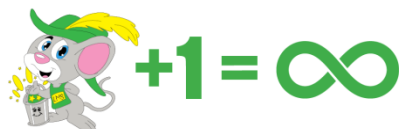


Lou MacNarin School

October News



Our Mission Statement



Our Web Site

<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-E/schools/loumacnarin/Pages/default.aspx>

Important Dates for October

October 5 - PSSC Meeting -6:00 in the Breakfast Club.

October 8- Professional Development Day - No School for students

October 9 - Professional Development Day - No School for students

October 12 - Thanksgiving - No School for students.

October 13-16 - Kindergarten 2016-2017 Registrations at Lou MacNarin School between 9:00 and 3:30. Please bring a birth certificate, Medicare Card, Immunization Records and proof of residence - copy of electric or phone bill. Children who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2016 are eligible to start school in September 2016.

October 14 and 15 - Picture Days

October 14 - Home and School Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Library -Planning for the Ghostly Gala. Please leave your donations at the office by October 14th.

October 20 - PSSC Training - Details to follow.

October 21 - Firefighter presentation to Grade 1

October 22 - Ghostly Gala - Halloween Party \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. 6:30 - 7:30.

October 23 - 11:15 - Wool Sock Walk - Pro Kids will meet with our grades 3 - 5 to talk about the program.

October 26 - 29 Scholastic Book Fair. We will stay open Tuesday evening - October 27 until 7PM

October 27 - 3:30PM in the Home Ec Lab. KICK OFF TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT - Parent meeting for children beginning Kindergarten in September 2016.

Between now and October 31st, the government of New Brunswick wants to hear from New Brunswickers through an [online survey](#) and [open houses](#) happening around the province. As the first step in developing our 10-Year Education Plan, we're asking New Brunswickers to learn more about our current education system and share their valuable ideas about how we can make it even stronger. <http://www.educationplannb.ca/>

Complete an online survey to add your voice to the conversation about learning in New Brunswick.



We would like to remind parents that drop off may begin at 8:00 and the drop off zone is on the west side of the building near the apartments. The drop off zone is busy in the mornings and not to be used for parking. The parking lot on the east side of the building near the field is **not a drop off area** for students, but parents may park in designated parking spots if you are visiting the school. Please do not leave your children at school before the teachers are on duty. We would also ask parents to be mindful that children should be on the playground on their own at this point in the year.

Home and School News



Volunteers are welcome. Our first meeting was September 29th at 6:00 in the library. Home and School is planning our annual Ghostly Gala - scheduled for October 22 from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out in the cafeteria and the gym. This is a great community event and we hope to see you and your family here in costume, but not required. The cost is \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. Students must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation to Home and School, you may contact Home and School at

lmshomeandschool@hotmail.com We are looking for items that we can provide to students to help celebrate the day. Please remember that we try very hard to meet the nutrition policy requirements and allergy protocols - no nuts/dairy please! Typically we offer fruit or veggies - no dips, crackers, cheese, baked chips/snacks, water, juice, and food items like this. Families may gather, chat, and meet parents of your children's friends. Please mark the date on your calendar. If you have items that you would like to donate for this you may contact Home and School or drop off items at the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

ARC - Autism Resource Center is in our building and has many items to support children who are in the Autism Spectrum.

Teachers are working hard to ensure that our CHAMPS protocols are in place to make the school a safe and secure environment that can focus on learning. Please review these with your child. They can be found in your child's agenda.

Our partnership with the Irving Group will continue. Our first PALS orientation group will be this month. We appreciate the support of our PALS volunteers who provide support for Literacy, Numeracy and English as Another Language.

School Improvement Planning - our focus will continue to be on Progress Monitoring - making sure that our students are making gains in Math and Literacy. 100% of our students will be progress monitored in reading, writing and math skills.



Allergy Reminders:

Parents/Guardians/Students: Please ensure that you are not sending/bringing items to school that are scented, contain nut products which would include Nutella and Almond Silk Milk. We have students attending our school who are affected by these products - including juices and food products/smells. We have also asked parents to refrain from sending Wow Butter. We are challenged to determine if a product contains nuts and want to ensure that our students with allergies feel safe and secure. Some allergies are very serious. Thank you again, in advance for your support.

Flute Club (Gr. 4-5) and Choir Club (Gr. 3-5) are Fridays at noon at no cost to the student in the music room. Gr. 4 & 5 students please pay the \$6.00 recorder directly online or cash to Ms. Colpitts.

Parents please remember that we have Healthy Learners and we try to ensure that students are eating healthy snacks. Please do not send into school treats that are high in sugar content, milk or nuts. We would like to restrict the treats sent into the school for celebration days as we have serious allergies and cannot ensure that allergens are not in products sent to school to be shared.



Parents please be reminded that there are significant numbers of students using microwaves and it will help to have lunches that need to be warmed up, rather than cooked. K-2 students are not permitted to use the microwaves.



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended our Meet the Teacher evening. We gathered in the gym to discuss our work on developing our school mission statement. Our growing teaching and learning staff were introduced and parents had a chance to visit their child's classroom and meet with their teachers.

Resiliency

Research is showing that a focus on positive events will help to build resiliency in our community. We are using Drops to recognize good deeds and kindness.

We are working as partners to support student learning in class and in unstructured parts of their day - transitions, recess, and cafeteria times. Students have been practicing their CHAMPS protocols and working on Way to an A, Model Me Kids, Fitting in and Having Fun, Monster Manners, as ways to support our students in their daily learning. Our Social Skills Room is also in need of items for children to use - board games, dice, social play toys so they can take turns, share and work together in positive ways.



Our Mission Statement:

This graphic represents learning at Lou MacNarin School. Our mouse is our Musketeer mascot (All for one and one for all!) You will notice that the mouse is wearing school colours and holding a bucket that is filled to the brim. We are a bucket filling school and believe that everyone in our community is able to learn one more thing. The +1 of learning is different for everyone, and as we all (students, parents, staff and stakeholders) continue to learn, we all become lifelong learners! (∞)

ELF - Elementary Literacy Friends is a volunteer program that helps us to support literacy in Grade 2. We have a number of volunteers who have been trained to work on reading skills with some of our students. We are very excited to have these dedicated folks helping out in our school.

LINKS is another literacy intervention that we are considering offering here at Lou MacNarin that is dependent on adult volunteers. We need volunteers who are able to work with children two hours per week after school. If you are interested in this program, please contact Mrs. Downey at 854 - 3411.

Classroom Libraries

This year we have a number of teachers who are at a new grade level and are working to develop their classroom libraries. If you have books that you would be interested in donating, we are in need of English books. This would definitely help to fill our bucket!

