

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!*

Newsletter #1

September 2016

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students and families to Dr. Leatherbarrow Primary and to welcome back all of our former students! We are looking forward to working with all students and their families this year.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members.

These individuals join a dedicated, talented teaching and support staff who are committed to providing positive educational experiences for all of our students.

Please Note:

**All schools in
Anglophone South
District are
Peanut/Nut Free
& Scent Free**

122 School Street
Hampton, NB E5N 6B2

832-6022 (Office)

nancy.long@nbed.nb.ca (E-Mail)

832-6162 (Safe Arrival)

1-855-535-7669 (SNOW)

<http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca>

(District Website)

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1940/pages/default.aspx>

(School Website)

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The staff who serve your children are:

Mrs. Jardine, Principal

Ms Creighton, Vice Principal

Kindergarten

Mrs. Allaby
Mrs. Kingston
Mrs. Walsh
Mrs. White

Grade 1

Mrs. Davis
Mrs. Landry
Mrs. Peters

Grade 2

Mrs. Annear
Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Boyle
Mrs. Howe/
Mrs. McDermott

Resource Teacher

Ms. Creighton

Literacy

Mrs. Stoddart

Math

Mrs. Wallace

Phys. Ed. Specialist

Mrs. Brenton

Music Specialist

Mr. Britten

Educational

Assistants

Mrs. Langille
Mrs. O'Leary
Mrs. Paquet
Mrs. Rattray
Mrs. Tayes

Admin Assistant

Mrs. Long

Custodians

Mrs. Ricketson, Mrs. Harris, & Mrs. Jones

Safe Arrival

Please call the Safe Arrival Line at **832-6162** if your child will be late or absent. This is important to ensure all students have arrived safely at school if expected to be there.

School Supplies Fee

Our School Supplies Fee this year is \$60.00 per child payable the first month of school.

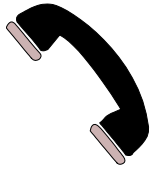


Congratulations to the Thompson family, winners of the \$50 Superstore gift card.

If you are unable to pay all of this fee by September 30, please contact the office and we would be happy to set up a payment plan for you.

This fee covers supplies such as notebooks, duotangs, glue, pencils, erasers, crayons, pencil cases, rulers, scissors, loose leaf, etc. which the school has purchased and provided to each student. Once you have paid your fee, please watch for a receipt from our school accounting system within two school days. Please contact us if you do not receive a receipt.

Contacting the School



The number for the school office is 832-6022.

We strive to maintain a close and cooperative relationship with our families. We are happy to talk to you about questions or concerns that you may have.

The best time to contact a teacher is after 2:00 p.m. as it is very difficult for teachers to try to give matters their full attention during instruction time.

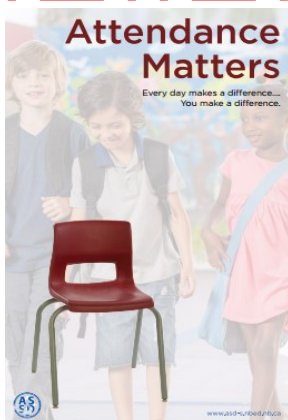
Please do not email your child's teacher with anything that requires immediate attention as it is often not checked during instructional hours.



Meet-the-Teacher / Cornboil

Thanks to those who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher and Corn Boil Evening on August 31st! We hope you enjoyed finding out about some of the routines and expectations of the upcoming school year, getting to meet the teacher as well as enjoying some social time. Thanks to the Home and School Association for organizing the corn boil!

If you are interested in being part of the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) and were unable to attend this night, please contact the school at 832-6022. This committee plays an important role in bringing about a closer involvement of parents and the community in our school.



Attendance Matters

Every day makes a difference! You make a difference!

Attendance matters because being present and on time has a positive impact on all learning. It starts in the early years.

For more information on the importance of attendance and for the District attendance policy, please see our website under the Attendance Matters tab or [click here](#).



