



École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

April News/ Les nouvelles d'avril Theme: Acceptance

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

LMST will host in person Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews on Wednesday, April 3 from 5:30-7:30 pm and Thursday, April 4 from 1-4pm

Appointments will be available in 2 blocks: April 3 5:30-7:30 pm and April 4 1pm -4pm

Students do not have school on April 4th. The morning is for staff professional development.

Interviews are available to be booked online through OPTIS (Online Parent Teacher Interview Scheduler) beginning March 25 and **closing April 3 1:00 pm**

To access OPTIS please visit: <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/lst> and follow the instructions.

If you have any questions or difficulty using the system, please contact the main office at 902-421-6769.

Lost and Found Items

We have a tremendous amount of lost and found items. They will be spread out and on display in our cafeteria during our parent/guardian -interviews (April 4 & 5) for easy access. Please take a few minutes to see if any of the items belong to your child.

All unclaimed items will be donated April 5.

Duane Gibson D.O. Visits LMST

LMST had the honour of hosting D.O., a two-time Guinness World Record setting rapper to the school to speak to students about his life and the important contributions of African Canadians. His presentation was inspiring to all!

Spring Has Sprung

A reminder to parents and guardians that there is no supervision after school. A gentle reminder that riding scooters, skateboards and bikes on school grounds is not permitted from 8:00 am-

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6:00 pm. Due to our EXCEL program and student safety- the bathrooms are off limits after 3 pm. Thank you!

Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair



Students in grades 4-6 are in the process of creating a heritage fair project. Parents /guardians may utilize the Canadian Heritage Fair website at <https://www.canadashistory.ca/youth/heritage-fairs-en> This is an opportunity to showcase (if so desired) a familial connection to Canada or Canadian culture. Students are encouraged

to be creative and have fun exploring a topic of interest!

Projects due to the school the week of April 15

Open House – April 26 1:15-2:40 pm- Parents/guardians/grandparents welcome`

Judging of projects- April 26 in the morning

Some students will be invited to represent LMST at the Regional fair. Date TBA

Public Speaking /Discours d'art oratoire

Canadian Parents for French host an annual public speaking contest for students in grades 5-6. All students in grades 5-6 FI researched a topic of choice, created a 2–4-minute speech, memorized it and delivered it to their class. Bravo! 6 Cunningham's English program students also participated.

The following students will represent LMST at the virtual Regional Concours on **April 9**.

Grade 5: Wes, Ava, Aidric, and Addie **Grade 6:** Jane, Ruan, Oscar, Isla, Max, and Calix
Felicitations!!

Some students may advance from our regional competition to the provincial *concours* which will be **Saturday, May 4** at Mount Saint Vincent University. Bonne Chance!

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Battle of the Books

Our LMST team (Julia, Ethan, Melody, Sylvie, Ching and Braydon) defeated Armbrae Academy to move to the finals. The game will take place on April 3 at 4pm at the Public Library on Spring Garden Road. Hope to see you there!

Home and School Association

FOOD DRIVE

A big THANK YOU for supporting our Feed NS Food Drive! We collected 580 items PLUS \$172!!! Well done LMST!

BINGO

Thank you for attending our community building BINGO night and THANK YOU to those who donated prizes and who volunteered!!!! We had a HUGE turnout...the vibe was amazing and the feedback equally fantastic. We hope that our community building events help our community feel better connected and in turn nourish a happier and healthier community!

STAY TUNED!

Stay tuned for more fun fundraising and community events:

- Morris East pizza decorating contest (April/May)
- LMST Spring Fair (May 25), we need volunteers of various commitments, stay tuned for future school notices and on our Facebook page "LMST Home & School Association".
- Year-end Ice Cream/Popsicle social (June 13)

Our next meeting is April 16 at 6:00 pm. All welcome to attend.

LMST Garden Week – April 8-12

Mark your calendars, the LMST Garden Committee is so excited for the second Garden Week at LMST. Last year was a fabulous success - children planted sunflower seeds that they were able to take home. This year's Garden week is Monday April 8- Friday April 12th. There will be a range of activities in the school for all kids to participate in. There will be daily fun facts, a poetry contest and hands on experience planting seeds and testing soil. The poetry contest will be a chance to have your poem profiled in the LMST Garden. Each class will be looking for a volunteer to help - teachers will be reaching out to parents. Stay tuned - more details to follow on the school sign, website, twitter, and emails.

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School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting is April 16 at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend.



Important Dates

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| April 1 | Easter Monday- (no school for students) |
| April 3 | Battle of the books final at the Halifax Public Library |
| April 3 | Parent/guardian- teacher interviews 5:30 -7:30 pm |
| April 4 | (No school for students) Parent/guardian- teacher interviews 1-4pm |
| April 8-12 | Garden week |
| April 9 | Regional concours d'art oratoire (virtual) |
| April 15 | Heritage Fair projects due |
| April 16 | SAC at 4:30 pm All welcome |
| April 16 | H & S meeting 6:00 pm – All welcome |
| April 26 | Heritage Fair Open House 1:15-2:40 pm- All welcome |

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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