



# Lou MacNarin School November Newsletter



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## Mission Statement



### School Improvement Planning

Our goals for School Improvement will focus on progress monitoring in Math and Literacy- Reading and Writing. We are working to ensure that all students are progressing.

### Important Dates for November

- November 3 - Symphony NB will be performing for our students.
- November 4 - Picture Retakes
- November 6 - Parent Teacher Interviews 6PM -8PM or by appointment.
- November 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews - 8:30 - 11:30 or by appointment. **No School for Students** - Teacher Professional Development in the afternoon.
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly at 1:00 Grades 3 - 5.
- November 10 and 12 - EYE DA testing for students who will be attending Kindergarten next year. Parents have already made appointments for the testing when they registered for Kindergarten. If you have friends, family or neighbours who have children who are going to attend Kindergarten next year and have not registered yet should drop into the school to register. Thank you to all of our parents who attended the KICK OFF TO KINDERGARTEN event.
- November 11 - Remembrance Day- **No School**
- November 14, 21, 28 - Zumba Club at Lunch. Students will be attending Zumba Club over the noon hour during the K - 2 and 3 - 5 activity periods.
- November 17 -PSSC Meeting at 6:30PM in the Breakfast Club at Lou MacNarin School.
- November 26 - Student of the Month Assembly - Being Attentive.
- December 5 - Report Card Day.

Minister's  
Excellence in Teaching  
Award

We would like to congratulate Madame Roy, our Grade 5 French Immersion Teacher. She will be attending a ceremony in Fredericton on November 15<sup>th</sup>, to receive an important award from the Honorable Serge Rousselle, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. She will receive an award in Fredericton for Excellence in Teaching. The Department of Education sent a videographer to the school to video her teaching, working with teachers, and interviews with staff and students. Madame Roy is our Math Lead teacher and is working with all staff to improve our practices in mathematics. She is providing enrichment for students. She is also working with teachers to support students who are having difficulty in mathematics. Madame Roy has also developed the grade 3 - 5 math competition - Mathemathinks. She organizes our participation in a national math competition - Mathematica Centrum. She has videos posted on Youtube that explain mathematic strategies in a progression to help parents understand and support our mathematic strategies. Madame Roy also hosts the chess club for early years and elementary classes. She is also partnering with BrainRush - an online mathematics program to practice math facts. She mentors students and is passionate about learning - both for children and adults. She is working very hard to build the capacity of our students and staff. Madame Roy is a remarkable teacher/learner and it is exciting to know that her hard work will be recognized.

### Safe School Expectations

Parents, guardians, and visitors, please remember that we are a closed campus and your children may not leave the school unless signed out at the office by their parent. **If you are coming into the building, you must go to the office and sign in.** All visitors to the school must wear a visitor's badge. If you are seen in the building without a badge during the instructional day, you will be asked to return to the office to sign in. This is an expectation for all visitors. We expect all visitors to comply with this important school rule.

**Drop Off Zone.** We would like to remind parents that the drop off zone is organized to help get our children from your vehicle to the playground safely and quickly. As you know, many folks are waiting patiently in line to pull up to the drop off zone and we require parents to ensure that they are not stopping in this line up. Children should be transitioning quickly out of the cars and onto the playground to ensure that the Drop Off Zone is efficient. If you would like to stop and walk your child to the playground, we suggest that you park your car in the subdivision across the street and walk over to the playground.

Any parents or guardians who would like to recycle their child's Halloween costume may drop them off at the school and the drama teachers will put them to good use!



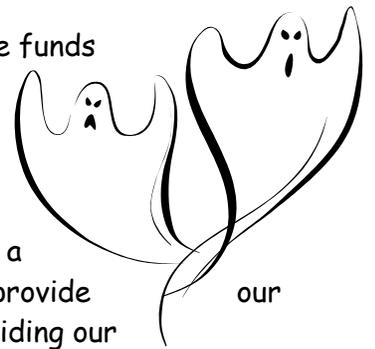
**Imagination Library** - If you have children who are not yet attending school and you have not registered for the Imagination Library, you can contact the school for information and details. . This program provides a book a month by mail to children until they start school.

### Math News

Learning basic math facts are central to the learning of mathematics. It is important that all students leave elementary school with a solid grasp of basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. It has been shown in numerous studies that students who can recall their basic math facts with automaticity (can provide an answer within 3 seconds of seeing a question) tend to be more successful with mathematics in future years. As a general guideline, it is expected that typically developing students will **know** their basic addition and subtraction facts by the end of grade 3 and that students will **know** their basic multiplication and division facts by the end of grade 5. You can help us at home by practicing strategies sent by your child's teacher. Just like reading, it is highly recommended that students not memorize the basic facts but rather learn their facts in a sequence that makes sense and that builds on previous knowledge through strategies taught in class.

### Home and School News

Home and School will be planning this month for their annual fundraising. The funds raised are used to support activities in the school. Cookie Dough orders will go home November 3, 2015. They must be returned by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Orders will be picked up December 5<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 5:30. Thank you to the Home and School for organizing Lou's annual Ghostly Gala. The party was attended by more than 580 parents and students. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Our Home and School members and staff worked really hard to provide community with a great Halloween Party. Students enjoyed the evening, providing our families with a frighteningly fun Halloween event. Thank you for the contributions to our Ghostly Gala! Many treats were brought to the school to help with the celebration. We had wonderful donations from Shoppers Drug Mart on Elmwood Drive. We would like to also thank our Home and School Volunteers for the time and energy that was put into planning and attending the event. Thanks as well to our great custodians who pitched in to help! We also need to send out a huge thank you to former students from Lewisville and MHS who volunteered at the event.



### Blessings in a Back Pack.

Our school is providing some students with food items that they can take home for the weekend to supplement family grocery items. The bags are sent home on Thursdays or Fridays and may include soups, pasta kits, and snacks. If you would like to have some help over the weekend weekly or once in a while, you can call the school at 856-3411 and we will send home food with your child/children.





### **Breakfast Program - our volunteers continue to look for donations to our breakfast**

**program.** We are continuing to work on developing our volunteer base to be able to get our Breakfast Program up and running. If you are interested in being involved from 8am - 8:30 am please contact Madame Drisdelle at the school 856 - 3411. We would like to thank our sponsors for this month: Great Canadian Bagel, Sobeys Dieppe, Walmart Dieppe, Co-op Dieppe, and Liette Cormier of Belije Esthetics.

**In Harmony** The grade 4 students at Lou MacNarin School are participating in the In Harmony Music Program. We also have students who were in the program last year attending an extra music class to keep up their skills. The joy of creating music together as a group will have a lasting effect. The students are working hard to be able to perform with the other pilot schools at the end of the school year. Many thanks for the support received from Anglophone East School District, our music Learning Specialist, In Harmony Teachers, Sistema New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra.

Research shows that learning to play music can build a students working memory. Music can provide students with an increased capacity to feel confident about themselves. It also can sharpen personal discipline. Music can influence the process of thinking and learning. Music may help you think better, analyze matters faster, and work more efficiently. It also promotes a more positive mood and attitude to its listeners. We are proud of our students' efforts and commitment to this program.



### **Fundraising**

We would like to thank all of our families for helping with the magazine campaign. We are hoping to be able to build our fund to be able to purchase supplements to our technology. Putting technology in the hands of our students will build their ability to be better prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. We want to continue building our iPad Portable Lab. We have already purchased a Mac Book, a portable cart, installed an access point for the wireless, have ordered 8 iPad minis, and cases for the iPad minis. This is an expensive project and will be built over time as our budget allows.