Medication & Health Services at School

Please provide your child's teacher with any important medical information about your child on the Student Information Form. Parents of a child who has a severe medical condition (for example, severe allergy that requires an Epi-pen; diabetes; severe asthma) must contact us and fill out an Essential Routine Services and Emergency Plan form and/or an Extreme Allergy Management and Emergency Plan form. Your child's safety is our first priority.

School Photos



Harvey Studios will visit us on **Thursday, September 22**, to take school photos. Proofs will be sent home with various package options. There is no obligation to purchase photos.

School Hours

Our school hours are:

- 8:20 -** Bell work
- 8:25 -** All students should be in their classrooms;
Morning announcements
- 8:30 -** Instruction begins
- 10:30 - 10:45 -** Outdoor supervised recess
- 10:50 - 11:50 -** Instruction
- 11:50 - 12:20 -** Outdoor lunch recess
- 12:20 - 12:40 -** Eat lunch
- 12:45 -** Afternoon instruction
- 1:45 -** Get ready for home



School Clothes

All students need a pair of sneakers to wear inside the school and in the gym as well as an outdoor pair of shoes/boots. Their inside shoes are left at school so they are always clean and available.

Please be sure your child is properly dressed for the weather. Children go outdoors for exercise and fresh air at recess and noon except in extremely inclement weather (pouring rain or extreme cold). Outdoor play provides a physical and mental health break for the children. The teachers would like the children to have an extra set of clothes so that they can change into dry clothes if they get wet.



Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Program can operate only if we have parent volunteers to assist us. Please contact the office if you are able to be a hot lunch volunteer. We would like to start the week of September 26.

Snacks and Lunches

Please send easy-to-eat, non-sticky, healthy snacks and lunches. Our teachers are conscious of teaching children about healthy food choices and will encourage them to eat their healthy choices first. Please note that children will not have access to a fridge or microwave.



Milk / Lunch Orders

White milk is **50¢** and chocolate milk is **55¢** per carton.

Milk is available beginning on ***Monday, September 26***.

A milk / lunch order and payment form will be sent home on Monday, September 19.

Orders are due on Thursday, September 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Please note: no late orders will be accepted.



School Traffic

The front of the school is a bus loading and unloading zone. Parents driving their child to school may stay in the line of buses and cars to drop off their child. Parents may stop (but not park) in the designated area outside the kindergarten wing marked with pylons. This is a no idling zone. Parents may also stop farther along the road towards the hill going up to Hampton Middle School. Parents who park in the main parking lot must escort their child across the crosswalk.

In the afternoon, the children load the buses at the school entrance beginning at 1:50.

Students who are picked up by parents or other caregivers are dismissed following the last bus at approximately 2:00 p.m.

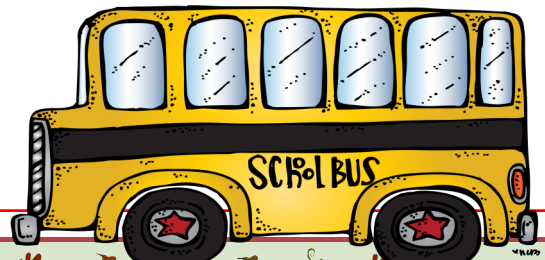
If you need to pick up your child after school for an appointment and must get away before the buses, it is best to come before 1:45 and park up the hill beyond the kindergarten modulars. That way you can leave without being halted by the buses. **Please send a note for any change in afterschool routine.** Please do not park right in front of the modulars. The road from Hampton Elementary and up to the Middle School is a one-way exit only.



