Read to them
- Listen to their reading
- Organize a quiet time so reading can happen
- Buy or borrow books and other reading material
- Serve as a model of adult reading and interest in books

*How to Make your Child a Reader for Life*  
by Paul Kropp



## SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

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

### PRAGMATICS: Social Language Use

Pragmatics is defined as the social use of language. Pragmatics involve three major communication skills:

#### **1. Using language for different purposes, such as:**

- greeting
- informing
- directing
- promising
- requesting

#### **2. Changing language according to the needs of a listener or situation, such as:**

- talking differently to a baby than to an adult
- giving background information to an unfamiliar listener
- speaking differently in a classroom than on a playground

#### **3. Following rules for conversations and storytelling, such as:**

- taking turns in conversation
- staying on topic
- how to use verbal and nonverbal signals
- introducing topics of conversation
- rephrasing when misunderstood
- how close to stand to someone when speaking

(From American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2011)



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

The Home & School held their first meeting of the school year on September 28. Thank you to all who came!

Items that were covered:

- Elected 2016-2017 Executive: Emily Dee (President), Krista Webb (Vice-President) and Sarah Piercey (Secretary); the position of treasurer is still available if anyone is interested
- Upcoming fundraisers: keeping with our theme of consumable fundraisers, our first will be Java Moose Coffee—it will begin this month
- Current finances
- Recruitment of members

### **What do we do and why be a member?**

The Home & School raises funds to assist the school in providing a quality education and experience to all children of DATL. Becoming a member means being able to discuss your ideas and opinions on what we do as a group. Most recently, our fundraising efforts have:

- Helped replenish the rubber mulch in the playground
- Purchased white board markers for all children
- Purchased noise cancelling headphones
- Purchased t-shirts for all the children during the "What I Am" campaign

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 20. We would love to have some new faces around our table!



**Sweet Caroline**  
**Walk/Run**  
**2K and 10K**

**Sat. Oct. 8 @10 am**  
**Rothsay High School**  
61 HAMPTON ROAD, ROTHESAY, NB

**10k start - 10 am**  
**2k start - 10:15 am**

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[facebook.com/events/896162873728615/](https://facebook.com/events/896162873728615/)  
**\$30/Person \$75/Family**

**Race Day Registration starts @8 am**  
**Race Kit Pickup, Fri. Oct. 7**  
**1-4 pm:** Running Room, Brunswick Square  
**6-8 pm:** Java Moose, 47 Clarke Rd, Rothsay

For more information visit the "Sweet Caroline Foundation"  
Facebook event page or contact [sweetcarolinefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sweetcarolinefoundation@gmail.com)

Promoting Allergy Awareness, helping to create a safer environment for those living with food allergies.



## SECRETS OF DISCIPLINE

Register Today  
for this  
4 week class  
on the benefits of  
raising  
responsible  
children.  
Based on  
this book  
written by  
**Ronald Morrish**



Cost is  
\$40 per family  
Or  
\$20 for  
KV3C members

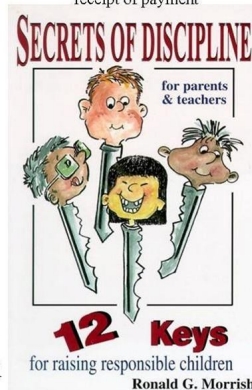
Facilitated  
By  
Kathy English



October  
4th, 11th, 18th and 25th  
From 7-9  
**Chris Saunders Memorial  
Elementary School**  
To register, email us at [info@kv3c.ca](mailto:info@kv3c.ca)  
or visit us at the Community Fall Expo  
(Aug 25th)

**Space is limited**

Registration confirmed on first come  
first serve basis with  
receipt of payment



**Book**  
**Included with  
Registration**