



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

May news/ Les nouvelles de mai Theme: Honesty/Integrity

As the bright spring days unfold, we are excited to share the many wonderful things happening in our school community this month. This month, our focus is on the important values of honesty and integrity. We encourage our students to embrace these values in their everyday actions, whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or at home. By building a foundation of trust and sincerity, we are nurturing responsible and caring citizens of tomorrow.

Class Placement for Next Year

As we approach the end of the school year, we begin to prepare for next year by creating our class lists. This is a collaborative process involving many factors and input from our staff. If you have an educational reason to request a specific class placement, please submit your request in writing to mcavanaugh@hrce.ca by Monday, May 12. **Late requests will not be accepted.**

*Please note that while we do take requests into consideration, they are not a guarantee, as many elements are taken into account during the class placement process.

If you are moving or have plans to NOT be at LMST next year- please email the office at lmsts@hrce.ca Thank you!

Thank you to our Home & School Association

The staff at LMST send a special **thank you** to our Home & School association for the delicious lunch provided on March 7th for staff appreciation. Merci beaucoup!

Public Speaking /Discours d'art oratoire

Canadian Parents for French host an annual public speaking contest for students in grades 5-6. All students in grades 5-6 FI researched a topic of choice, created a 2–4-minute speech, memorized it and delivered it to their class. Bravo!

The following students represented LMST at the Provincial concours on Saturday, April 26 at Mount Saint Vincent University; Wes (6C), Éléa (5DM), Jessie (5/6 C) and Gabby (5/6C). Bravo! Félicitations à Jessie et Wes who placed first and second respectively.

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Battle of the Books

Our LMST team (Sylvie, Ching, Serena, Avery and Melody) defeated West Bedford and The Halifax Grammar School in a 3-way final at the Halifax Public library on April 4. Congratulations to the Battle of the Books 2025 champions!



Who's excited for the Youth Run Series?

Run Club Runners and everyone interested

Saturday, May 3, at the Shubie Park Campground in Dartmouth. Races start at 10:00 a.m., and bib pick-up begins at 8:30 a.m. Wear your superhero gear! **Deadline to Register is April 30th**

More Information: <https://www.trackie.com/event/super-shubie/1019310/>



May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day serves as an educational opportunity at LMST to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. It provides a platform to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

2025-26 EXCEL registration

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

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For more information about registration, fees and programing, please click [here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or excelregistrar@hrce.ca and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or excel@hrce.ca . Early Registration for existing students- May 2
General Registration -May 16

Home & School News

LMST HOME & SCHOOL - EXCITING MONTH AHEAD!!!

LMST SPRING FAIR!!! – SATURDAY, MAY 31 10am-1pm!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 31, 10 am - 1 pm to have fun at the LMST Spring Fair on the school grounds. This event is one of our BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS OF THE YEAR. Get the early bird rate (\$12) for the admission bracelet by May 22nd . The bracelet gives the kids unlimited access to bouncy castles and the touch-a-truck parking lot. Pre-purchase tickets for other activity stations like Face painting, Bingo, Dunk tank, Cake Walk, and Games. All can be purchased through Schools Cash Online. Bracelets and tickets will be picked up at the admissions table on the day of the fair.

SPRING FAIR VOLUNTEERS! DONATE 1HR (or more!) TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

Volunteer opportunities for "LMST Spring Fair 2025" are now open! Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - [Lemarchant-St. Thomas Spring Fair signup sheet](#) To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do! Thank you for volunteering!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR PRIZE ROOM/BOOK ROOM (New & Gently used) & FOOD!

Please save your new and gently used items for our fair (anything a child would want except clothing)!

Books and prize room items can be dropped off at the office starting on Tuesday, May 27.

Food items can be dropped off starting on Thursday, May 29 (except hot dogs, drop off is morning of the Fair). Café items consist of baked goods/savory items that are easy to serve and eat.

