



LMST Newsletter Summary

May 2016

I'm hoping that May and June will bring more agreeable weather than April has. The yard is very muddy but the children haven't let that stop them from having fun outside. However, they come in pretty muddy. I can only imagine the laundry parents have to do to keep up with it. The custodian spends his time mopping up the mud. Once it dries up more, it will be easier to handle the dirt and dust than it is to handle the mud. Thank you for your patience.

May is a very busy month. There is a lot going on. Please check the 'At A Glance' below for a quick reference.

The LMST English and French Book Fairs were very successful. We received \$2304.71 in book credit for our library from Scholastics. Thank you to Megan Blanchard for organizing it and to all the parents who bought books and volunteered to help.

Spring Photos will be taken again this year on May 6th. This is a full length photo so please dress accordingly. **Please note, there are no retakes with the Spring Photos.**

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 4th - May 2nd 2016**. **Please visit the website:** <http://survey.hrsb.ns.ca> and 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.

Primary Orientation and Vision Clinic will take place on May 11th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Annex Building. One parent must accompany each child. I apologize, but we do not have enough room for both parents to participate. **Primary Parent Info Session** will take place May 4th at 6:30pm in gym.

Congratulations to our Scientific **Destination Imagination** team who came in second in all of Nova Scotia. Congratulations to our Fine Arts Destination Imagination team who worked really hard to complete their challenge. We will have 2 teams next year as well. Fun was had by all.

Please visit our FaceBook page "**Memories of LeMarchant ST Thomas**" and help us acquire information for our Memories Book that is being created for our families.

The **Grade 4-6 Spring Concert**, including choir, will be presented on Thursday, May 19th. This concert does not include band or strings. There will be two shows – one starting at 6:00pm followed by the second show at 7:15pm. The theme this year is sun, sand, and everything tropical; something we all yearn for about now! Each student will be in both shows, but parents will only get tickets for one show. Tickets will be sent home with your children a week prior to the concert. In between shows we would like to set up a refreshments area and need help with this event. If you are available to help, please contact me at: Jeffrey.miller@hrsbc.ca

Costumes required:

Grade 4 Beaton and Miller: Sailor theme, stripped shirts, navy blue or white pants, various sailor hats if possible.

Grade 4/5 Chiasson & Dunphy/Stoilov: Straw hats of any kind with summer clothes.

Grade 5/6 MacLeod & Hagerman: Surfer theme--surfer clothes, /t-shirts, shorts, flip-flops.

Grade 5 MacLean & 6 Jordan: Sunglasses, summer clothes.

The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will now take place on Friday June 3rd instead of the date originally planned, May 13 as most teachers will be offsite for that PD day.

Please email lmstvolunteer@gmail.com to let us know if you are able to make a salad, main course or dessert and if you are able to help set up or clean up.

Please note nut and fish allergies. Some gluten free options appreciated.

All food donations need to be dropped off at the school by recess time (10:30am) on June 3rd. Thanks from your LMST H&S.

Spring Fair is on Saturday May 28th from 10am to 1pm. This year: Games and prizes, Touch a Truck, Bouncies, Book Room, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Cake Walk, Photo Booth, Nail Art, Bake Table, Raffle, Café and BBQ. Admission is \$10 per child. Parent / guardian admission is complementary. Beat the lines and purchase your admission bracelets and tickets ahead of time. Order forms for bracelets and tickets will go home in early May. Please come out and join us any time from 10am to 1pm on May 28! Spring Fair is a major fundraiser for LMST!! We hope to see you at the FAIR.

At A Glance:

May 4th – Primary Parent Info Session for all incoming primary students. 6:30pm in gym

May 6th – Spring Photos

May 10th – SAC at 4:30pm

May 10th – Home & School at 6:30pm

May 11th – Primary Orientation and Vision Clinic. 9:00am at Annex Building

May 12th – String Night at the Forum.

May 13th – PD Day for teachers. **No school for students.**

May 17th – Grade 6 Louisbourg Trip Info Meeting for parents in library at 6:00pm.

May 19th – Grade 4 to 6 Spring Concert

May 24th – Grade 6 French Immersion parent orientation at Gorsebrook at 7:00pm

May 25th – French Immersion Grade 6 Orientation at Gorsebrook for students at 1:30pm

May 26th – English Grade 6 Orientation at Halifax Central for parents and students at 7:00pm

May 28th – Spring Fair at LMST

Misc:

Please note: *If you are looking for more information on Getting to Great Survey, Spring Fair, grade 4 to 6 Spring Concert, 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.*