

December 2, 2014

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Special points of interest:

- December 6th, **Breakfast with Santa**, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- December 7th, **Wreath Pick Up**, 10:30am to noon.
- December 11th, **Report Cards** go home
- December 15th & 16th, **Holiday Concert** 7:00pm
- December 19th, **Pajama Day**
- December 19th, Last Day of Classes
- First day back is January 5, 2015

December Newsletter

The last month of 2014 is upon us. The Holiday Season is well underway with a couple of important dates for December. Please see remainder of this newsletter for more detail about the Breakfast with Santa and the Holiday Concerts.

Each year at this time I seem to become particularly aware of the people around us and in the world that are suffering, and for who the Holiday Season is not one to look forward to. The loss of loved ones, financial burdens, and sickness can make it a lonely and troubling time for some families; some closer to home than you think. Again this year, the staff is giving donations with the goal in mind of helping some of our own families at Christmas. This will be a chance for us to give back to our community with love. If anyone is interested in making a donation, please see Mrs. McDonald at the office, as she will be collecting for this endeavour. All the money collected will go to LMST families in need by buying presents and providing groceries. If we have more money than needed, we will donate the remainder to Feed Nova Scotia. Thank you for helping us provide for our families in need.

I truly believe that children need to run and play outside as much as possible. We attempt to get the students outside unless it is raining or the weather is extremely cold, as the benefits of fresh air to growing and learning children is well documented. Please help us with this by making sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Here's what happening in December 2014.



Holiday Concerts

The Holiday Concerts will take place on Monday, December 15th and Tuesday, December 16th **beginning at 7:00pm**. Due to fire regulations we have limited space in the gym for guests, other than students, for the afternoon performance. Thank you for your cooperation.

The students in grades Primary to 3 should be here at 6:30pm. If your child's classroom is in the Annex building, they will instead be in a classroom here in the Main building at 6:30pm. There will be a sign at the main entrance indicating in which classroom. Students whose classroom is in the Main building will go to their usual classroom at 6:30pm.

Parents can enter the gym at 6:30pm when they drop their child off to the appropriate classroom. Please note that there will not be any recorded video to buy of the concert, as this is not allowed by Board and Provincial policy.

Concerts will be approximately 45 minutes long and children and families are asked to stay until the end for the grand finale.

Two tickets for the family of each child performing will be sent home during the first week of December. If you are not going to use your tickets, please return them to the school so they can be redistributed.

December 15th

Primary Fortuna
Primary Lacroix
Primary/1 Simpson
Primary/1 Wilson
1 Taylor
1 Levesque

December 16th

2 Abi Daoud
2 Babineau
2/3 MacAskill/Young
2/3 Gallivan
3Fennell
3Leduc
Gr. 3 students only from
3/4 Mott/Ring

Youth Running Series

A cheque for LMST in the amount of \$250.00 that will go toward gym equipment was given to us from the Youth Running Series. The cheque was presented to our students at the YRS annual banquet.

The children who ran with Youth Running Series (YRS) this past year (10 races in various areas in Nova Scotia) had enough participation points to make this donation to the school possible. A big thank you to all the students who participated in the YRS.

Please Note:
There will be no Home & School or SAC meetings in December.



Pyjama Day

We are looking to get comfortable on the last day of school for 2014. Pajama Day is on Dec. 19th to get us all into the mood for the holidays. Wear your PJs to school and be comfortable all day. Even some of the staff will participate!

We will be having a sing-a-long in the gym in the afternoon. That will help us be comfortable sitting on the floor.

No inappropriate PJs please as the school dress code still applies.



A Reminder to look for you child's Report Card on December 11th. Please sign envelope and return to school.



Early Closure Procedures for LMST: Information for Parents

If school is closed mid-day, the school board will attempt to make the announcement by 11:00 a.m. for a noon hour pick-up.

Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrsb.ca, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRSBOfficial, recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You will also receive notice of school cancellations by email or text message from LMST. Parents can also sign up for text messages on the HRSB website. We will post it on our school website as well.

Once we are notified that school is closing, all students will go to their home-room class. (This allows specialist teachers to be available to take messages to students and make phone calls if necessary.)

