

DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

BLUE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to our newest Blue Knights: **Kristen Trevors, Meagan MacDiarmid, Victoria Stymiest, Victoria Merritt, Jenna Tucker, Vanessa Matchett, Katie Corlett, James Trevors, Dawson Cripps, Rebecca Cripps, Kelsey Hansen, Laura Tooker, Dominic Stockli, Kayla Poitras** and **Jantzen Losier**.

We are pleased to recognize each of you as a leader and role model in our school. Our January Blue Knight activity was Cross Country Skiing. The students were finally able to go after several cancellations due to storms and wind-chill. Reminder to all students that applications for Blue Knight status continue to be accepted.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Our Home and School Association organized our recent **SPIRIT DAY**. All staff and students were encouraged to wear Blue and White. Home & School members treated the students and staff to blue and white cookies after lunch. A basketball game—Varsity girls and boys vs. the Miramichi Police and DLMS teachers' game was a great success, with the police/teacher team winning 50-44. Thank you to our Home & School Association for organizing this day, and thank you to all those who participated!

NEXT HOME & SCHOOL MEETING will be **Thursday, February 24th at 6:30 P. M.** Please mark this date on your calendars.



NO SMOKING

A REMINDER THAT SMOKING IS **NOT** PERMITTED **ANYWHERE** ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.



WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23rd will be our WINTER ACTIVITY DAY. Most activities on this day will take place outside.

Students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather.



LADY KNIGHTS WIN HOOP CLASSIC TOURNEY

The Dr. Losier Middle School Lady Knights won the 5th Annual Miramichi Middle School Hoop Classic, hosting teams from all over New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The Knights first game had them pitted against the current AAA Provincial Champion Sussex Classics, suffering a loss of 42-37. Dr. Losier's Player of the Game was awarded to Katie Corlett, who scored a game-high 19 points, with Hustler of the Game going to Meagan MacDiarmid. In Game Two, the Knights faced the Charlottetown Magic, who are the current PEI AAA Champs. Led by their Player of the Game, Barrie Leggatt, who scored an incredible 31 points, the Knights drew the win at 48-45. Dr. Losier's Hustler of the Game was awarded to Hallie MacEacheron, for her tough play against the tenacious Magic team. Crossovers began on day two, with the Lady Knights and the Lancaster Lynx AAA squad from Saint John going head-to-head. Player of the Game, Barrie Leggatt, tallied 22 points for the Knights, with an additional 12 by Katie Corlett, leading Dr. Losier to a 54-47 win. Hustler of the game was earned by Kelsey Hansen. This win gave the Knights a spot in the final game, again taking on the Charlottetown Magic, who defeated George Street AAA Crusader in their own crossover. The Gold Medal Game was a battle, end-for-end. Meagan MacDiarmid, the Player of the Game, dominated on the glass, while Hustler of the Game, Barrie Leggatt, dropped 22 points. Katie Corlett's 12 points and Elizabeth Dickson's 6, netted the win for the Dr. Losier team. This was the Lady Knights' second tournament win in as many weeks. They would like to thank their tournament sponsors, Patterson Sales & Service Ltd., Roy Brothers Construction Inc., the Milk Marketing Board, and Burger King for their support in making this tournament a success.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 16 EDUCATION PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR FRENCH LEARNING

School District 16 will be holding a meeting outlining Education Program Options to support French Learning for the 2011-2012 school year. At that time, ALL second language program options will be outlined: The Grade 3 French Immersion entry point, the Late Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) as well as the Pre-Intensive, Intensive and Post Intensive Programs.

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 22, at 6:30 P. M.** at Dr. Losier Middle School for parents of children residing on both sides of the Miramichi. Administrators, teachers, the Superintendent and French Learning Specialists will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have. **You are strongly encouraged to attend the Parent Information Meeting before making a decision.**

PLEASE NOTE: **The deadline for registering a child in either Grade 3 Immersion or Grade 6 Late Immersion is Friday, March 4th. All forms must be received at District 16 Office, where they will be stamped and dated on a first come, first served basis.** For parents unable to attend the meetings, immersion registration forms can be obtained at ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS and at School District 16 Office. NOTE: Once a class has been filled at a school offering immersion, a waiting list will be created. A second class MAY OR MAY NOT be created depending on numbers.



