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May news/ Les nouvelles de mai Theme: Honesty/Integrity

April was an exciting and busy month at LMST! It was wonderful to see so many families at our grades 4-6 Heritage Fair open house. Students enjoyed participating in our 2nd annual Garden week.

2024-25 school year preparations have begun. During the month of May, we will begin to create next year's class lists. Many factors go into creating these lists and decisions are made collaboratively with staff. **If you have an educational reason to request a class placement, please put it in writing and send it to mcavanaugh@hrce.ca by Monday, May 13.** *Please note- requests will be taken into consideration but are not a guarantee as many factors are involved in the creation of class lists.

If you are moving or have plans to NOT be at LMST next year- please email the office at lmsts@hrce.ca Thank you!

LMST sends a special **thank you** to our Home & School association for the delicious lunch provided on April 4th for staff appreciation. Merci beaucoup!

Attendance

We have been experiencing a high number of late students lately. This can lead to disruptions and delays to the start of the instructional day which is 8:55 am. **Please aim to have your child arrive by 8:35-8:45 am.** This will give them a chance to get settled in before the 8:55 start. Thank you for your support!

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! 5/6 Cunningham's English program students also participated.

The following students will represent LMST at the Provincial concours this Saturday, May 4 at Mount Saint Vincent University; Ruan (6C), Ava K (5DM), Calix (6H) Jane (6H). Bonne Chance!

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Battle of the Books

Our LMST team (Julia, Sylvie, Ching, Braydon, Ethan, Melody) defeated Sir Charles Tupper and The Halifax Grammar School in a 3-way final at the Halifax Public library on April 3. Congratulations to the Battle of the Books 2024 champions!

LMST 4-6 Chess Club

On Sunday April 21st, LMST Chess Club participated in the Provincial Team Tournament hosted by the NSSCA. M. Trach wanted to congratulate all his chess club members who participated for their fantastic, respectful game play and for representing LMST with PRIDE!

<u>Team B (Grade 5-6 division) 3rd place</u>	<u>Team A (5/6 division) 1st place</u>	Team A (P-4) division
Jude	Calix	Sam
Osler	Michelle	Caleb
Logan	Eva	Charan
Eddy	Irina	Ezra

Mr. Trach wants to thank all the students for their dedication to learning and improving their skills this year. Thank you to our parent volunteers and chess coaches Mr. Yannick and Mr. Norov. A final thanks to staff volunteers Mme. Beaton, Mrs. Alison, Mrs. Nicole, without their time volunteered each week, we could not have a chess club. The LMST chess club is now over for the 2023/24 season.

Home & School News

LMST H&S TAKE HOME MORRIS EAST PIZZA KIT & DECORATING CONTEST!!!PRIZES!!

WHAT: Pizza making kit including dough for an individual kid-sized pizza, cheese and sauce (for students and their families).

COST: \$11 per kit (\$14.50 per gluten free and/or lactose free kit). Order: SchoolCashOnline.com

CONTEST CHALLENGE: Decorate your pizza with whichever extra toppings you have at home and post a picture of your creation on the “LMST Home & School Association” Facebook page and tag Morris East by Monday, May 27th. For every pizza posted and tagged, Morris East will donate an additional \$1 to LMST H&S (up to \$250)!!!

PRIZES!!!: Morris East’s very own pizza chef will pick his top three favourite pizzas. 1st Prize will win \$50 Morris East gift card, 2nd & 3rd \$25 gift card.

WHEN: (1) Order via the LMST [school cash online](#) by Wednesday, May 15th

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(2) Pick-up Thursday, May 23rd 3-5:30pm Pick up your order outside the school front doors

H&S Spring Clothing Fundraiser

The LMST H&S Spring Clothing Fundraiser has begun, with t-shirts, baseball caps and towels available for purchase on [SchoolCashOnline](#). The information sheet attached includes descriptions of all of the items. The order deadline is May 15, 2024. The anticipated delivery of items will be in early June. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the organizer Kirstin at kirstinweerdenburg@gmail.com

Spring Fair

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 25, 10 am - 1 pm** to have fun at the LMST Spring Fair on the school grounds. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Get the early bird rate (\$12) for the **admission bracelet before May 20**. The bracelet gives the kids unlimited access to bouncy castles and the touch-a-truck parking lot. Pre-purchase tickets for other activity stations like face painting, nail art, bingo, dunk tank, cake walk, and games. All can be purchased through [School Cash Online](#). Bracelets and tickets will be picked up at the admissions table on the day of the fair. Any questions can be emailed to Jodie at lmstfair2024@gmail.com

Volunteers for the LMST Spring Fair

Volunteer opportunities for "LMST Spring Fair 2024" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/BL3YA

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Donations

Donation requests for the prize room, book room and food will be sent out soon!

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SIDE WALL BASKETBALL NETS FOR OUR SCHOOL GYM – DISTRICT 7 RESIDENTS, WE NEED YOUR VOTE MAY 13!!

Residents (kids too!) of District 7 are invited to attend at the Lindsay Children’s Room at Halifax Central Library MONDAY, MAY 13th, FROM 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to vote (kids too!) on which projects should receive support from District 7’s district capital for 2024-24.

LMST H&S is a candidate group requesting \$10,000 to add to already raised funds that will enable the school to install the final 2 side basketball nets in the LMST gym to create 2 basketball playing courts. This will benefit anyone using the gym...school AND community!!!

For more information: wayemason.ca/pb/

PLEASE COME TO THIS PARTICIPATORY BUDGET VOTE AND VOTE FOR OUR PROPOSAL!!! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!!