If the power is still on, an e-mail will be sent to parents from both the office and from the homeroom teacher. (If the power is off, phone calls will be made to families.) Parents will be expected to pick up their children asap after the announcement is made. If you need to have someone else pick up your child you are required to contact the school by phone or e-mail to let us know. No child will be released to another parent/guardian without permission from his/her parent.

After the e-mail is sent out and most children have been picked up, we will call the parents of the children who are left in the building in case they did not get our e-mails. We almost always call the parents' cell number first, then other numbers on the list. **Please make sure that if you change your cell, work or home phone numbers, that you e-mail the school with your updated information as soon as it changes.** If we cannot reach a parent we will try to make contact with the people you indicated on your child's registration form as an "Emergency Contact".

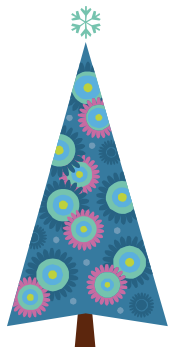
A big thank you:

LMST Home & School would like to say thank you to **Kevin Tanner of Advantage Sound Systems** who kindly donated audio visual equipment for our Movie Night in November. The children watched The Lego Movie on a huge screen with incredible sound. It was greatly appreciated.



We would also like to thank **Triple AAA Pizza** for donating the huge bag of yummy popcorn.

LEMARCHANT ST. THOMAS HOME AND SCHOOL presents



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY , DECEMBER 6, 2014
 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, JUICE, TEA AND COFFEE
 (Gluten-free options, please request in advance with your ticket order.)

Holiday Activities – Cookie Decorating, Letter Writing, Reindeer Food, Face Painting and

SANTA!!!!

Take a picture with Santa for a souvenir
 (A photographer will also be available - \$5/5x7)

Homemade Holiday Cookies for Sales - \$5/dozen



Featuring

LeMarchant St. Thomas Choir, Cello and Violin Performances!!!

BREAKFAST TICKETS SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY – A list of pre-paid ticket holders will be ready at the door to gain admittance.

DEADLINE TO SEND IN ORDER FORMS FOR TICKETS IS: December 3, 2014 at 3pm. The H&S must order the food based on the number of people participating and therefore cannot sell tickets at the door.

Tickets Prices:

Family of Four = \$25 (2 adults, 2 children), each additional child \$5

Individual Tickets : \$10 (adult), \$5 (child)

Please note: This is a family event, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

We still need VOLUNTEERS. Please consider assisting at a Holiday Activity Station before or after your breakfast.

To Volunteer or to get further info please contact: lmstvolunteer@gmail.com An order form will be attached to this email. Order forms were also sent home last week. Hope to see you there with your Santa hat on!



Community Information



Thank you to the Hodgson family who donated a spin bike to the school. It is being used regularly to help students burn off excess energy. We appreciate this very much.

Please remember to send an extra set of clothing for your child as the mud is plentiful outside on the playground. Thank you for your support.

Here are some of the things happening in our community.

Maritime Museum Lego Model Competition!

Be part of the holiday LEGO “City by the Sea” competition happening until January 11, 2015.

The competition is for kids from 6-18 years old to use their LEGO and build a boat, sea monster or Maritime scene as mentioned above. Young builders should be inspired to create and submit their piece to be included as part of our “City by the Sea” Exhibit.

The call for entries rules and information for LEGO Shipbuilders is available at the Maritime Museum website at : maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca or call 424-7491. LEGO models accepted until waterfront exhibit is full, however to be eligible for the prize draw, your model needs to be submitted by January 11th, 2015.



Canadian Parents for French

You are invited to a Skating Party (Une fête de patinage)

Where: Halifax Forum

When: Saturday, December 20th

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Bring your skates.

All children under 12 years of age must wear a protective helmet while skating.

Enter to win 2 tickets to Neptune Theatre or a \$50.00 Cineplex Gift Certificate.



The LMST staff I would like to extend our best wishes for a holiday season full of love, peace and joy.

*Happy
Holidays
to all
our
families.*

