



# Lou MacNarin School March Newsletter

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**Mission Statement**



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### **School Improvement Planning**

100 % of students at Lou MacNarin School will have their progress monitored in Reading, Writing, and Math Facts to ensure that they are progressing and meeting expectations. Interventions will be put in place to support ongoing student learning.

### **Important Dates for March**

- ❖ March 13<sup>th</sup>- Cafeteria Special - St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Green Shamrock Pancakes, Gold Nuggets, Sausage Shamrocks, milk, dessert \$5.00 Order forms will be sent home. **Snow date will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ March 26<sup>th</sup> - Home and School Meeting in the Library - 6:30.
- ❖ March 28<sup>th</sup> - **Report Card Day**
- ❖ **March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair in the Library.**
- ❖ **April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews 5:30 - 7:30 or by appointment.**
- ❖ April 4<sup>th</sup> - **No School for Students.** Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30 - 11:30. Professional Learning in the afternoon.



Many thanks to the Home and School for providing a number of great treats to the staff at Lou MacNarin School during Staff Appreciation Week. We were treated to yummy snacks! Home and School provided some great gift certificates for staff and lunch from Vitos!

### **Microwave Lunches**

We would like to encourage parents to send pre cooked food for lunches that will take less time to heat up in the microwaves. Frozen foods take a long time to heat up and make the lineup quite long over lunch. Kindergarten to grade 2's are not permitted to use microwaves at school due to safety issues.

### **Healthy Snacks**

We would like to remind parents that we still have nut and scent allergies in the school. In order to try and ensure that our students do not have exposure to allergens, we are asking families to not send packaged or home baked goods to school for special celebrations. Fruit or Vegetable options will help to ensure our students are eating healthy snacks.

### **Allergies**

**We would like to inform our community that we continue to be nut and scent free.**

### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

**Our students were invited to wear pink to signify that we will take an active role in building a safe, supportive school and community free from bucket dipping behaviours. We had activities in the school to recognize the day and celebrate. Leadership students went to early years classes to read stories about how to solve problems and be a good friend. Grade 1's planned the assembly.**

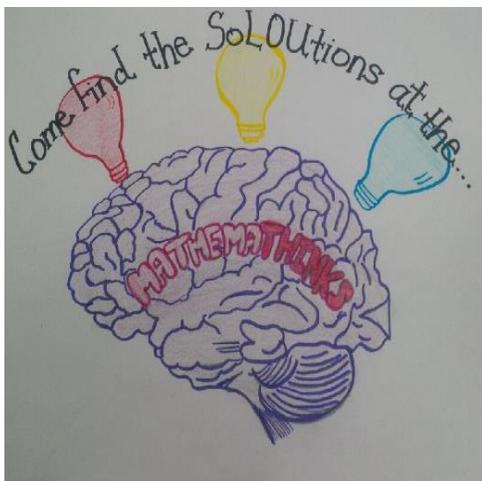




On Monday, February 24, English Language Learners from Lou MacNairn School, along with their families, met with their ELL tutor, Colleen Murphy-Kelly at her house in Upper Coverdale for an evening of sliding and a multicultural potluck supper. Cultures represented were from Russia, Romania, Venezuela, Columbia, the Philippines, China, Korea, and Canada. The sliding hill was packed down and ready to go for sliding, but some of the adults and students tried snowshoeing and snowboarding, as well. Neighbors met neighbors and everyone enjoyed tasting food from such a variety of cultures. The evening concluded with several families discussing another gathering later on in the spring or summer.

### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club Committee has worked hard this year to find funding to be able to provide more variety in the offerings at the Breakfast Club. Our students are able to enjoy a variety of fruits and hot oatmeal as well as toast in the home ec lab before school. We have a number of new volunteers in the club helping out. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support. Donations have been given by the Irving Group, Sobey's - Dieppe, David and Jessica Foundation, Nav Canada, Cook Medical and the Moncton Corvette Club as well as parents who have donated funds, food, and time!



### District Math Competition:

Lou MacNarin School will be hosting a district wide math competition for grades 3 - 5. Madam Roy is responsible for this exciting event. Students will be able to register to participate from schools across the district. If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the contest, please contact the school at 856 - 3411.

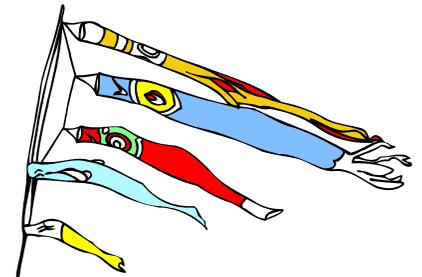
**When: Saturday, April 26, 2014**

**Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Location: Lou MacNarin School Cafeteria**

### Dieppe KITE International Festival - August 13 -17, 2014.

In preparation for the kite festival, local artist, Suzanne Cormier Dupuis will be visiting the school and working with students to create kites from recycled materials. Suzanne visits Lou MacNarin every spring to work on a project for the festival. We look forward to her coming and working with students.



### Authors in the School.

We will be hosting a local author this month. Rose Despres will be here at Lou MacNarin School to do a writer's workshop with selected students! Highly regarded in the writing, publishing, musical, artistic and cultural Acadian community, provincially, nationally and internationally, Rose Després is not only a literary mentor and creator; she is also an accredited translator, musician, spokesperson, dancer, actress, artistic and literary director as well as a teacher and yoga instructor. She has sung in musical groups and choirs, worked in theater and performance arts, has travelled extensively and is passionate about all things artistic, cultural and community oriented!

### Cold and Flu Season



Regular hand washing is a way to help minimize your risk. By washing your hands often, you will reduce your chance of becoming infected after touching contaminated surfaces. You can find the most up to date information on the web at [www.gnb.ca/flu](http://www.gnb.ca/flu). We are encouraging children to wash hands, cough into their elbows and to remain home if they are sick. If your child is demonstrating flu like symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 48 hours.



# Happy St. Patrick's Day!