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April News

Les nouvelles de avril

It is hard to believe it is already April! Spring has arrived and the extra daylight seems to have added extra energy in the school. Our theme for the month is kindness. Teachers are discussing the importance of this value in their class discussions and health lessons. Term 3 has begun and report cards have gone home. Teachers are busy preparing for parent-teacher interviews or in some cases student-led conferences. If your child's teacher is hosting student-led conferences, you will be informed directly by the teacher.

We are pleased to let you know that all classrooms now have operational windows. Carpenters installed 1-2 new windows in all classrooms that did not have a window that opens. This was completed over the March break.

Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair

Students in grades 4-6 are preparing for our Heritage Fair which will be held at the school on April 27th. Parents, extended family and community members are cordially invited to attend our Heritage Fair Open House on April 27th from 1:15pm-2:45pm. More information on our Heritage Fair can be found on our website.

Book Fair! Help Needed 😊

Thank you so much to everybody who has volunteered so far!

We are now asking for a little more help...

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up on Tuesday (17th), 1pm to 3pm, and to help the younger children write wish lists on Wednesday (18th), 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm.

Please contact Martha Beyea (mbeyea@blackburnlaw.ca) if you can help.

Thanks!

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019:

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2018/2019 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- Monday, April 23rd - Beginning at 8:00 am current participants of the 2017/2018 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. On April 16th Account Holders of current participants will receive an email containing their user name and password providing them exclusive access to the online application system. Current participant families that have additional siblings that will be registering for the first time with EXCEL are eligible to register all children in their family during this early registration period.
- Monday, April 30th - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 am on April 30th. Applications may be submitted via the online system or in-person at the EXCEL office at 25 Alfred Street, Dartmouth. Individuals paying by Pre-Authorized Payment, MasterCard or Visa ONLY may register on-line. Go to <https://secure.hrsb.ns.ca/excel> to access.

We encourage parents to submit their applications in a timely manner to ensure the greatest opportunity for entry into the program as demand often exceeds capacity. Applications will be accepted on a first-received, first-accepted basis. (Priority is not given to Before & After participants over After only.) Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information regarding registration procedures, program fees and the program structure.

Grades 4-6 Run Club

Run Club will be available to all students in Grade 4-6 and will be run under the supervision of Ms. LeBlanc, Mme Chiasson and Mr. Blackburn. Information will be going home in early April. Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Blackburn will incorporate running, with the younger grades, during Phys-Ed class. We will also promote the Youth Run Program with all students along with Blue Nose Marathon.

School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th at 4:30 pm at the school. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. Minutes of our meetings are posted on our website.

New LMST School News

Our School Steering Team met on February 22nd for an update. The minutes of the meeting are posted on our school website at lmt.hrsb.ca. The contract for the foundations package has been awarded to Avondale Construction Ltd. The work on site will begin during the first two weeks of April.

Home & School

The home and school association met on Tuesday, March 20th. Plans are underway for **Bingo night (at Gorsebrook) April 20th** and the **Spring Fair on May 26th**. Our next meeting is April 24 at 6pm. All welcome.

Did you know?

During the month of March:

- Our Battle of the Books team beat Sacred Heart in the semi-finals and will go to the finals April 9th?
- All P-3 students had a two hour art workshop with our art specialist Ms. Nicholson?
- All P-3 students went bowling?
- All grades 4-6 Immersion students prepared and presented a French speech on the topic of their choice?
- All students voted on logo designs? The top 5 designs will go to our School Advisory Council April 24th for the final decision. All parents invited to participate.



Important April Dates

April 2- Easter Monday-no school

April 3- Out of Area applications accepted

April 5- Grades 4-6 to Dalplex

April 5- School Travel Planning meeting at 1:45 pm

April 18- Parent –teacher interviews 6pm-8pm

April 18- Book fair 5:30 pm-8pm

April 19- No school for students PD/P-T interviews

April 19- Parent-teacher interviews 1-4pm /Book fair 1-4pm.

April 20- LMST Family bingo at Gorsebrook

April 24- SAC at 4:30 pm

April 24- Home and School meeting 6 pm

April 27- Grades 4-6 Heritage Fair Open House 1:15-2:45pm. All welcome