



Dr. A. T. Leatherbarrow Primary School  
PSSC  
School Improvement Plan Update  
November 7, 2011

1. Students and staff will learn and work in a safe, healthy and positive environment, supported by family, community agencies and groups.

- Helping Hands Playground Committee received NB Arts and Cultural Award
- Helping Hands Playground Committee Received Recreation NB Active Living Award
- Mrs. Brenton received Physical Education Teacher of the year from her peers
- New murals created for lobby featuring code of conduct and importance of reading
- Each class has had a safety lesson on safe outdoor play and how to properly use playground equipment; all classes have earned their “safe play” license
- Air quality tests have been completed at school
- Water fountain tests have been scheduled
- Celebrate/Bucket Filling Initiative begins, Assembly held
- Kick off to Kindergarten to be held Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch and Learn begins for boys and girls, 2 days a week
- Lunch Rotation for teachers begins
- Monday morning boogie
- Terry Fox walk held
- Fun Fitness Friday on regular rotation
- Guidance Counselor visits all classrooms
- School Intervention Worker provides direct support to students with behavioral challenges
- Volcanoes Group begins November 8
- Roots of Empathy program begins
- Friendly Helpers group starts
- Donna and Andy musical performance held
- Remembrance Day Ceremony being held November 10
- Safe Arrival program up and running
- Breakfast program feeds approximately 40 students a day
- Avon/Regal Fall Fundraiser completed
- Wellness Rep sends messages for staff every Wednesday

2. Students will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills.

- Provincial Literacy Assessment Results surpass both District and Provincial averages
- 40 Grade 2 students receive direct literacy intervention (29 reading, 11 writing) for first block
- Literacy Teacher provides classroom support to most classrooms and is currently working on modeling “Supersentences” with grade 1 classes
- 30 students will receive direct literacy support from now until Christmas

- Weekly library opportunities are available to all students (thanks to parent volunteers)
- Many volunteers helping students with reading and writing
- 24 students receive direct resource support from resource and methods teacher
- Intervention teacher working for the entire month of November with small groups of Kindergarten students who score low in EYE-DA
- School based team meets weekly to develop strategies and plans to support students; district psychologist and district autism specialists attend biweekly meetings
- Speech Language Pathologist works every Thursday with students
- All teachers attend PD on new “Word Work” provincial standards
- All kindergarten and grade 1 teachers attend PD on Language Arts “Look Fors” as created by the Department of Education
- Administrative Team facilitates District PD on grade 2 writing assessment
- “The Daily Five” continues to be focus of PD and student achievement
- Bookworm Award begins and is presented daily
- Squirrel Hollow Post published in October
- Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for November 16-18<sup>th</sup>

### 3. Students will demonstrate continuous improvement in numeracy skills

- District Numeracy Lead, Kathy Wallace, assesses every student in the school to determine understanding of number
- District Numeracy Lead commits to facilitating PD at monthly staff meetings: specific areas of focus include differentiation, assessment, web sites, math games
- New SMART board purchased
- Grade 1 students do rotational math Fun Fridays once a month
- District math and technology mentors provided PD on the use SMART boards designed to enhance student numeracy skills

### 4. We will develop and enhance family and community partnerships. We will continue to improve communication with families.

- New PSSC formed!
- Several PSSC members attend District Information Night
- Synervoice system being used to communicate information
- Monthly newsletters and calendars sent home in hard or electronic copy and also posted on school website
- Classroom teachers send home weekly, biweekly or monthly class newsletter
- Home Hardware showcase set up to display student work
- Parent meetings held to invited to review SEPs
- Parent meetings held to review IBPs
- Report cards go home on November 10, with Parent/Teacher scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>

