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## October News

## Les nouvelles d'Octobre

September has been a busy month meeting new faces and reconnecting with those of you that knew me from my past years here. Thank you for all of your kind words and warm welcomes! Students have settled in nicely and the year is off to a great start.

Our theme for the month of October is **Respect**. Respect for ourselves, others and our environment is a theme that we will consistently refer to throughout the year. A good portion of our ongoing work here at LMST is to proactively teach positive behaviours and strategies for resolving conflicts peacefully as we learn and grow together. This supports the restorative approach we embrace here at LMST.

## Student Success Planning

Students in grades 6 will be busy writing provincial assessments in Language Arts and Math this month. It is important that students arrive on time during these days as the results of these assessments along with our own classroom data will help us with planning our next steps for instruction. LMST is in year one of a five year process regarding our Student Success Plan (SSP). Teachers will be working in collaboration with administration to determine what our goals will be for this plan.

## Emergency Drills

Our first fire drill, hold and secure and lockdown drills were successfully completed. We must have a minimum of 6 fire drills per year, two lockdown drills (Sept and Feb) and one hold and secure drill. All students will also participate in a Bus Evacuation drill. With this drill, students will get on the bus, learn the safety features of the bus and then practice exiting the bus through the emergency exits. All students in the Halifax Regional School Board complete this drill. This will be held on October 4, weather permitting.

## School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 at 4:30 pm at the school. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. The minutes of the August 28th School Steering Team meeting are now available on the HRSB website.

## International Walk to School Month is October

October is walk to school month. We are encouraging as many of you as possible to participate in this worthwhile event. During the week of Oct 23-26 we will take a poll to see how many students walked or wheeled to school and celebrate our successes through the morning announcements.

## Home & School News

Our next meeting for the Home & School Association will be on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 6 pm here at the school. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. Welcome to our Hope to see you there!

## Important October Dates



October 10- SAC meeting 4:30 pm

October 10- Home and School meeting 6 pm

October 23- Picture retakes

Oct 23-25 International Walk to School Week

October 26- Grade 6 Orchestra Workshop#1 8:30-11:30 at Oxford School

October 26- LMST movie night at Gorsebrook Jr. High- more info to follow

October 27- Provincial professional development day- no school for student

October 31- LMST Halloween Walk-a-Thon, more info to follow