



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

April News/ Les nouvelles d'avril Theme: Acceptance

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

LMST will host Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews on Wednesday, April 1 from 5:30-7:30 pm and Thursday, April 2 from 1-4pm

Students do not have school on April 2. The morning is for staff professional learning.

Interviews are available to be booked online through OPTIS (Online Parent Teacher Interview Scheduler) beginning March 24 and **closing April 1 12:00 pm**

To access OPTIS please visit: <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/1st> and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or difficulties using the system, please contact the main office at 902-421-6769.

Portable

As many of you may have noticed- we have had a portable upgrade. We now have one portable that houses two large classrooms. Mme Enghutt's class will be settling into their new space later this week.

Lost and Found Items

We have a tremendous amount of lost and found items. They will be spread out and on display in our cafeteria during our Parent/Guardian -Teacher interviews (April 1 & 2) for easy access. Please take a few minutes to see if any of the items belong to your child. **All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of day April 2.**

Spring Has Sprung

A reminder to parents and guardians that there is no supervision after school. A gentle reminder that riding scooters, skateboards and bikes on school grounds is not permitted from 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Due to our EXCEL program and student safety- the bathrooms are off limits after 3 pm. Thank you!

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Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair



Open House Invitation

Parents/guardians/grandparents are invited to join us on April 10 from 1:10 pm- 2:40 pm to see our amazing projects on display. Each family member will receive a ballot to vote for the “People’s Choice Award”

We can’t wait to see you there!

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! 6 Cunningham’s English program students also participated.

The following students will represent LMST at the Regional Concours on March 31.

Grade 5: Leo, Frances, Harlowe **Grade 6:** Elea, Lizzy, Gabby and Lila. ***Felicitations!!***

Some students may advance from our regional competition to the provincial *concours* which will be **Saturday, April 25** at Mount Saint Vincent University. Bonne Chance!

Battle of the Books- LMST Champions!

Our LMST team (Elle, Clara, Ching, Ameya and Eva) defeated West Bedford on March 30th at the Halifax Public Library. Congratulations to our team for their hard work and dedication!

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Run Club Invitation for students in P-6

P-2/3 run club

From April 15 - May 13 - students in Primary, Grades 1, 2 and 2/3 are invited to join run club on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess and Tuesdays at lunch. Interested students will be directed to join Mr. Smith/Ms. LeBlanc on the field during their outdoor time.

3-6 Run Club

From April 14 - May 29 - students in grades 3-6 are invited to join run club on Tuesdays and Fridays at recess and Wednesdays at lunch. Interested students will be directed to join Mr. Smith/Ms. LeBlanc on the field during their outdoor time. **** Track and field athletes who wish to be considered for distance events must attend unless they are in violin/cello at lunch.**

We are also sharing the **Youth Running Series** information. The 2026 series is open for [registration](#) and LMST encourages our students to get involved! Last year LMST finished 2nd and earned 1500.00 for school! Let's do it again LMST!

LMST families are also encouraged to register for [Bluenose Youth Run](#).

Grades 4-6 Track & Field

Interested students are invited to **try out** for our grades 4,5 and 6 track and field team. Practices begin the week of April 7

- Participation in running club required
- Monday, Tuesdays and/or Fridays at lunch (sprints/high jumps) (alternating between grades 4&5 and grade 6)
- Some practices will happen during Phys-ed time.

The schedule of practices will be shared with homeroom teachers, announced daily and posted outside gym.

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Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

LMST is a member of the federal non-profit organization [Canadian Parents for French](#).

There is a link for supporting your child called *French at Home* - for Core French and French immersion students. There are ideas for supporting French at home. Click [here](#) to access the site.

Canadian Parents for French offers a variety of [French camps](#) across the province for children ages 6-14 years old.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting is April 21 at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Annie JR

Students in grades 4-6 are busy preparing for our shows on **April 22 and 23rd**. Tickets go on sale April 13 and are \$10.00 a ticket.

Costume Memo for Cast of Annie Jr.

- All costumes should be brought in to school by Monday, April 13.
- Costume Specifications are found in the Annie Jr. Google Classroom
- Anyone who needs assistance should contact our Costume Coordinator

Ms. Mullen (cmullen@hrce.ca)

Class Chorus Groups

All class chorus group students are asked to bring their costume for Annie Jr. to school by **Friday, April 17th**. Bring it in a bag marked with your name and it will be stored in their classroom.

Chorus Group #1 - Grade 4s and Grade 4/5 KM - plain brown T-shirts and black pants.

Chorus Group #2 - Grade 5 and 6 - plain white T-shirts, black pants, colorful scarf.

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Home and School Association

THANK YOU!

FOOD DRIVE, CASH AND SOCK DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Food, Cash and Sock drive...you blew us away with your generosity! Feed Nova Scotia and Hope Cottage were extremely grateful for our donations. A BIG thank you to our wonderful volunteers who collected donations every morning and helped drop donations off at our donor locations. Good job everyone!

BINGO

Thank you for attending our SOLD-OUT LMST family BINGO night and THANK YOU to those who volunteered!!!! The vibe was amazing and the feedback equally fantastic.

We hope that our community building events foster new and strengthen connections and create fun memories for everyone!

STAY TUNED!

Stay tuned for more FUNd fundraising and community events:

- **Morris East pizza decorating contest** (April/May)
- **LMST Spring Fair** (May 30, 10am-1pm), we need volunteers of various commitments, stay tuned for future school notices and notices on our Facebook page "LMST Home & School Association".
- **Year-end Ice Cream/Popsicle social** (June 25)

Greenspace and Garden Updates

Spring is here - and soon we will be back in the school garden preparing it and planting. We have our garden meeting, Tuesday March 31st at noon for anyone keen to help. No experience is necessary. We will be planning the school wide Planting week, which is May 4th -8th and the school wide Planting Day, June 5th. We would love any new faces to join us at noon at the

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school, sign in with Jody and then we will meet in the conference room. Stay tuned for sign-ups for volunteering for Planting Week and Day.

We want to update the school community that we will launch the fundraising campaign for the replacement of the yellow and red playground very soon. Over the past six years we have discussed the lifespan of the 22-year-old yellow and red playground with HRM and HRCE. It has been determined that indeed a replacement structure will be needed. Thank you to the parents who responded to the call out in the last newsletter and have stepped forward to assist in the process. The kids have been consulted and have some great ideas - the overall one being they love the elements of the structure that is there. We will continue to keep everyone informed as the process unfolds. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mme Cavanaugh or Mme Gallivan.

Important Dates



- March 31** Regional concours d'art oratoire
- April 1** Parent/guardian- teacher interviews 5:30 -7:30 pm
- April 2** (No school for students) Parent/guardian- teacher interviews 1-4pm
- April 3** Good Friday- no school
- April 6** Easter Monday- no school
- April 10** Heritage Fair Open House 1:10-2:40 pm- All welcome
- April 13-17** P-6 Run club begins
- April 21** SAC at 4:30 pm All welcome
- April 21** H & S meeting 6:00 pm – All welcome
- April 22** Annie JR 6:30 pm
- April 23** Annie JR 1:15 pm and 6:30 pm
- April 29** Professional learning day- no school for students

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