Bus Information

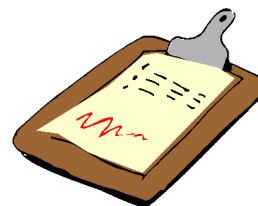
The District Policy states that a child's home address is his/her primary bus address, and that any other drop off or pick up location (e.g. a daycare, a sitter's home) is an alternate bus address. **Parents can name one alternate bus address as long as that location is used on a regular basis (e.g. Every-day or each Monday and Wednesday).** We cannot ensure safety of the students at this young age if their bus routine isn't consistent. If you work shift work or irregular work hours, please understand that it is confusing to the bus drivers, the staff and students if the bus routine is not consistent. Forms are available at the school office for parents to indicate their need for an alternate bus address. District policy does not allow parents to send their child on a different bus to attend birthday parties or play at a friend's house after school. It is important that parents keep teachers fully informed about changes in bus routines. **Without written authorization from a parent, children will be sent home on their regular bus.**

All students are expected to ride and get on and off the buses in an orderly and respectful manner. An adult should accompany a child at the bus stop. The teachers will talk with the children about bus safety rules and good behavior on the bus. Please reinforce the rules at home.



Information Forms-Emergency Plans

Thank you for returning this year's student information forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up-to-date information.



Parent Handbook

To be environmentally conscious and to cut paper and photocopying costs, paper copies of our Parent Handbook will be sent home by request only. The D.A.T.L. Parent Handbook is available to everyone through our school website: <http://leatherbarrow.nbed.nb.ca>. If you require a paper copy, please request one at the office or through your child's teacher and it will be sent home.



Security and Safety

Your child's safety is of paramount importance. For security, safety and for the protection of instructional time, the following procedures have been put into place at D.A.T.L.:

- If you are driving your child, he/she **cannot** be dropped off anytime before 7:50 a.m. as no one will be on duty to supervise until that time. In order to be ready for the beginning of the day, he/she must be in the school **no later than 8:20 a.m.**
- After the first week, teachers request that you refrain from accompanying your child to the classroom in the morning. This is to foster independence.
- If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please send a note or call after classes have ended.
- If you are arriving at the school to volunteer or to attend a meeting and are moving beyond the front lobby, please sign in and wear a Visitor's Badge.
- If you are picking up your child **before** the end of the day, please come to the office and Mrs. Long will get your child and meet you in the lobby. You or anyone you have designated to pick up your child may be asked to show ID.
- Please let us know if you are picking up your child **after** school. Your child will be dismissed with "Group 4" students (after bus loading) at approximately 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to wait outside or in the lobby.
- When delivering something to your child, we ask that it be left at the office and it will be delivered. This reduces interruptions in classroom activities.
- All visitors must enter and exit through the front entrance. All other doors are emergency exits only.

Our Code of Conduct is: **Be Kind - Be Safe - Be Responsible - Be Respectful.**

Our focus for **September and October** is Be Safe. We will be learning about bus safety, fire safety, and how to be safe at home and at school.

Listening

D.A.T.L. students are learning about school rules and expectations, and listening is one of the most important skills. They are taught how to "give me five" which consists of five steps to effective listening.

The teacher gives a visual cue by holding up an open hand and says "give me five." Students soon recognize the hand-up signal means it's time to listen and often do not need the verbal reminder.



Give Me Five

- 1) eyes on the speaker
- 2) be quiet
- 3) be still
- 4) hands free
- 5) listen please



Use Your W.I.T.S!

One of our goals in our School Improvement Plan is to implement a school-wide program that brings together families, the community, and our school to keep our children safe and free from bullying. This year, we will be continuing the W.I.T.S. Program:

Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help.



Walk Away

Ignore

Talk it Out

Seek Help

These are skills that will protect our students now and will lay the foundation for years when bullying may become more prevalent. The program will also provide a common language for families and children to discuss conflict resolution. If you would like to be a WITS Community Leader, we'd love to have you! Please contact the school.

Guidance

We want your child(ren) to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be working along with you to help teach your child(ren) skills in the following four areas:



Skills for Learning: Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.

Empathy: Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.

Emotion Management: Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings such as anxiety or anger.

Problem Solving: Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child(ren) will be learning a lot this year and we look forward to being partners in this learning journey.