



## Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Primary School

*Our Vision: Our School community will be encouraged and supported to be the best we can be!*

*Our Mission: We will work in partnership with families and the community to provide quality education in a positive learning environment*



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NEWSLETTER #6

Kind

Safe

Responsible

Respectful



### Reminders:

- In order to be ready for class, your child should arrive no later than 8:20am.
- If you have not paid your child's student fee, please do so as soon as possible.
- School closures and bus delays are announced on the local radio stations and the storm line 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW). Please make sure we know your **best first contact** if school is closed early during the school day.
- Your child should be dressed properly for the outdoors.
- Proof of immunization including the Preschool booster due at 4 years of age is required for children in New Brunswick schools. Please send an up-to-date copy if you haven't already done so.



### "Lunch with the Principal" —

We celebrated being responsible in January!

### February Focus —

Be Kind

### Kindness Week Celebrations — February 29 to March 4

Every day we will be celebrating friendship with a different activity. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Hampton Food Bank Monday to Thursday.

- Monday: Write about a friend day  
Tuesday: Make a school friendship craft  
Wednesday: Be kind to family day — Family Fun Fitness Night  
Thursday: Be kind to our bodies — PINK SHIRT DAY  
Friday: Wear PJs day and bring a favorite stuffed toy

On, Friday, we will be collecting loonies for a donation to the IWK.



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## Sl.P. Tip - Attendance Matters.

### Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?<sup>3</sup>



of kids with good attendance in K and 1st  
(missed 9 or fewer days both years)



of kids with at-risk attendance  
(missed more than 9 days both years)



of kids chronically absent in K or 1st  
(missed 18 or more days one year)



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### PSSC Meeting

Our February PSSC  
meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, February  
10 at 6:30 pm  
All parents are wel-  
come!

## Staff Appreciation Week

February 8th to 12th is Staff Appreciation  
Week!

Please join us in celebrating our entire staff at  
DATL.







Many of our male guest readers in celebration of Family Literacy Week—Thank you all for coming!

### Math Matters—100 Days of School:

An interesting way to incorporate real math into school is to celebrate the 100th day of school. Our teachers incorporate the ideas into their daily activities. They begin with the first day of school and end on the 100th day which usually falls mid February. This year the 100th day of school will be celebrated during the week of February 15. The teaching opportunities prior to the actual day are endless. The children (depending on grade) learn to count by ones, twos, fives, and tens. They learn to use number lines and about tens and ones. As the 100th day grows closer, so does the excitement. A variety of activities take place on the 100th Day; For example, students may do 100 Day projects, read 100 Day books, and participate in 100 Day crafts.



We had a lot of fun dressing up in our favorite book character costumes.



**Book Chain:**  
We made a link for every book we read at school and met our goal to have a book chain stretch all around the school!





## Family Fun Fitness Night—Wednesday, March 2nd!

All students and their family members are invited to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fitness Night from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Family Fun Fitness Night is an opportunity for students and their family members to participate in many fun fitness and wellness activities. Our focus is to provide encouragement to families to try something different and to enjoy fitness together.



Volunteers are an integral part of the success of the evening. Areas of need include set up and clean up, locating door prizes, and running a few of our stations. If you are able to help on that afternoon or evening, please call the school and leave your name and telephone number. We would love to have you on board. Thank you!



Mrs. McDermott's grade two class on January 28th 2016 for our dress as your favorite book character day.

### 60 Minutes Kids Club

Once again DATL has registered for the 60 Minutes Kids Club for the month of February. Letters will be coming home with information. We have been talking about importance of nutrition, sleep, physical activity, drinking water and lowering screen time. The students will be able to track their daily progress at home with your help.

Keep active & stay healthy!

Sally Flynn

Physical Education Teacher

### Celebrating our

### Dr. A.T. Leatherbarrow Grade 2 Choir:

### Sea Dogs Flex Tickets



We are proud to announce that our Grade 2 Choir will be singing our National Anthem at an upcoming Saint John Sea Dogs game on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. We will be taking orders and collecting money for "Sea Dogs" Flex Tickets. If you choose to purchase a Flex Ticket, you will not only be supporting our Saint John Sea Dogs but, more importantly, you will be supporting DATL. \$5 from every adult voucher sold will go directly to the Music Program at DATL. We will be selling the Flex Tickets at a price of \$10/student and \$15/adult. These flex tickets can be used for any regular season Saint John Sea Dogs game. We sincerely hope that you will consider joining us on Saturday, February 13th at Harbour Station!

