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Les nouvelles de fevrier/February News

Monthly theme: Kindness

February signifies the half way mark of the 2018-19 school year and life at LMST is in full tilt as students are busily working on various projects/ assignments. Snippets of their work can be found on (<https://twitter.com/LeMarchantElem>) the LMST twitter account, your child's agenda, and the various ways homeroom teachers connect with you.

Students in 5/6 Chiasson took January's theme Empathy to heart and began a project to get to know the support staff here at the school. The more they learned the more they wanted to learn. Check out their work: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1V_JaPPplyP76OM2YOxVF2ZL-C3KRMSUGA-VSnV2NDzU/edit?usp=sharing and get to know all the people that make LMST a great place to be! February is African Heritage Month and famous African Nova Scotians/Canadians will be highlighted throughout the month.

February is Primary Registration Month

If you have a child that is turning 5 by December 31, 2019, visit your neighbourhood school to register. Guardianship information, proof of address and citizenship, as well as educational records and/or documents are required at the time of registration. Go to hrce.ca for more information.



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LMST Presents “The Little Mermaid Junior”

LMST presents “The Little Mermaid Junior” on February 28th at 6:30 pm at the Spatz theatre. The show is one hour running time without intermission and is suitable to all ages. Bring the whole family and come watch your fellow schoolmates!! **Tickets sold in advance and at the door. See order form attached to this newsletter.**

LMST musical looking for;

1. Oldish looking chest to be used by Ariel for her human treasures
- 2- Acrylic or wall paints. Ideally almost full cans not just small leftovers- all colours please and paint brushes are needed.

Please contact Sue Hayden if you can donate paint or have a chest to loan us.
docworkers@ns.sympatico.ca All paint/brushes can be dropped off at the school Tuesday, February 5th.

School Travel Planning

February is the Ecology Action Center’s winter walk day. Here at LMST- we have registered for the i-Walk challenge February 4-8. This coincides with our class



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represented working together, supporting each other; sharing experiences; caring and respecting differences; and taking action. These ideas were then shared with ArtsSmarts artist Kath Rutherford, who channeled and solidified these concepts into the final image for our mosaic in consultation with our School Advisory Council.

*Entitled “Metamorphosis Mandala”, the artwork uses radial symmetry to allow it to be viewed from multiple angles. At its centre is a Mi’kmaq eight pointed star to represent past, present, future. It guides our journey as a compass does. This is reflected in the cardinal points placed at the edge of the circle. Surrounding the star is the Citadel, another important symbol of our history and community. Like the sun, it radiates out in a kaleidoscope of colour. Tree stems, flowers and fruit grow from this, representing the growth of individuals and community, as well as the streets that surround the LeMarchant-St. Thomas community. Floating above the trees are butterflies indigenous to Nova Scotia, showing the beauty and variety of Nova Scotia.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) has allocated SAC’s across the province with a \$5000 plus an additional dollar for each student (\$5450.00 for LMST) budget to support student achievement. The SAC in consultation with the teaching staff have allocated some of the funds to have art specialist Greg Morrison visit all classrooms during the first two weeks of February to work with teachers and students on integrating art within the curriculum. It was also decided to fund our grade 4-6 students to go to Dalplex for additional physical education classes in March and has funded a Zumba teacher for our younger students. The Zumba classes happened during the months of December and January.

Our next SAC meeting will be February 21 at 6:30 pm. All welcome.



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Home & School News

On January 28 and 29th the Discovery Center visited all classrooms and delivered a hands-on science class. Thank you to the Home and School Association for funding this venture. Students were engaged, enthusiastic participants.

Mark your calendars for our **Family Bingo evening** on February 6 at 6pm for a 6:30 sharp start at Gorsebrook Junior High.

Our next H & S meeting is February 19 at 6 pm in the staff room. All welcome to attend.

Staffing News

Welcome back to Kerry Woodley our learning center teacher. She is returning from parental leave. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mary Lou Fraser for her dedication to our students during Ms. Woodley's absence.

Guidance Counsellor- Nicole Delory is on leave for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Ms. Christine Balan will be taking her place. Both Ms. Delory and Ms. Balan have been meeting over the past few weeks for transition purposes.

A note from Christine Balan:

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the Guidance Counsellor for LeMarchant- St. Thomas from February 1st until the remainder of the school year. I am very excited to be joining this wonderful school community.

After completing a Bachelor of Physical Health Education and a Bachelor of Education at the University of Toronto, I worked as a teacher in the Toronto



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District School Board for five years. Upon moving to Nova Scotia and making my home here, I completed a Master of Education (Counselling) at Acadia University. In my spare time I enjoy physical activity, exploring Nova Scotia and cooking with a lot of garlic.

Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books team has been working hard. They will compete February 6th against Sackville Heights and February 14th against Sunnyside Elementary after school at Wozzles. Bonne Chance!



Delayed Opening due to Inclement Weather

If weather conditions warrant, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11 am. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch, afternoon schedule and dismissal times will



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remain at their regularly scheduled times. The Excel program will be cancelled for the morning only.



Congratulations to students Maya 4 B and Mia 4 T who won the Ocean Protection Art Contest for Nova Scotia Elementary students. Bravo!

Important Dates

February 4-8 is Winter Walk week

February 4- PL, PAnna, PT and P/1 MY to the oval.

February 5- 2E, 2C, 2M and 2/3O to the oval.





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February 6- 1 L, 1 M and 1A to the oval.

February 6- Battle of the Books completion at Wozzles

February 6- H & S Family Bingo at Gorsebrook.

February 7- 3F, 3G, 4B, 4T, 4/5B, to oval in the a.m.

February 7- 5B, 5/6 C, 5/6 T and 6 H to the oval in the p.m.

February 4-15- All classes have art specialist Greg Morrison visit.

February 11- Alternate day for skating for Primary, P/1 classes

February 12- Alternate day for skating for grade 2 , 2/3 classes

February 14- Battle of the Books competition

February 18- Maud Lewis Day- No school

February 19- Home and School meeting 6pm – all welcome

February 20- Alternate date for Grade 1 skate

February 21- Alternate date for grades 3-6 skate

February 21- SAC meeting 4:30 pm – All welcome

February 28- LMST musical “The Little Mermaid Jr.” at Spatz theatre 6:30 pm.



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March 6- snow date for musical

March 18-22- March Break

March 29 – Report cards go home

Please check our LMST website for further information at <https://lmt.hrce.ca/>