HERITAGE FAIR & SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

All students in our school are currently working on Heritage Fair and Science Fair projects, as well as speeches. Please check your child's agenda and/or our school website for due dates.

SCIENCE FAIR: District 16 will be holding the District Science Fair at Dr. Losier Middle School on March 29th. Students at Dr. Losier Middle School are busy getting their projects started for the School Science Fair which will be held the week of March 21st. Students will be presenting their projects to their individual science teachers the week before. If parents have any questions about their child's project or presentation, they can contact the Science teacher.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEB. 14-18

SCHOOL HERITAGE FAIR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

CUTE AWARDS (Creative Use of Technology Awards) at James M. Hill—6:15 P. M.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

PINK SHIRT DAY CELEBRATION

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FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE MEETING
Meeting for elementary parents regarding French Second Language options for the 2011-2012 school year at Dr. Losier Middle School at 6:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

WINTER ACTIVITY DAY

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 7-11

MARCH BREAK

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 14-18

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

PSSC MEETING—6:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

CI DAY— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS/PD
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

GOOD FRIDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 25

EASTER MONDAY

THURSDAY, MAY 5

NBTA BRANCH MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 6

SUBJECT COUNCIL DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY, MAY 23

VICTORIA DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FUNDRAISING AT DR. LOSIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A BIG DLMS thank you to our girls' basketball team and Mr. Corlett who organized a fundraiser on behalf of Keisha Jardine, a student at our school requiring surgery in Halifax. The varsity girls' team and many other students, including some from Harkins Middle School, also supported Keisha in this initiative. In total, over \$1045 was raised! A big thank you to all from Keisha and her family.

We also held a PYJAMA DAY. For \$1, students were able to wear their pyjamas to school. The funds raised on this day went to purchase yard and needles for our "Hug for Comfort" initiative. We are knitting shawls for cancer patients at the Miramichi Hospital. A great initiative—students and staff working together to help our community.



The **Varsity Boys Basketball Team** recently bagged groceries at Sobeys for the IWK and boys basketball. They raised \$1240.00.

Over the next three weeks, the boys will be participating in the District Tier 1 Boys Championships, the North Shore Boys Championships and the BNB Tier 2 Boys Provincial Championships.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS:



PLEASE RESPECT THE LEARNING AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF. PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR TEXT YOUR CHILD DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

THANK YOU!

WALKING ACROSS CANADA



Our students left St. John's, Newfoundland on November 30th. Throughout December they walked a total of 1208 kms. We are almost out of Nfld. They celebrated their accomplishments with fruit smoothies. A new group of students took over, and began the second leg of the journey on January 17. To date, the students have walked from St. John's to Charlottetown, and are now on their way to Fredericton—1895 kms in total. Mrs. Cripps and Mrs. Savage thank all the pedometer walkers, and wish them Happy Walking. Reminder that they will be looking for new walkers in March.

WELLNESS WATCH

IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT WELLNESS TO ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our School Feedback Report reinforces the importance of healthy lifestyle behaviours to student learning. Current research provides evidence of positive associations among the wellness pillars (see below) and measures of students' academic readiness, engagement and success. For example:

HEALTHY EATING: Eating breakfast every day can help improve concentration, and increase students' potential to learn (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2009).

TOBACCO USE: There is an association between tobacco use and low academic achievement and motivation in students; students who use tobacco tend to have lower academic grades than their peers (Morrison and Peterson, 2010).

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: Active and healthy students have increased levels of concentration, relaxation and focus. Students who succeed academically in school also tend to be more physically active (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2009).

MENTAL FITNESS: The satisfaction of mental fitness needs (competency, relatedness and autonomy) in the educational context has been associated with a range of positive personal and academic outcomes, including enhanced academic self-esteem and engagement, increased scholastic confidence and performance, and decreased likelihood of dropping out of school (Morrison and Peterson, 2010).