Below are the assigned food donations per class (exact numbers to be sent by teachers):

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P Lacroix	cafe	2/3 Englehutt	hot dogs
P DePalma	cafe	2/3 Drapeau	hot dogs
P Zelios	cafe	3 Gallivan	hot dogs
P Boudreau	cafe	3 LeDuc	veggie dogs
P/1 Emily Smith	cafe	3/4 Barkhouse	hot dog buns
P/1 Fulton	cafe	4 Beaton	hot dog buns
1 MacLean	cafe	4 Trach (Demont)	hot dog buns
1 Morgan	cafe	4/5 Mouland	hot dog buns
1 Roberge	cafe	4/5 Michelin	ketchup
2 Katelyn Smith	cafe	5 Duguay-Myatt	juice boxes
2 Jordan	cafe	5/6 Cunningham	juice boxes
2 Manderville	cafe	5/6 Corbin	cake
		6 Chiasson	cake
		6 Hagerman	cake

LMST's ANNUAL H&S TAKE HOME MORRIS EAST PIZZA KIT & DECORATING CONTEST!!!PRIZES!! (ORDERS DUE MAY 8th)

It's that time of year again where students can put on their creative hats and decorate pizzas in their own imaginative way! This is a fun family activity where the whole family can participate!

WHAT: Pizza making kit including dough for an individual kid-sized pizza, cheese and sauce (for students and their families). Decorate your pizza (add your own desired extra ingredients), post it on the H&S FB page to enter the contest and show others your creation!

COST: \$11 per kit (\$12 for LF kit, \$14.50 per Gluten Free/Lactose Free kit). Order: SchoolCashOnline.com

CONTEST CHALLENGE: Decorate your pizza with whichever extra toppings you have at home and post a picture of your creation on the "LMST Home & School Association" Facebook page and tag Morris East by Monday, May 19th. For every pizza posted and tagged, Morris East will donate an additional \$1 to LMST H&S (up to \$250)!!!

PRIZES!!: Morris Easts' very own pizza chef will pick his top three favourite pizzas. 1st Prize will win \$50 Morris East gift card, 2nd & 3rd \$25 gift card.

WHEN: (1) Order via the LMST school cash online by Thursday, May 8th

(2) Pick-up Thursday, May 15th 3-5:30pm Pick up your order outside the school front doors

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Stay tuned for notices & flyers for:

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- Garden Clean-up (Sunday, May 25, 3-5pm)
- Year-end Ice Cream/Popsicle social (June 19)

LMST Garden and Greenspace Spring Update

Garden updates:

The week of April 22nd was Garden week at LMST. An annual tradition where every student had the opportunity to plant their own seed! This year many students added onto their previous learning by creating an upcycling planter. Students learned about the importance of drainage when watering seedlings. Once there is no risk of frost you can transplant the seedling outside. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came in to support student learning and to those who brought in bottles. Projects like this wouldn't be possible without the phenomenal support of the LMST community!

Sunday, May 25th between 3-5pm is LMST cleanup day. Please come out and help get our garden beds and surrounding areas ready for planting. Bring the whole family. No experience or tools required. Also, there will be treats!

Friday, May 30 - School wide planting day. An annual tradition where all students experience planting in the garden. Like past years, we will have various stations outside for students to explore and learn about gardening. Each student will plant a seed in the school garden. If you can help on May 30th, please let us know. Email lizzie@mooreco.ca

Playground Updates:

It has been identified by HRM that the red and yellow playground at LMST will have to be replaced within 3 years. We have started to fundraise, thank you to Home and School for their contribution from the Adult Event. We have also applied for the participatory fund for District 7. On May 5th we need as many LMST families to come to Central Library to vote on our project. We will send out reminders but please mark your calendars for **6pm on May 5th**. It only takes a few minutes, and you can vote on where you want the funding to go to. There are a lot of

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amazing projects in our community. Here is more information on the process

<https://laurawhite.ca/district-7-participatory-budgeting-2025/>

Stay tuned for updates on our fundraising goals and if you are interested in helping fundraise for the new playground, please let us know lizzie@mooreco.ca

Summer Watering

Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet for this summer's watering schedule. The school garden needs some love and attention over the summer. Families can sign up for a week or weekend depending on their schedules. Thank you in advance.

Upcoming dates

- May 2 Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair Open House 1:10 pm-2:40 pm.
- May 3 Super Shubie race (Youth Running Series)
- May 5 Participatory budget vote – Halifax Library 6 pm
- May 15 Morris East pizza pick up 3:00-5:00 pm
- May 15 Black Excellence Day
- May 15 Primary (Sept 2025) parent/guardian orientation 6:00 pm
- May 16 Primary orientation 1:15-2:15 pm (incoming primaries for Sept 2025)
- May 19 Victoria Day- no school
- May 20 SAC meeting 4:30 pm All welcome
- May 20 Home & School meeting 6:00 pm All welcome
- May 25 Garden Clean-up 3pm-5pm all welcome
- May 30 School wide planting day
- May 31 Spring Fair 10 am-1pm

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