

Lou MacNarin School

February 2016 Newsletter

Mission Statement



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School Improvement Goals

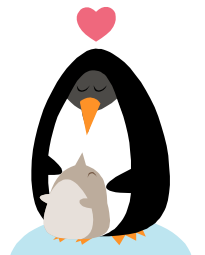
Math - We will monitor student's math skills using Math Screeners and provide interventions to support progress/achievement.

Reading - We will monitor student's reading levels with Aimsweb and Running Records to provide interventions that support progress/achievement.

Writing - We will monitor student's writing levels using Common Rubrics and provide interventions to support progress/achievement.

Important Dates

- February 1 - End of the Grade 5 Intensive French Program.
- February 2nd - Welcome to Kindergarten Event 2:30 in the Kindergarten Classes
- February 5th - Multizone Activity for Grades 2-5
- February 11th - PJ Day - Donations to the Sensory Room
- February 14th - Valentines Day - Please remember that we ask families to not send in food items that do not meet the nutrition policy.
- February 19th - 100 Day
- February 26th - Crazy Hair Day Donations to the Sensory Room.



If you are in the Kindergarten/Grade 1 hallway, please take time to view our colony of penguins who are living near the music room! Which one would you like to play with?

Registration dates for French Immersion Programs Deadline for registration is February 26, 2016. All meetings begin at 6:30 PM

1. **February 8th at Salem Elementary (Multi-purpose room)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 9th**, same place and same time)
2. **February 10th at J.M.A. Armstrong/Salisbury Middle (Auditorium)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 17th**, same place and same time)
3. **February 15th at Riverview Middle (Auditorium)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 16th**, same place and same time)
4. **February 17th at Lewisville Middle (Auditorium)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 22nd**, same place and same time)
5. **February 22nd at Evergreen Park (Cafeteria)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 23rd**, same place and same time)
6. **February 24th at Bernice MacNaughton (Auditorium)** starting at 6:30 pm (**Snow date February 25th**, same place and same time)

Reminder for parents that we are into the cold/wet days of winter and students should be dressing accordingly. On cold or snowy days when we have inside recesses, students may continue to begin their day by entering the school through the door off the playground to enter the school. If you are coming into the school please use the front door and sign in at the office.



On Friday, January 29th, Lou MacNarin School welcomed students from Elsipogtog First Nation School to participate in cultural activities. Thanks to the ArtSmarts grant that Lou MacNarin was awarded, 32 grade 3 students from Lou will have the opportunity to participate in traditional First Nations song, dance and cultural activities with 30 students from Elsipogtog. This incredible cultural awareness opportunity will include two future visits in the month of February from the cultural teacher of Elsipogtog School to teach the 32 students at Lou how to make two traditional First Nations crafts that are symbolic to the culture of the First Nations people. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to understand and appreciate their peers in a neighbouring community.

Making Math Fun can be accomplished by playing board games with dice - These games allow children to count and recognize dot configurations on dice, numbers and number values. It's a great way to make learning fun! You can order math games from our school to help your children develop mathematical thinking. The list of games can be viewed on our school web page under our documents. The games can be ordered through online banking found on the district web page.



Our Snuggle Up and Read Activity was well attended. We filled the gym with our Early Years Readers! Students and parents, grandparents, guardians and friends were invited to spend time sharing some wonderful stories together in the gym. We appreciate everyone coming to read with our children. Some of our older students were reading partners for younger students who did not have an adult available to attend the activity.

Save the date of **Sunday June 5th** in your calendar for this great fundraising event. Velo Tour is a community bike ride that raises money for the seven schools in the Dieppe area. Last year, the 825 participants along with contributions from community businesses helped raise \$2100 for each school. Lou MacNarin School's funds have gone to replenish Physical Education equipment and compliment our Physical Education program. Each participant's 10\$ contribution gets them a New Balance athletic T shirt as well as a chance to win one many door prizes including one of two \$250 gift cards from **Mike's Bike Shop**. Registration forms will be coming home at the end of April. Register the whole family to support this great event.



If you have friends or family members in the community who have children who are ready to start Kindergarten in September please encourage them to register as soon as possible.

Clubs at Lou MacNarin School

We have a number of clubs that are up and running at Lou MacNarin School.

Drama, Astronomy Club, Math Club, Chess Club, BeyBlades, Cribbage Club, Cooking Club- one for boys and one for girls, Flute, Choir, Playground Committee, Intramurals - currently playing Dodgeball, Walking Club, Cheer, Entrepreneur Club, Peer Helpers, Playground Pals, Leadership, Cafeteria Pals, Social Club, Social Club Pals, Snoezelen Room Fundraisers. We are planning a book club and Zumba before the end of February.

Donations to the Snoezelen room.

At Lou MacNarin School, we have many children who require sensory breaks. We provide a spot called the Louezelen Room for children to take a break away from the busy world of classrooms. In this quiet room we have a lot of sensory items to support our students. We are currently recycling juice boxes to help us to purchase items for the space. We would gladly accept donations of recyclable juice boxes, bottles and cans to help us fundraise for new items. We are hoping to buy a number of calming tools for our children to use. These items are highly specialized and often very expensive. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Ms. Stables at 856-3411.

Breakfast Club Updates.

It's been a busy year for our Breakfast Committee and volunteers! Helping to ensure that blood sugar levels are stable during learning times is shown to make a big difference when engaged in learning. Working together helps our community. Thank you all for your time, your commitment to our children, as well as your donations!

NBTA Learning Grant

We would like to congratulate Madame Gallant Guay and Madame Roy for applying for and receiving a grant from the New Brunswick Teaching Association to help them investigate reading strategies to help their students with reading comprehension and vocabulary.

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Healthy Learners = Better Learners

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- Encourage children to treat each other well and to hang out with friends who do the same.
- Discuss positive self-talk with children and encourage them to focus on things they really like about themselves other than their looks.
Visit: www.dietitians.ca



- It's OK if your child doesn't choose healthy food and drinks all of the time. What counts is that healthy food and drinks are chosen most of the time.
- Set aside some time each week to connect with your kids and plan meals for the week ahead. This will teach them valuable life skills such as planning, organizing, and budgeting.
Visit: www.dietitians.ca
www.HealthyCanadians.gc.ca/EatWell



- There are 3 different types of physical activities that promote healthy growth and development in children. Participating in all 3 works the body in different ways.
Endurance (swimming, dancing, soccer, hockey...)
Flexibility (active play on a playground, skipping, gymnastics...)
Strength (monkey bars, climbing stairs...)
Visit: www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca



- Effects of too much screen time that could develop in children:
 - ❖ Poor posture
 - ❖ Poor eyesight
 - ❖ Strains of the thumb, wrist and elbowVisit: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/switch-off-the-screen.aspx

Did you know...

February is Heart Month.

Check out the "Healthy Kids Section" in the www.heartandstroke.com

Happy Valentine's Day!

