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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Events

**Nov. 21 Assessment Day
(no classes)**

Nov. 23 Last day of Term 1

Dec. 3 Report Cards

Dec. 6 Parent-Teacher

***Dec. 13 School Dance** (this
is a change from the original date)

Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner

Dec. 18 Band Concert

**Dec. 21 Last Day before
Break**

Jan. 3 School Re-opens

Principal's Message

I would like to thank the service men and women, family and community members who attended our **Call to Remembrance** on November 9th. At a moving presentation organized by Mme. Isert and orchestrated by LT students, we were fortunate to have two special guests address everyone assembled. Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Gash took time to give a historical overview of Canada's role in both combat and peace keeping missions over the past one hundred years. Retired Air Force Captain Dan McIsaac, a descendent from the Cree First Nation, spoke about the role of Indigenous people in Canada's war efforts over the years and sang a verse of the Honour Song. The message both men expressed were congruent with the theme of peace in the poems read by students and the song sung by Mr. Bohaychuk. Several guests commented on the respect shown by LT students during our assembly. That is a testimony to you – the parents/guardians and the LT community at large. Thank you.

Harvey Beaton
Principal

Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal Assembly

Leslie Thomas students assembled in our school gym on October 23rd to celebrate Mi'kmaq Heritage month. Theresa Meuse our school Aboriginal Student Support Worker and Shalan Joudry treated students to a performance of the honor song, traditional drumming and storytelling. Each homeroom class had worked displayed on the gym wall which honored Mi'kmaq history and the traditional teachings. Students took part in a gallery walk after the assembly to view the work done by all the classes.

School Clothing

Can't think of a gift? How about LT clothing? Order forms and sample sizing are available in room #302 at lunch. Lost the form? Download a copy from the LT website. Clothing orders and money are due to Ms. Nelson no later than Thursday, November 22. We want to be sure orders arrive before the Christmas break!

Students of the Month



Every month staff members nominate students at each grade level to be LT's Students of the Month. Students may be nominated for a variety of reasons ranging from being good LT citizens to making a contribution to the school or community. Administration select the monthly winners, a male and female from each grade level. Each winner at grade 6 gets a certificate, a Leslie Thomas nylon tote, and a \$5 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Each winner at grade 7 and 8 gets a certificate, a Leslie Thomas portable power device, and a \$5 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Congratulations to the following Students of the Month!

	September	October
Grade 6	Piper Harrington and Liam Kenne	Jonas Vincent and Madelyn O'Brien
Grade 7	Abby Lewis and Zach Murphy	Landon Smith and Charlee Bauer
Grade 8	Meaghan Belanger and Alex Nelson	Ty MacLaughlin and Maranda Jessome

Intramural Hockey

Leslie Thomas Intramural Hockey starts Tuesday, November 20. The cost is \$70 for ten weeks. The program will include a best four of seven game series along with three to four skill development sessions. The focus is on fun, supporting each other, and improving basic hockey skills. Interested players can contact Mr. Hulshof at mhulshof@hrce.ca

Breakfast Program

At 8:30 am LT offers breakfast each morning free of charge for any interested students. If your youngsters don't get a chance to eat at home in the morning, they can enjoy a range of breakfast foods at school including juice, fresh fruits, yogurt, cheese, cereal and toast.

A Message from SchoolsPlus: Holiday Season

The weather is getting cooler and now our thoughts turn to the upcoming Holiday Season. Christmas can be a difficult time for many people. *Feed Nova Scotia*, in partnership with various churches and associations are looking to help. If your family or someone you know could use some Christmas assistance this year, please make sure to register early.

- **The Salvation Army Church** at 51 Metropolitan Avenue will be doing Christmas Assistance registration every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm starting November 7th till December 12th.
- You can also fill an application through **Beacon House Food Bank** at 470 Cobequid Road.
- Make sure to bring along a piece of id for each family member in the household.

For more information, contact **Lynda Brake, SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker**, at 902 497-9589 or lbrake@hrce.ca

Turkey Dinner



Working with our food service provide, MC Food Service Solutions, LT is offering students a Christmas dinner with all the trimming – including milk and dessert, for the low, low price of \$5.00. The meal will be served on **December 13th**. In order to ensure we are able to serve all who are interested, we will be selling tickets in advance every day during the week of December 3rd.

Yearbook 2018

We are pleased to announce that we will be producing a school yearbook for 2018-19. To make the book affordable, we had to make a few changes to the publication. While the finer details are still being worked out, we are able to commit to the price of the book being under \$20, and ordering the book can be done online. Once we have the specifics figured out, we will communicate the information through a school ALERT message. A Leslie Thomas Yearbook order might be an option for a stocking stuffer this Christmas!

LTJH School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is a group of parents, students, community members, teachers and support staff who are an advisory body to the principal. We recently participated in a professional development opportunity provided by the HRCE and learned of some of the changes that have taken place with regard to the role of SACs in our province. The SAC at LT has already had one meeting and parent member, Michelle Wright, was nominated as Chair. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

Regional Executive Director's Monthly Report

Have you ever wondered what public school really looks like in 2018? Are you curious to learn about what teachers do on professional development days? Do you wish you could hear from students about what they need in order to find success in school? The answers to these questions (and more!) can be found in the HRCE Regional Executive Director's Report for October: <http://bit.ly/REDreportOct>

This report brings life to the powerful work happening in our schools and classrooms. The goal is to demonstrate the positive impact on student achievement through stories and videos featuring student and teacher voice. Great work must be showcased and celebrated – and all HRCE families are invited to celebrate these successes! The HRCE is always looking for story ideas that matter to families. What are you curious about? If you have a story idea, reach out to connect@hrce.ca.

Video Surveillance

Just want to remind any visitors to Leslie Thomas that we have video surveillance cameras on site. They provide an added security feature.

Student Supervision

We want to remind families that supervision of students does not occur until 8:30 am. Students should not be arriving on school property before that time. At the 2:50 dismissal, students are supervised while waiting for their buses. Walking students should be going directly home; there is no supervision of the gaga ball pit before or after school.

School Closure

It's time to think about winter and how it may impact school closures. The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools and regional offices in the event of severe or inclement weather. Please note that Leslie Thomas Junior High is part of the Sackville High Family of Schools. It is the goal of the HRCE to make the decision **as close to 6 a.m. as possible**. Here are a few ways you can find out:

- Check the HRCE website at www.hrce.ca
- Follow HRCE on Twitter at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the information line at [902-464-INFO](tel:902-464-INFO) (4636)
- Listen to your radio (all local radio stations are informed)
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations on the HRCE website