OTHER

Stay tuned for notices & flyers for:

- Garden Clean-up (Saturday, May 26)
- June Food Drive for Feed NS (Early June)
- Year-end Ice Cream/Popsicle social (June 20)

LMST Garden Update:

Thank you to all our volunteers, teachers, admin, and Melissa McCulloch from HRCE for an amazing garden week. Every child was able to plant an herb seed, if you don’t have the plant home yet it will be coming home at some point soon. Congratulations to the following students who were our winners of the Garden week poetry contest.

Julia P Zelios	Isla- 6 Hagerman	Mira- 4 Beaton
Melody- 4/5 Flett	Jocelyn- 2 Smith	Dia- 4 Barkhouse
Thea- 6 Hagerman	Vihaan- P Burt	Helena- 2 Englehutt
Shing-Shing- 3 Gallivan		

We are always looking for volunteers - our family spring cleanup day is Sunday, May 26 from 2-4pm at LMST. All families are invited to come and help clean up the garden beds and get the garden ready for the summer. There will be treats!!

Friday May 31 is our school planting day. Each child will plant a seed in the school garden. There will be various stations led by volunteers and Melissa McCulloch, from HRCE will also be there. Stay tuned for more information on this.

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Our summer watering and weeding schedule will be posted soon. If you live close and spend some time at the school playground this summer, why not do some watering / weeding at the same time. Stay tuned for sign up.

Black Excellence Day -May 15

Black Excellence Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and successes of Black individuals within the community. It highlights the talent and accomplishments within the Black community, ensuring that Black students have an opportunity to highlight all their positive contributions within the educational system. For more information click [here](#).

Heritage Fair 2024

Students in grades 4-6 showed their amazing talents and rose to the challenge of presenting their Heritage Fair projects to parents, families, and judges. Many families were surprised to learn that LMST is one of the few schools in the HRCE that participates in an annual fair. The diversity of topics was incredible, and the enthusiasm in which students presented impressed all who had the privilege of listening and joining the fair! Many students are already thinking about what their topics will be for next year. Check out our twitter (X) feed @LeMarchantElem to see photos of the fair. We can't wait to see what next year's participants come up with as we keep this wonderful LMST tradition going! Last year we were able to send 9 students to the provincial fair (all 1, 2 and 3rd placed students). More information to come on how many spots LMST will have in the 2024 Provincial fair on June 6 & 7.

Grade 4		
1 st place	Ching (4F)	Group of Seven
2 nd place	Sylvie (4T)	Woozles
3 rd place	Gabby (4B)	Trans Canada
Honorable mention	Sam C (4T)	Lorne Michaels
Honorable mention	Victoria (4T)	Pier 21
Honorable mention	Grace (4B)	Danny Gallivan
Honorable mention	Juliet (4B)	Ski Wentworth
Honorable mention	Mira (4B)	Queen Elizabeth II

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Grade 5		
1 st place	Wes (5DM)	Canadian Catastrophe
2 nd place	Melody (5F)	Tales from Upon the Past
3 rd place	Raine (5F)	My Metis Nation
Honorable mention	Jack (5B)	Canada's National Tennis Center
Honorable mention	Aidric (5DM)	BlackBerry Crumble
Honorable mention	Addie (5T)	Mattea Roach
Honorable mention	Paul (5DM)	\$1000 bill
Honorable mention	Leo (5F)	Ring Ring History Calling

Grade 6		
1 st place	Calix (6H)	Wayne Gretzky
2 nd place	Thea (6H)	Nova Scotia Five
3 rd place	Zoe K (6 Cunningham)	Whale Watching
Honorable mention	D'dryk (6H)	Bob Marley
Honorable mention	Alex T (6B)	Stroke By Stroke
Honorable mention	Costa (6Chiasson)	Vimy Ridge
Honorable mention	Liam N (6H)	Canada Arm
Honorable mention	Allie B (6 Chiasson)	Gordon Korman

People's Choice

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Elliot S (4T) Digging Deeper	Phoebe (5F) Hudson Bay	Austin (6H) Baked Treats of Canada
Henry Q (4M) Tim Horton	Mithra (5B) Female Cancer Researchers	Meika (6C) Lobsters
Naomi (4M) Dogs of Canada	Ava K (5DM) Swiss Air	Lochlan (6DC) Sharks
Connor S (4M) Coach K	Sophia (5DM) Female Olympic Swimmers	Willem (6C) The Foghorn
Nora E (4B) Fine I'll Move.. But I am Taking my House With Me.	Desmond (5F) Coal Mining in CB	Julia (6H) Riding the Rails

Upcoming dates

- May 6 -10 Hip Hop artist Nathaniel Dooks visits Phys-ed classes
- May 13 Participatory budget vote – Halifax Library 6 pm
- May 15 Black Excellence Day
- May 16 Primary (Sept 2024) parent/guardian orientation 6:00 pm
- May 17 Primary orientation 1:15-2:15 pm (incoming primaries for Sept 2024)
- May 20 Victoria Day- no school
- May 21 SAC meeting 4:30 pm All welcome

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- May 21 Home & School meeting 6:00 pm All welcome
- May 23 Morris East pizza pick up 3:00-5:30 pm
- May 25 Spring Fair 10 am -1pm
- May 26 Garden Clean-up 2pm-4pm all welcome
- May 27 Weldon Boudreau Acadian Cultural concert for all students
- May 31 School Planting Day

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