



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

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January 2024 News

Theme: Empathy



Happy New Year! Bonne Année!

2023 Round-Up

It was an excellent finish to the 2023 year at LMST! We had two *amazing* Holiday Concerts led by our music teachers Mr. Miller & Mr. Traill. Our Shopping Under the Stars event was also a great success. We raised \$2183.70. It will go toward our Grade 6 year end trip and ceremony. Thank you for all the donations and to Ms. LeBlanc for organizing the event.

As we look ahead some students in grades 5 and 6 are busy preparing for the musical performance of *Disney's Frozen jr.* in February. Mark your calendars for our February 28 show. All students in 4-6 should start thinking about a topic for their Heritage Fair project in April. More info to come about these events.

Staffing Update

Thank you to Mark Foster and Michaela Raftus. Their terms were finished in December. Welcome back to Samantha Barkhouse (3/4 E) and Katelyn Smith (1/2 FI) who are returning from parental leave.

Battle of the Books

Mme Englehutt, Mme Lacroix and Mme Zelios would like to say thank you to all students who participated in the Battle of the Books Club over the last few months.

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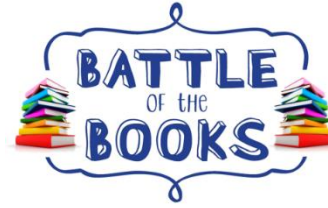
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Congratulations to the following students who have earned a place on LMST's Battle of the Books team this year.

- Sylvie and Ching -grade 4
- Melody- grade 5
- Julia N, Ethan, Brayden- grade 6



Competitions against other schools will begin in February.

Winter is Here: Guidelines for Inclement Weather

Making the decision to alter the regular operations of school and/or school buses due to inclement weather is never an easy task. To learn more about how the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) makes this call, visit www.hrce.ca/weather.

When is the decision made?

HRCE's goal is to make the decision as close to 6 a.m. as possible.

A 6 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and all bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If the weather deteriorates through the school day, the HRCE can decide to dismiss early. In the event of an early dismissal, the decision will be communicated as close to 11 a.m. as possible.

An 11 a.m. dismissal means:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

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Please Note: students in Grades Primary to 6 will not be released from school until parents/guardians or designates have been notified by the school.

How will families be notified?

- Families will receive an email and text message (*opt-in is required: text Y to 978338*)*
- Check our website at www.hrce.ca
- Follow us on Twitter at [@HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- All local radio stations are informed



Important Dates

- **January 2** **First day of school for students**
- **January 16** **School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting 4:30 pm –All welcome**
- **January 16** **Home & School Association 6 pm – All welcome**
- **January 25** **Primary 2024 French Immersion parent/guardian info session – 6:00 pm**

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 2023-24 school year.

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