

November 3, 2014

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# LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

## November Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- November 4th—Dr. Chorney Parent Info Session, Anxiety, 6:30pm
- November 10th, Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am
- November 11th, Remembrance Day—**no school for students**
- November 13th, SAC meeting - 4:30pm and Home & School meeting—6:30pm
- November 14th—Crazy Hair Day
- November 17th, Parent/Teacher Interviews, 1:00—8:00pm **-Please Note: No school for students all day. Staff PD in**

October was a month full of activities and events that were enjoyed by all. High on the list was the Halloween Dance. Anne and I manned the raffle table that was placed in the perfect place to see all the costumed parents and students who came to participate in the activities provided by the Home and School. The students and parents said it was an excellent event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who participated and to those who volunteered. A special thank you to the organizers of this 3rd Halloween Dance, Jo Morrison, Gillian Latham and Jen LeBlanc. We appreciate our Home and School and are grateful for all they do to help us make LeMarchant St. Thomas an amazing environment for our children to grow and learn.

### LMST RealCup Fundraiser

**LMST will be selling K-Cup coffee and tea starting November 6th and ending on November 20th. Each family (goes home with the youngest child) will receive a free three cup sample box and each child will get an order form.** The school is aiming high – we want to enrich the student's learning by purchasing a new iPad for each classroom, as well as other items. Please help us reach our goal by asking friends and family to support LMST. As an extra incentive, for each box of 24 cups sold, a student will receive a ballot to have their name in 2 draws for a \$50 gift card, one from Wozzles and one from Chapters! Thank you for supporting us in this endeavour.



### No Classes for Students:

November 11th: Remembrance Day

November 17th: Professional Development in am and Parent Teacher Interview in pm

December 1: Assessment & Evaluation Day

## Continuous School Improvement

We are collecting data in writing and math to analyze in order to continue our work in improving student achievement. Our teachers meet in their grade level collaborative groups with a focus on targeting the challenges that create obstacles to student improvement. As we are in year 3 of the CSI plan, we are continuing to apply the strategies chosen to ensure steady inquiry into our student's abilities and progress.

November 17th morning PD will focus on the analysis of this data with an emphasis on multi-level collaborative groups.

## Wheels on the playground

A reminder that scooters, bikes, roller blades etc. should not be used on school grounds. We are concerned for your child's safety. Thank you for your understanding.

## Cooler and Wet Weather

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the upcoming weather. In Nova Scotia the weather changes frequently, please keep this in mind when seeing your child off to school in the morning. Having a warm sweater or mitts/hat in their school bag would be helpful on cool days.

## LMST Clothing

You may have noticed that the H&S had order forms for LMST clothing at the Halloween Dance. Order are presently being taken for clothing. The order forms are also available at the main office if you lost the one that went home, or cannot find the email sent. We have new choices of material and colour this year.

We have placed all available sizes of each item sold on a coat rack outside the main office in case you want to verify sizes. (Please note that the children's small seems unusually small.) If you are buying clothing as a **Christmas present for your child, please indicate that on your order form** and we will ensure it doesn't go home with your child so it can stay a surprise.

PS: Only 1 order is being placed this year. The deadline is Nov. 28th by noon.

**Remembrance Day Assembly** on November 10th at 10:45am to honour those who have, and are fighting for our freedom. If you are a member of the Armed Forces, or if you are in the Scouts, Girl Guides etc., we welcome you to join us in uniform for our assembly hosted by Rod Sterling, a parent in the forces.

## Crazy Hair Day



We are continually building school climate. This month, by popular demand, we're having Crazy Hair Day on November 14th. Send your child in with the wildest hair possible. It makes for an interesting day visually.

**Please note we do have staff and students with scent sensitivities. Unscented hair spray only.**



## Parent/Teachers Interviews

Our first term parent-teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 17th from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.

**Different this year:** There is no school for student all day on that day, as the morning portion will be used for Professional Development for staff. Please note that there is only enough time for ten to fifteen minutes per interview (depending on the number of students in the class) and we thank you for helping us stay to the teacher's interview schedule. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher to set up an interview at an alternate time.



### BOOK YOUR PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS ON LINE!!

LOG ON TO OUR WEB-SITE

<http://lemarchant.ednet.ns.ca>

follow the link which will take you to

[www.parentinterviews.com/lst](http://www.parentinterviews.com/lst)

(that is a small l not the number one with the st.)

Follow the directions that OPTIS gives you!!

If you don't have access to the internet or are having trouble logging on, please call Mrs. McDonald at the main office and she will book your times for you!!

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**This booking website will close on Friday, November 14th at 12:00 noon to allow time to get schedules to teachers so they can prepare for the interviews.**

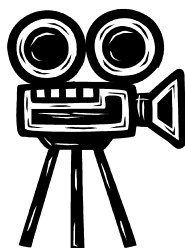
## The Home and School is proud to present:

### The Lego Movie

November 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the school gym.

Free admission.

See attached document for more details.



## SAC Parent Information Session

**Dr. Daniel Chorney** will be presenting a 50-min presentation + question/answer period to parents on the following topic:

**Helping Children with Anxiety: How Fear Can Affect School, Sleep, and Sadness**

**When:** Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30pm

**Where:** In the LMST library.

Supervision for school age children will be provided. Movie/cartoons will be shown.

This is made available by our School Advisory Council.

## Looking ahead to December

### Holiday Concerts

Students in grades primary to grade three, will be busy soon preparing for our holiday concert already. To assist you in planning around the concert we are providing this information for you early.

Performances will be held at 7:00pm on:

**Monday, December 15th** (the following classes are performing):

PL, PF, P/1W, P/1S, 1L, 1T

**Tuesday, December 16th** (the following classes are performing):

2A, 2B, 2/3G, 2/3MY, 3F, 3L, 3/4 (**grade 3 students only from the 3/4 class**)

You will receive **2 tickets for each night** that your child/children in grades Primary to Three are performing.

Due to fire regulations, and the fact that our gym is very small, our capacity in the gym is 375 people, limiting the amount of tickets given. For this reason also, afternoon performances are reserved for students. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes your family. Once we have a new school, this space limitation will be eliminated.

**Please Note:** The strings (violin & cello) and the band performances will be on February 11, 2015 instead of during the Holiday Concert. Students will be more ready to perform. Letters going home to parents of students involved.

## Community Information



### Child Abuse Registry Forms

If you have completed a form that was sent in to Dept. of Community Services, please ensure you bring us a copy when you receive your approved copy by mail. We must keep them on file and we are not notified by the Dept. of C.S. Thank you.

Here are some of the things happening in our community.

### The Nova Scotia Scholastic Chess Association

Be a part of Team Nova Scotia!

#### Maritime Team Qualifier Tournament

##### Oxford School

6364 North Street, Halifax

**Date:** November 2, 2014

**Registration:** 11:15 to 12:00pm

**Tournament:** 12:00 to 4:00pm

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00

**For students in grades Primary to 12.**

24 players qualify to represent Nova Scotia at the Maritime Tournament, Nov. 22nd in Halifax

**Sections:** Primary to 3 ( 6 qualify ), 4 to 6 ( 8 qualify), 7 to 9 (6 qualify) and 10 to 12 (4 qualify)

All players receive official scholastic chess rating

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**Lest We Forget.**

