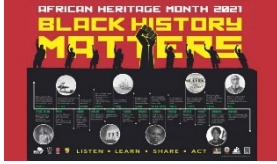




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Les nouvelles de fevrier 2021 February 2021 News Theme: Kindness



African Heritage Month/Mois du Patrimoine Africain

February signifies the half way mark of the 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. The twitter feed can be seen from our school [website](#).

This month to highlight African Heritage month, students in physical education will be treated to a virtual class on African dancing and drumming with Mohamed and Marielle Duranteau. This free workshop is sponsored by PERFORM NS. There will be an African Heritage quotes/trivia on our morning announcements along with activities highlighted in individual classrooms.

February is Primary Registration Month



If you have a child that is turning 5 by December 31, 2021, email your neighborhood school to register. More information can be found on the HRCE registration site at: <https://www.hrce.ca/registration> or the LMST [website](#).

To limit non-essential visitors to the school, we ask that families complete the registration process electronically.

Documents needed to register include:

- Proof of address

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- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Health card
- International/Immigrant Student Information (parent work/study permit)

Primary French Immersion Information Session

If you have a child that is starting Primary in September 2021 and wonder if French Immersion is a good choice for your child, please join us virtually on February 9th at



4:30 pm. Please help us spread the word!

<https://meet.google.com/oau-kifr-ewz?hs=122&authuser=0>

Winter Walk to/at School week

We are encouraging students and families to make the most of winter by highlighting the week of Feb 16-19 and joining in on the Ecology Action Center's winter i-walk. Mr. Smith and Ms. LeBlanc will participate during physical education classes.

Along with the health benefits, walking at least part way to school helps to reduce traffic congestion.

Home and School Association

Many thanks to the H & S association for funding the Discovery Center to visit each class virtually the week of January 25-29th. The Discovery Center dropped off the supplies for the experiments and each class met for a virtual interactive lesson. Fun and learning was had by all!

Our next virtual meeting is February 16 at 6:00 pm. All welcome to attend. A link will be sent home closer to the date.

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School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC virtual meeting is February 16 at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend. A link will be sent home closer to the date.

School Counsellor Week February 1 -5, 2021

February 1 - 5, 2021 is School Counsellor week! School Counsellors hold a Masters Degree in Education (Counselling) or equivalent (e.g.: Masters Counselling Psychology) and are uniquely trained to provide Counselling in Schools, as well as in clinical settings. School Counsellors address several issues including: anxiety, grief, divorce, social justice (anti-racism), depression, LGBTQ+, social and emotional learning, and self-regulation to name a few. Counsellors are professionally trained and many hold additional professional certifications and competencies which allow them to provide high quality support to those in need.

All students are fortunate to have access to our school counsellor, Ms. Amanda as she visits classrooms bi-monthly. These visits support student well-being by offering lessons based on the needs of students. "Subjects range from diversity, tattling, anxiety, mindfulness skills, and supporting our school themes to name a few."

Please visit this website to the Prime Minister's statement on School Counsellors.

<https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/school-counsellors/>



Important Dates

February 9- Primary French Immersion information session 4:30 pm

February 15- Edward Francis Arab Day- no school

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- February 16- School Advisory virtual Meeting (SAC) 4:30pm- All welcome**
- February 16 - Home and School association meeting (H & S) 6 pm- All welcome**
- February 16-19- Walk to/at school week**
- February 26- Spirit day- Mix and match clothing day**

For a complete listing of staff at LMST please check out our website
<https://lmt.hrce.ca/staff-directory>

Our LMST website <https://lmt.hrce.ca/calendar> has our most up to date listings of events for the 2021-22 school year.

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