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January News

Les nouvelles de janvier

Happy New Year! Bonne Annee!

As we embark on a new calendar year, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful 2018. Our theme this month is **gratitude**. We often make resolutions for the New Year; things we could improve upon or new habits one would like to form. Staff here would like to focus on the aspects in our lives for which we often take for granted but could be thankful. Students and teachers alike will be discussing gratitude throughout the month.

I'd like to thank Ms. Anita McDonald for all her support and help in the office during Mandy Smith Sullivan's absence. Miss Mandy will be back with us in January. Welcome back!

Ms. Stoilov our Vice Principal is currently out on medical leave. Mme Julie MacLean who is returning to LMST from parental leave, will be helping out in the office for the month of January. We wish Ms. Stoilov a speedy recovery.

We are in the midst of winter; I would ask that you please take the time to read the attached letter regarding our guidelines for school closure. We are part of the **Citadel High family** of schools.

Physically Active News

We would like to keep you apprised of the many physically active opportunities students have been enjoying or will enjoy in the near future.

- All of our students now enjoy the same recess period each day. Our grades 3-6 students have recess across the street on the play structures and field. The space and change is welcomed by most if not all of our older students. (this may be extended to lunch- when a full roster of lunch staff is acquired)
- All students participate in an extra 10 minutes per day of physically active time. (PAT) This time is chosen, and can vary from class to class depending on the needs of students. Homeroom teachers schedule it in as they see the need.
- Physical Education classes are often held outdoors weather permitting.
- New this year- All Primary- grade 3 students receive an extra 30 minutes of physical education each week.
- We have had dance workshops (break dancing, Latin dancing) for a full week each.
(November/December) All students participated in these sessions.
- Our grade 3 students have participated in a Swim to Survive program at Dalplex for three mornings in December.
- All Grades 4- 6 students will go to Dalplex for two mornings (two hours each session) in January. Chaperones will be needed for this event. Stay tuned for more information.
- All students have a scheduled time to go to the Oval during the following timeframe: January 15-Feb 1st. Chaperones will be needed for this event. Stay tuned for more information.
(check out dates for each class on our website: lmt.hrsb.ca)

Triple A...Back By Popular Demand...

Students have been expressing themselves regarding the change in our pizza company this fall. There have been polite plea's, letters, and even a few student led petitions to have Triple A pizza reinstated as LMST's pizza provider. Their lobbying has not fallen on deaf ears! We commend our

students for expressing themselves. Our next pizza order forms will go home later this month and we are happy to inform you that we will be using Triple A pizza once again.

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books team; Cora (6H), Greta (6H), Hannah (6C), Brian (6C), Ainslee (4/5K), Josie (4/5M). They will face the Halifax Grammar School on January 19th in our first competition of the season. Our second completion will take place on January 26th and will be against Sacred Heart. Our Battle of the Books club will continue to meet until the end of January. All competitions are at Wozzles at 4 pm. Feel free to come and cheer on LMST!

School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at 4:30 pm at the school. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

Home & School

Our next meeting for the Home & School Association will be on Tuesday, January 30th at 6 pm in the LMST gym. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Did You Know ??

- We are part of the Citadel High family of schools?
- **LMST came in 7th in the Youth Running Series? We won \$250.00 for Physical Education initiatives or equipment.**
- **LMST (led by our grade 6 leaders) donated almost two months' worth of dry goods to the Citadel High Breakfast Program? Bravo!**
- **LMST (led by our grade 6 leaders) donated dozens of pairs of socks to Souls Harbour Shelter.**
- **Our Shopping under the Stars event was a huge success! Most students were able to buy a gift for a special person in their lives. Our grade 6's did a wonderful job wrapping gifts.**
- **All our grade 6 leaders were thanked by Admin and staff with a cookie decorating party?**
- **Our new website lmt.hrsb.ca has all the latest dates and meetings listed?**

Important January Dates



January 3- First day back

January 11- School Travel Planning meeting 1:45-2:45 - All welcome to attend.

January 11- SAC meeting 4:30 pm All welcome to attend.

January 30- Home and School meeting 6pm - All welcome to attend.

February 7- Music Night at Gorsebrook School 7 pm starring our band, string and choir students.

Check out our website for more details on class outings and school events. (lmt.hrsb.ca)