

January Updates 2015

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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.

We would like to send out a thank you to the community members and organizations who worked so hard to help our community over the holiday. Large organizations and individuals all made important contributions to help out during the holiday season, from donations to the breakfast program, turkey dinners, service as a volunteer, donations of technology, to sponsoring families with gifts and gift cards for groceries. Every action has an important ripple effect - making our community stronger and more tightly woven.

Dates for January

January 22 - PSSC Meeting in the Breakfast Club at 6:30 PM

January 27 - Family Literacy Day - Snuggle Up with a Book - Kindergarten to Grade 2 Friends and Family are invited to read with our students in the gym, beginning at 11 AM. The families of students in Madame Roy's class are invited to her class at 9:00 to see a play.

January 28 - snow date for Family Literacy Day Activities.

January 30 - Student of the Month Assembly at 12:45.

Students from China who will be in grades 11 and 12 are coming to Canada from China to attend Moncton High School from February 21 until June 26. We are looking for families in our community who would be willing to host a student while they are in Canada. These students are hoping to improve their English Language skills and learn about Canadian culture. A stipend is offered to offset the cost of room and board. Please contact Pam Sheridan at 227- 2045 for more information.

Cold and Flu Season

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca>



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. If you get the flu, you should increase the amount of fluids you drink (water, juice, and soups) and get plenty of rest for seven to ten days. Children with flu symptoms should remain at home until they are symptom free for 24 - 48

hours. Our school works to ensure that we do our best to promote a healthy environment. In the past we have had parents treat children for common childhood conditions like lice or pinworms. We would ask you to contact the school at 856-3411 or inform your child's teacher if you treat your child for these types of conditions so that we can make sure that we are able to inform parents of classmates, and take proactive measures to reduce the risk of others being exposed. For more information on common parasites and conditions, you may visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Is it important to wash your hands?

Hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infections. You can spread certain "germs" (a general term for microbes like viruses and bacteria) casually by touching another person. You can also catch germs when you touch contaminated objects or surfaces and then you touch your face (mouth, eyes, and nose). "Good" hand washing techniques include using an adequate amount of soap, rubbing the hands together to create friction, and rinsing under running water.

Holiday Events

Our Christmas Concert was very well attended and students performed beautifully to an appreciative crowd. Thank you to Miss McMullen, staff, students, and parents who worked so hard to put on the show. We would also like to thank students from Madame Roy's class for their help in getting classes organized to go on stage.



- Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped during the holiday lunches and pancake breakfasts. We have some very dedicated volunteers who were able to help serve turkey dinners to all of our students. Students are very appreciative of the yummy turkey dinner. We would like to thank our cafeteria staff for preparing all of the holiday meals, our PALS, and our very generous sponsor who funded all of the lunches for our children.
- Thank you to all of our families who sent in food for the **Fill The Bus Food Drive**. Students and families donated many food items to help families in need. Thank you to Ms. Zwicker, and Ms. Drisdelle for helping to organize the students and organizing the fund raising events. We collected over 1200 food items.

iPad mini donations. Over the holidays two new iPad minis were donated for our new portable iPad lab. One was from Ian Hebblethwaite and Sheila Donovan. The second was donated by Nav Can. We are excited about the opportunities for 21st Century Learning that our children will have with this technology.



School Review

In May, our school will be reviewed by the NB School Improvement Service. There are 124 indicators that the External Review Team will be looking at when they visit our school over three days in May. As a school community, we are looking forward to showcasing the exciting things that are happening in our school and community. The internal and external teams will be looking at a variety of factors that affect learning in schools. The big ideas are;

1. Vision, Mission and Goals
2. Education Leadership
3. Instructional Practice and Curriculum
4. Continuous Monitoring of Progress
5. Learning Environments
6. Professional Learning
7. Relationships