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# MARCH 2016

## School Council Meeting

Wed March 23, 2016

At noon.

Please feel free to join us and give your input.

Free HOT LUNCH March 10th!!!!

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[www.lloydgarrisonschool.ca](http://www.lloydgarrisonschool.ca)

Find information on upcoming events, homework, quick links, contact information, sign up for our newsletters, calendars and a whole lot of other information can be found there. Be sure to like us on Facebook there as well.

# Lloyd Garrison School NEWS

## Anti Bullying—Pink Shirt Day

Throughout the year the students of Lloyd Garrison School are involved in a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program whereby they receive rewards (Bear Paws) for displaying model behavior within their work and peer interactions. The month of February highlighted “Fill Your Bucket” where students work towards filling each others buckets daily with acts of kindness.



## Superintendent's Message

### Response to Intervention (RTI) in Schools



Education and the way in which it is delivered is always evolving and transforming in search of the best possible understanding of the most effective ways for children to learn and grow. We know that students learn in different ways, that each individual has their own unique needs, and that we can't rely on textbooks and traditional learning methods as a one-size-fits-all approach to education.

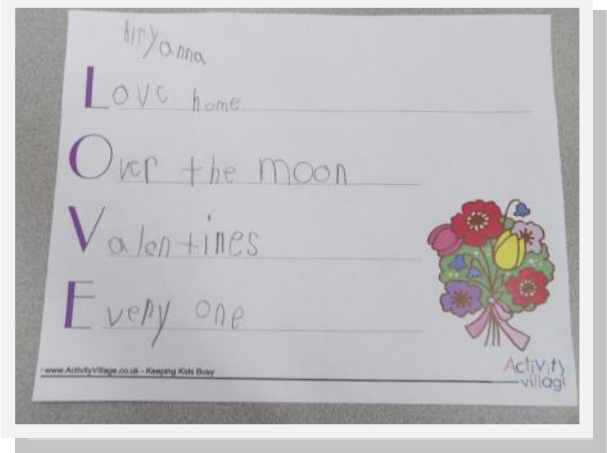
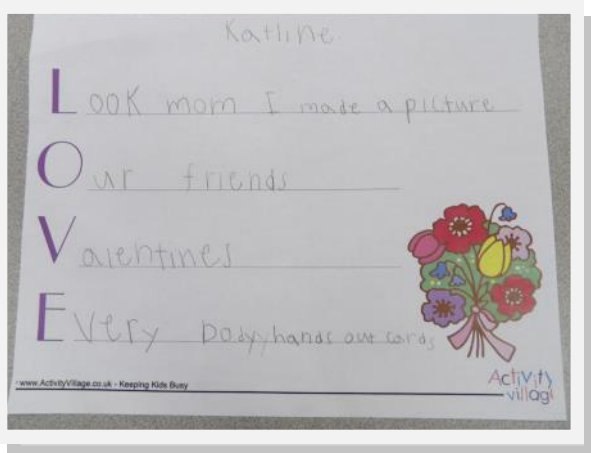
This is why, in 2012, Peace River School Division (PRSD) began a shift towards a Response to Intervention (RTI) learning model. This highly regarded system involves moving away from the dual system of education that recognizes mainstream education and special education, and separates the two, and moving towards a system that supports all learners based on their strengths instead of their weaknesses.

The RTI approach is designed to assist in the early identification and support of students with learning and behaviour needs through a multi-tiered intervention system that is proven to maximize student's individual success. Using a variety of research-based assessment methods on all students an academic and behavioural baseline is established and used to identify struggling learners and plan appropriate interventions. While most students will not require intervention past the initial assessment those that do go through increasing levels of strategic intervention until it is determined that their individual needs are being met.

By paying attention to individual student's strengths, learning styles, and specific needs as well as their responsiveness to increasingly intensive adjustments we hope to provide the best possible instruction. This learning model allows teachers to expand their methods of teaching to better engage students, identify specific learning styles, and help target their instruction to better ensure the success of each individual.

While RTI has changed the way our classrooms look and the way our teachers teach we believe this is a very positive change, and one that continues to be recognized by education experts as effective. PRSD provides RTI related professional development and training to staff on an ongoing basis and we are excited to continue to learn how to best meet the diverse educational needs of students and to ensure that we are creating engaging and productive learning environments.

Paul Bennett



# Fitness Breaks at School

Fitness breaks activate the brain, improve on-task behavior and leave students more focused and ready to learn.

There are lots of fun and creative ways we include fitness breaks in the daily schedule:

## Classroom Activity Breaks

■ Brain breaks are quick exercises that can last a minute or more. Some are specifically designed to cross

the body's midline, which helps to engage both sides of the brain. Brain Gym, Energizing Brain Breaks

and the Just-a-Minute (JAM) school program are all good resources.

■ Breathing, stretching and short yoga exercises have been shown to have many benefits for kids in

school. They can calm and clear the mind, relieve tension and stress, increase concentration, focus and

attention span.

## Music Is Key

Music is a powerful tool. At Lloyd Garrison School

You might see students dancing to music during

movement breaks, juggling scarves or bean bags, doing ball exercises with

music, and/or music setting the tone of the day or

being used to introduce a lesson theme



*NORTH PEACE  
PERFORMING  
ARTS  
FESTIVAL*



Students who participate in the Hand Bell Choir will be travelling to Peace River to compete in the North Peace Performing Arts Festival. We welcome you to come and cheer us on. Performance date and time (time is approximate) is as follows:

**Thursday March 11, 2016**

Bell Choir - 1:00 p.m.

## What's New in Grade 1/2?

One hundred plus days have come and gone in Grade 1/2. Where has the time gone? We have been very busy with a number of fun and educational activities. We celebrated 100 Days of School with a party. Zero the Hero visited our classroom and hid 100 chocolate hearts for us to find. We were then challenged to cross off the number found on each chocolate on our large 100 Chart. We then discussed and figured out how to divide the chocolates evenly with all of our classmates.

In Math, we have just begun our unit on addition and subtraction to 18. We are excited each day to play games and use a variety of hands-on tools to help us visualize and practice our basic facts.

In Science, we finished our unit on Hot and Cold Temperatures. Science Fair Projects are our next exciting challenge. Please watch for them when we showcase them at our Science Fair later in March.

We have wrapped up our unit on learning about people and traditions from across Canada. Our next unit will focus on natural resources as well as goods and services from our three regions of study.

Valentine's Day crafts and sock snowmen projects have been our focus in the month of February. In March, we will begin making works of Art which celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Please stay tuned for more exciting news from the Grade 1/2 room in the months to come.



# March 2016

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		1 Library 	2	3 NO SCHOOL (Teachers Convention)	4 NO SCHOOL (Teachers Convention)	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL (PD Day)	8 Library 	9	10 Hot Lunch provided by School Council	11 NPPAF 	12
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20	21	22 Library 	23	24 Dixonville Play	25 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	26
27	28	29	30	31	<h1>Easter Break</h1>	