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December 2018 News

Students continue to integrate our monthly themes into our daily school routines. Our grade 1 students practiced gratitude by creating thank you cards for the construction workers at our new LMST building. Our theme for December is generosity. Ms. DeLory our school counsellor will be working with some grade 6 leaders to create skits on this important theme to share with classrooms.



Report cards go home on Friday, November 30. Students are assessed regularly in each of their classes/subjects. Teachers balance the types of assessments used and include learning opportunities through conversations, observations and products. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you on December 6th during parent-teacher interviews.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday season full of joy. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Joyeuses Fêtes !!

[Parent Teacher Interviews- December 6 1pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm](#)

Optis (online booking for P-T interviews) is open until Wednesday, December 5 at noon. There is still time to book your appointment!



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Please go to <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/lst/home> and follow the directions.

Holiday Concert

Our holiday concert is **Thursday, December 13, 6:30 pm at Citadel High's Spatz theatre.** (Snow date Dec. 18 6:30 pm)

Students are asked to arrive **no earlier than 6 pm** and report to their colour coded classroom on the **main level**. This is where we ask you to pick them up at the end of the concert.

P Tighe & 3 Fennell will be in the classroom with the **green balloon**

P Anna & 2 Carroll will be in the classroom with the **red balloon**

P Lacroix & 3 Gallivan will be in the classroom with the **royal blue balloon**

P1MY & 4/5 Blackburn will be in the classroom with the **purple balloon**

1 Levesque & 5/6 C will be in the classroom with the **orange balloon**

1 Morgan & 5 Babineau will be in the classroom with the **yellow balloon**

1 Arrosa & 4 Beaton will be in the classroom with the **pink balloon**

2/3 Oakey & 5/6 Thompson will be in the classroom with **Caribbean blue balloon**

2McFarlane & 4 Trach will be in the classroom with the **silver balloon**.



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2 Englehutt & 6 Hagerman will be in the classroom with the white balloon.

Due to Fire Marshall Regulations we are issuing 2 tickets per family December 7 sent home with the youngest child in your family through the agenda. If you do not need tickets please let us know. If you need more than 2 tickets email us and we will add your name to a wish list in the office. If extra tickets become available we will let you know.

Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal

We will be having a dress rehearsal during the morning (P-3) and afternoon (4-6). Permission forms will go home December 4th and we will be looking for chaperones.

Professional Development to Support Student Success

During the month of November many teachers attended Caring School Community professional development. It is a social emotional curriculum resource that compliments our restorative approach here at LMST. Teachers also had professional development on best practices in technology integration with HRCE technology integration leader Chris Cocek.



School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting will be December 5th at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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Community: What does it mean to you?

The **new** school building is taking shape, and so are our plans for an art installation to be located in the new main entrance foyer. Through support from ArtsSmarts Nova Scotia and Halifax Regional Arts we are collaborating with HRCE Fine Arts Specialist Karyn Harrison and Nova Scotian Artist Kath Rutherford to create an eight-foot circular mosaic floor installation. The mosaic's theme is community and connection.

Ms. Harrison will be visiting all classes to discuss and brainstorm ideas with students on December 17th through 20th. To help us in generating ideas around this theme, please consider taking some time, before Dec 17th, to discuss community and connections that mean something to you. These connections could relate specifically to LMST, to history, collective experiences, groups with which you identify - examples of learning and sharing.



Citadel High Breakfast Program Food Drive

We are pleased to lend a hand once again to support Citadel High's Breakfast Program that is in need of the following items. If you would like to support this initiative please send any items to school with your child (ren) anytime between December 14-21. The breakfast program is also looking for bags of frozen fruit. If you would like to donate this item, please bring it along to the concert December 13th where it can be deposited immediately in the freezer at Citadel High. Below are suggestion for donations.



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Primary: Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, fettuccine...etc)

Grade One: Granola bars & Nutri-Grain bars

Grade Two: Bread & Bagels (sliced brown/ whole wheat loaves and any flavour of bagel)

Grade Three: Canned goods (kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, fruits & veggies)

Grade Four: Oatmeal & Cereal (Cheerios, Shreddies, Post Life, Rice Krispies...etc)

Grade Five: Juice packs (all flavours are welcome)

Grade Six: Tomato Sauce (jars & cans)

Home & School News

Holiday Wreaths

Wreaths can be picked up this **Sunday, Dec 2nd** from 10:30-12:00 at the front doors of the school.

Breakfast with Santa

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the following link [http://
signup.com/go/GBHtwCy](http://signup.com/go/GBHtwCy)

Tickets are being sold through eventbrite: bwslmst.eventbrite.ca

Password: **LMSTBWS**

To help make the event a success, the H&S Association is requesting donations.



