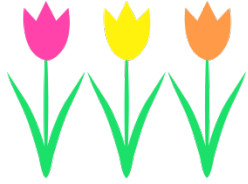


# LMST Newsletter Summary



## April 2016

The school year is progressing very quickly with only three months left to go. Students have been learning and creating wonderful experiences, knowledge and memories that will last a lifetime. With the three months to go, we have yet many events and learning to still take place. Here is a summary of things you need to know. Further details can be found on the website as usual.

Last month we asked parents to pay closer attention when driving in the **parking lot**. Some students are walking through the parking lot in the morning. We want to avoid accidents, so caution and not parking in no parking zones is requested and required. To add to this, we have had a couple of near misses with **cars stopping or parking** in the cross walk, just in front or behind the cross or in no stopping or parking areas. This is creating a very unsafe situation for our children and staff. Constable Sarah Carter, our liaison officer, and I are working together to ensure this practice does not continue, as we want to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Please refrain from this practice **as she will be patrolling and handing out tickets** to anyone not following the parking regulations.

**LMST Movie Night** will take place April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm. Admission is free and babysitting for school age children is available for a small fee. More info available on the website.

**EXCEL Registration Information for 2016-2017:** See below communication from the EXCEL program .

Families who are interested in registering their children in EXCEL's recreation program for the 2016/2017 school year are encouraged to mark the following important dates on your calendars:

- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup> current participants of the 2015/2016 EXCEL program may submit an application for the coming school year via the online application system; by email; or by fax. Current participants will receive a letter beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> identifying a 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 may register all eligible children in their family during this early registration period.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - General Registration begins for all EXCEL Before and/or After school programs at 8:00 a.m. on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applications may be submitted via the online system or 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-come, first-accepted basis. Full-time participation (5 days/week) is required for either Before only, After only or Before & After. Please see the EXCEL pages on the HRSB website for more information on registration and the program.*

**Report Cards** go home on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent/Teacher interview** will take place on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is no school for students in the morning as there is PD for staff. The interviews will take place between 1 and 4pm, and 6 and 8pm. Please see website for more information on how to book a time to see your children's teachers.

**The LMST English and French Book Fair** will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the LMST gym. Both book fairs will be together in the gym this year.

The **Getting To Great Survey** is a survey conducted by the HRSB each year. It provides an opportunity for students in grades 4-12, all parents/guardians, all teachers, and support staff to share information that will help us improve schools. Your voluntary participation in this survey will help us to identify the strengths and areas for growth at our school. This will enable us to enhance the opportunities we provide for students to learn. Your input is valuable in helping us make improvements that will directly impact your child's learning and school experience.

The online survey is available from **April 4<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**. Please visit the website: <http://survey.hrsb.ns.ca> select LeMarchant St. Thomas to start the survey. You are welcome to complete a survey for each of your children attending our school. Please remember, all survey information is anonymous and is not used to evaluate individuals. At the end of the survey, you will find space to make any additional comments you wish to share with us anonymously.

Congratulations to three of our students who won the city competition with their speeches in the Concours d'Art Oratoire this past Saturday. They will now represent LMST in the Regional Competition later in May. Those winners were:

Grade 5: Marcus in 5/6Hagerman

Grade 6: Noah in 5/6 Hagerman

Francophone category: Miko in 5MacLean

#### **At A Glance:**

April 4 – Getting to great Survey goes live online

April 7 – Report Cards go home.

April 7 – SAC at 4:30

April 7 – Home & School at 6:30

April 14 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

April 13 & 14 – Book Fair

April 15 – Movie Night

**Misc:**

***Please note: If you are looking for more information on Interview Booking, Getting to Great Survey or Movie Night please see the school website. The Website has the most up-to-date information and it's usually posted there before it comes home via email. We recommend that you check it regularly for your information.***