



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School



Les nouvelles de fevrier 2024 February 2024 News Theme: Kindness

February is African Heritage Month



This year's African Heritage Month provincial theme, Our Smiles, Our Joy, Our Resilience as African Nova Scotians, outlines the spirit of perseverance that people of African Descent have demonstrated over the centuries in our province. It can be said that our smiles can tell a story, they can share our joy and can share our resilience.

Students will learn about African Canadians who have made substantial contributions to Canadian culture. There will be African Heritage quotes/trivia on our morning announcements along with activities highlighted in individual classrooms.

Looking for ways to recognize and celebrate African Heritage Month?

- Attend events happening throughout the month at your local Halifax [Public Library](#).
- Visit local heritage sites, such as the [Black Cultural Centre](#), the [Africville Museum](#), and the [Black Loyalist Heritage Centre](#).

February is Primary Registration Month

*pre-primary as well

Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins on February 1. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.



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Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and
- Nova Scotia Health Card or Canadian Province Health Card or, for non-citizens while in Canada, proof of Medical Insurance Information.

Visit the HRCE website for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Visit the www.HRCE.ca for more information and to enroll your child today!



Disney's Frozen JR

LMST & Show Sponsor Obladee present **Disney's Frozen Jr** on **Thursday, February 29 at 7pm!** (Snow date: Friday, March 1) Many of our Grade 5 & 6 students have been practicing since October to bring this magical musical to our stage and we're so excited to finally share all their hard work. Tickets: Student (16 & under) \$5, Adults \$15, Family (2 Adults & 2 Students) \$30. Purchasing details will be sent home through School Cash and will go on sale the week of February 12.

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*****Raffle Draw***** We will be raffling off 2 Family Ticket packages which include 4 front row seats to the performance and snacks! Imagine arriving right before the curtain rises, no waiting in line, no obstructed views...sigh...definitely worth entering the draw. Proceeds from the draw will be split between musical expenses and the Home & School Association. Raffle tickets \$10/each and will also be sold through School Cash. Winners will be notified the day of the show. Anna, Elsa and all their friends look forward to seeing you there!

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting is **February 20** at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend.

School websites: We want your feedback!

Now that HRCE's main [website](#) has been upgraded, we're ready to update our school websites to meet accessibility standards and to improve navigation.

As we begin this work, we're looking for your input.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. We appreciate your time and effort!

To get started, click [here](#).

Home and School (H&S)

The H&S will be holding a food drive for Feed Nova Scotia March 4-8. Items will be collected outside the front door during morning drop off each day. Please see this link for the Feed NS wish list: <https://www.feednovascotia.ca/donate/donate-food>

Mark your calendar for **Family Bingo night**- March 21st 6:00 pm – Ticket sales will be through School Cash online. Stay tuned for more information!

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February 19 is Heritage Day

Reminder that there are **no classes** on Monday, February 20, Heritage Day in honour of William Hall. To learn more- click [here](#).

LMST Garden Committee Fundraiser

The LMST Garden Committee is raising funds to support the school garden program. We have partnered with the Halifax Seed Company and will be offering six different seed collections for sale. LMST will receive a portion of the sale proceeds. Seeds are a wonderful addition to your own garden or a great gift. Please see the attached flyer for details on seed collections available to purchase.

The fundraiser was a great success last year and we were able to buy a Lomi composter for the school. This year funds will be used for garden initiatives like planting day, new tools, compost, and other initiatives.

Seeds can be ordered through School Cash Online, the deadline to order is February 11th. Pick up will be at school, similar to wreaths, pizza etc.

A huge thank you to Halifax Seed for partnering with us to support our garden program.

Thank you so much. Questions? Email Hanah Chapman hanahchapman@gmail.com
LMST Garden Committee

Winter Walk to/at School week



We are encouraging students and families to make the most of winter by highlighting the week of Feb 19-23 and joining in on the Ecology Action Center's winter

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i-Walk. Mr. Smith and Ms. LeBlanc will also have students participate in physical education classes. Along with the health benefits, walking at least part way to school helps to reduce traffic congestion.

Red Means Stop! School Bus Safety Reminder



HRCE has recorded 691 school bus stop-arm violations in Halifax Regional Municipality since the beginning of the school year. This means that motorists have failed to stop for a bus when its red lights were flashing, and the stop sign was extended. This poses a serious risk to children and families who may be crossing the road to enter or exit the bus. Drivers may also face a fine and demerit points if caught by police.

Help us spread the word to remind drivers (including cyclists) that it is illegal to drive past a school bus when they see its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended.

Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop in all directions when they see flashing lights – either amber or red in colour – on a school bus. This means the bus is planning to stop or may have already.

Here are some safety tips from Safety Services Nova Scotia to keep in mind when waiting for or exiting the bus:

- Stand back from the edge of the road.
- Line up in single file when you see the bus coming.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Walk, never run.
- Make sure the bus driver sees you if you are crossing the road. Take 10 giant steps in front of the bus before crossing.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal that it is okay to cross.
- Always look both ways before crossing the road and listen for traffic.

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- Never cross the road from behind the bus.

Please ensure your children are using the crosswalks where there are crosswalk guards.



Important Dates

February 15 – LMST Battle of the Books team faces Halifax Independent School

February 19 – [Heritage Day](#) – no school

February 19-23- LMST participates in walk to /at school week.

February 20- School Advisory Council meeting 4:30 pm- All Welcome

February 20- Home & School Association meeting 6:00pm- All Welcome

February 29- School Musical *Disney's Frozen JR.* 7 pm

March 4-8 -Food Drive

March 11-15- March Break – no school

March 18- Assessment & Evaluation Day- no school for students

March 21 Home and School Family bingo

March 28- Report Cards released.

April 3- Parent/guardian interviews 5:30- 7:30 pm

April 4- Parent/guardian- teacher interviews 1pm-4pm

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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