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Les nouvelles de mars/March News

Monthly theme: Perseverance

Thank you to all the families, friends, community members that supported us by coming out to see our musical, Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Our grade 5 & 6 performers put a lot of time and practice into this musical and it paid off! The musical was AMAZING! This would not have been possible without the support of LMST staff, the Home and School association and the many parent/guardian/community volunteers that worked tirelessly on costumes, sets, make-up etc. Merci mille fois! The musical was recorded so all students will eventually have the opportunity to view it.

LMST Green Space Update



The LMST Green Space Committee needs your help! We have been working hard since September 2016 to plan the play and green space for the new school. Many have provided feedback at school or community meetings over the years about what they want to see in the new playground and attended our previous fundraising events, such as our adult events or the bike course. We now need your help for our final push - help us raise \$20,000 to make our plans for a diverse, sustainable, inclusive, barrier-free, durable and fun play space come to life for opening day in September.



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A letter will come home outlining our request for a charitable donation. Please review and consider what you can contribute. Every dollar helps. We will provide reminders about how close we are to our goal as we go. Please also keep your eye out for future fundraising events, like HRM participatory budgeting, and for fun ways you and your family can get involved, like our planned community planting day for the new garden space. Thank you so much for your help and support since 2016 - we are so close to having an amazing place for our children to learn and play.

School Travel Planning

Walking to school at least part of the way promotes healthy living and also helps reduce traffic congestion around the building. During the month of February, LMST participated in the Ecology Action Center's **iWalk Take the Roof of Winter** by walking to the Emera Oval and to/from and school.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting is March 26 at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend. Information on how SAC funds are being used was highlighted in our February newsletter.

Home & School News

Our next H & S meeting is **March 26 at 6 pm** in the staff room. All welcome to attend.



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2018/2019 school year. The events and fundraising initiatives have been a great success, giving back to the school over \$15K, and the kids agree - there has been A LOT OF FUN activities.

We have a few more events planned before the end of the year and need your help. We are looking for volunteers to lead or help with the following events:

1. Spring Fair (May 25) co-chair with Jodie Charters
2. Teacher Appreciation Lunch (April 11)- leader is Sabrina Fava at sabrinafava@hotmail.com if you wish to help.

Volunteers make these events a success. It doesn't take a lot of time or effort and it's a great way to meet the teachers, administration and other parents of LMST. There's a job for everyone and tasks that tap into a variety of interests, abilities and expertise.

There are never too many volunteers and joining is as easy as sending an email to lisas.power@gmail.com or piialintu@hotmail.com.

So far funds that have been raised by the Home & School have provided:

(Please note this may not be a complete list)

- \$400.00 for each homeroom teacher to buy supplies and materials for the classroom. Specialist teachers also received money to go toward their programs.
- \$ 553.00 for one set of books for our book club, Battle of the Books.
- \$ 750.00 for our choir director's fees.
- \$ 650.00 for physical literacy classes
- \$ 500.00 for African drumming presentation in the fall



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- \$ 1560.00 for Discovery Center visits for each classroom
- \$1000.00 toward the grade 6 end of year trip.
- \$1000.00 for the musical
- Stay tuned for more

Thank you from all of the staff/students here at LMST!

Merci Beaucoup!

Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting our annual Book Fair on April 10-11th. We are looking for volunteers. It is a great way to see the exciting new titles and help students. A percentage of the sales go back to the LMST library and/or classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact our Vice Principal by email at: Lynne.MacKinnon@hrce.ca or Martha Beyea at: mbeyea@blackburnlaw.ca for more information.

Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books team has been working hard. They competed February 6th against Sackville Heights and February 14th against





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Sunnyside Elementary after school at Woozles and won both matches.
Stay tuned as we advance to round 2.

A Message from Constable Sara Carter

Please help keep students, including your children, safe.

Unfortunately, road safety in front of our school is a continuing issue despite many efforts to help keep students safe. When dropping off or picking up your children, please do so in a safe area and not in front of the school.

To help keep students from being struck by a vehicle and from drivers and others suffering in anguish as a result, the area in front of the school is a no stopping and no parking zone. See attached parking zones created by the Ecology Action Center and HRM.

I ask that you please be diligent in abiding by the no stopping and no parking zones. Thank you, Constable Sara Carter Halifax Regional Police

Important Dates

March 7 - Grades 4-6 to Dalplex

March 8- Assessment and Evaluation day- no school





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for students

March 14- Grades 4-6 to Dalplex

March 18-22- March Break

March 26 – SAC at 4:30 pm – all welcome

March 26- Home & School association meeting 6 pm – all welcome

March 29 – Report cards go home

April 10 – Book Fair (day and evening)

April 10- Parent –teacher interviews 6pm-8pm

April 11- No school for students

April 11-Professional Development morning for staff

April 11- Parent-Teacher interviews 1pm-4pm

April 11- Book fair 1pm-4pm

April 26- Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair open house 1pm-3pm- stay tuned for more information



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