

# LMST Newsletter Summary

## September 2016



It's hard to believe that the school year 2016-17 has already begun. It was so enjoyable for staff to see all of our returning students, as well as new students, and their families being so pleased and positive about the new location. We have worked extremely hard to make it a welcoming environment conducive to learning.

The students have settled in already. Give it a week and it will feel like we have always been in this location. It's always amazing to me how quickly children adapt to new environments, where it takes us adults more time to adjust to change.

Our goal remains the same, to set up a learning environment that promotes kindness, independence and a desire for students to reach their potential regardless of ability or skill. We thank you already for your support as we believe we have the most wonderful parents and students in Canada! Think big I say.

We want to remind parents that we endeavor to create an inviting place for parents to come discuss concerns, ask questions or even give compliments to our teachers and administration. Our doors are open, and creating an excellent working relationship with our community is very important to us. Please note that teachers often require advanced notice of a visit, simply because of schedule constraints. Please don't hesitate to come in to see me or my VP or call any time you have a concerns or question, or even if you just want to say hello.

Each month I do a **Newsletter Summary** which is in fact just a quick glance at the info you need for any given month. More detail is found on the website that we endeavor to keep updated daily. A special thank you to Cathy Gibson who works tirelessly at keeping it updated for us.

### **This month:**

**Ice Cream Social** will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7pm in the school yard. This is a time to socialize and meet other families.

**Anti-bullying Day** is on Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Wear pink everyone!

**School Advisory Council (SAC) and Home and School (H&S)** will hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and 6:30pm respectfully. Come join the H&S and become part of a parent team that fundraises and organizes events for the school community.

**Curriculum Night** will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teacher if they haven't already done so, and to find out information about the curriculum for this year. Please note, it is not an opportunity to have a parent/teacher meeting. If you require to speak to your child's teacher about concerns or other, please make an appointment for another time. As you will have noticed if you've had the opportunity to tour the school, it is physically smaller than across the street. We ask that if at all possible, that you do not bring the children to Curriculum night, as it could get extremely crowded in the halls and classrooms. On the other hand, if that was going to be the reason you could not attend, then by all means, feel free to bring them along. Thank you.

**School Photos** will take place on Sept. 27( and 28<sup>th</sup> if necessary). Notices from the photographer will go home this week. Picture Retakes will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Professional Development Day (PD)** for staff on Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. No school for students.

### **Misc:**

We are in need of **parent volunteers for the Safe Arrival program**. Here's what it requires of you if you are interested. The volunteers come in once a week for a ½ hour in the morning at 9:00am and a ½ hour in the afternoon at 1:00pm to make the calls. That's it! The more volunteers we have, the better, as it could mean you'd only have to commit to once every 2 weeks or longer. Volunteers can even switch off days if you can't make it on your day. Please consider helping us if you have the time. You can call Monica Stoilov. There is a first meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 for those interested. Thanking you in advance.

**Background Checks** are needed for anyone volunteering in any capacity in a school. This involves class trips, reading to students etc. If you have not had your background check done (Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry), please contact Mandy via email and she will set you up for the process. Background checks are valid for 3 years.

**Please note:** *More detail on many of the above events can be found on the LMST website as it has the most up-to-date information and usually before it comes home via email. We recommend that you check it regularly for your information.*

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