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Grades Primary and 1 classes - Clementines

Grades 2 and 3 classes - loaves/muffins

Grades 4 and 5 classes- juice boxes

Our Home & School association want to thank:

-Construction workers at the new LMST site by delivering coffee and donuts. It was truly appreciated by all!



-Trinity Jewelers at 6226 Quinpool Rd. (Noel and Lan Gallagher) for offering to donate 20% of sales to LMST families until December 1st.

- Triple AAA for donating the popcorn @movienight in October.

- Kelly and Mark Huzinck owners of 2 Crows Brewing for hosting the Hops and Opera fundraiser November 17.

- Opera singers Jane Archibald and Kurt Streit for performing at the November 17 fundraiser.

Shopping Under the Stars



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On December 20 and 21 students will be invited to go “Shopping under the Stars” also known as “Recycled Holiday Shopping” right here at LMST! Students will have a chance to buy a gift for their parent/guardian/special someone. All items for sale will be \$1.00 or \$2.00 and gift wrapping will be available. We will be looking for donations of gently used trinkets/wrapping paper for the sale. More information on this event will be forthcoming. Stay tuned...! This fundraiser is for our grade 6 year end trip.

Mabel’s Labels

Our wonderful Nova Scotian climate with its fluctuating temperatures has most of us dressing in layers. As a result our lost and found bins are beginning to overflow. In consultation with the Home and School association we have decided to sign LMST up for Mabel’s Labels. These iron on individualized name tags can be purchased online. Clothing labeled with the child’s name finds its way back more often and as a bonus a portion of the proceeds will support initiatives here at school.



Go to mabelslabels.com, press the “Support a Fundraiser” button and choose LeMarchant-St.Thomas from the list.

Go Greener LMST!

We had great success with our first and second litter-less lunch day. Mark your calendars for our 3rd litter-less lunch day – December 18.





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School Travel Planning (STP)

During the 2017-18 year we collected data by show of hands during one week to see how many students, walked to school, walked part-way, cycled, car pooled etc. This is our baseline data set. During the week of November 26-30 we have conducted another “hands up” survey to collect the same data. We are hoping to see some improvements in our data. Stay tuned!



Walk-a-Thon prize winners

Ms. LeBlanc helper for the day	Charlotte in 5B
Ms. Archibald helper for the day	Garrett in 2 O
Ms. Mandy helper for the day	Rida in 2 C
VP chair for the day	Ruby in 1M
Principal chair for the day	Maeve in P Anna



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Pizza party for the class	Charlotte in 4T
Pizza party for the class	Carter in 3F
\$25.00 gift certificate to mall	Emily 5/6 T
\$25.00 gift certificate to mall	Sheelagh 5/6 C
\$25.00 gift certificate to mall	Emma in 3G
\$25.00 gift certificate to mall	Maeve in 5/6 C
\$25.00 gift certificate to MEC	Brody H in 4 T
Movie pass	Satine 4B
Extra recess for class	Helen 1 A
Movie pass	Ava in 4B
Extra recess for class	Carter in 2 E
\$25.00 gift certificate to MEC	Frieda in 3G
DQ Ice cream cake for class	Hannah in PT
Pizza party for class	Lucy in 1L
Tech box	Noah in 4/5 B, Hillary in 3F, Ibrahim in 6 H, Oscar in 1A, Gabriel in 4/5B

Thank you once again for all of your support in making our Halloween walk-a-thon a success! We raised approximately \$7600 that goes right back into LMST.

Did you know?



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- **All grades 3-6 classes will have 2 hours of gym time at Halifax Central from November –January?**
- **All grades P-2 classes will have/have had physical education time with a Zumba instructor?**
- **Our grade 3 students completed 3 sessions of Swim to Survive?**
- **Select grade 4-6 students completed the home alone/babysitting basics course that was held after school in November?**

Important Dates



November 30 – Report Cards are sent home

December 2- Wreath Pick-up 10:30-12 at LMST

December 8- Breakfast with Santa (Saint Antonio's church)

December 6- No school for students

- Professional Development in the morning
- Parent/Guardian- teacher interviews 1-4pm and 6-8 pm

December 7- 2 tickets go home with your youngest or only child

December 13-

- Dress rehearsal for all students. Morning for P-3 and afternoon for 4-6 students.



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- P-6 Holiday Concert at Spatz theatre (Citadel High) 6:30 pm.
Students arrive for 6 pm. (no earlier please!)

December 14-21 - Food drive for Citadel High Breakfast program

December 14- Pizza orders for January –March break 2019 go home

December 18-

- Litter-less lunch
- Snow date for Holiday Concert

December 14-21 – Food drive for Citadel High breakfast program

December 20-21- LMST “Shopping Under the Stars”

December 24-January 2 -Holiday break

January 3- School reopens

Please check our LMST website for further information at lmt.hrce.ca