



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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Emergency Drills

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Leslie Thomas Junior High School and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

Two of the procedures our school will be practicing are a Hold & Secure and a Lockdown drill. During Hold and Secure external doors are locked (secured) and no one leaves or enters the school. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

In both situations, students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill or Hold and Secure. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

We completed a fire drill this week, our first Lockdown Drill is scheduled for next week and the Hold and Secure drill will take place the following week.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Calendar of Events

September 20-24 – Curriculum Event

September 24 - PD Day (No classes)

September 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day (No Classes)

October 11 – Thanksgiving

October 22 – Professional Development Day (No Classes)

November 11 – Remembrance Day (No Classes)

Curriculum Event

Here is a link to the Curriculum Event webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/mmemacilreith/lt-virtual-curriculum-event>

The webpage lists our teacher with their subject areas located underneath their names. Simply click on the subject and you will be taken to the curriculum document. This would be a great opportunity to review these documents with your child(ren).

At the top you will see general information regarding Integrated Learning Time (ILT), Grade Level evaluation information, an article on Why Reading is Important, and our Plan for Communicating Student Learning.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the teacher.

School Zone Speed / RCMP

We would like to remind our school community, that for the safety of our students, the speed limit in a school zone is 30 km/h. Earlier this week, the RCMP were set up in our school zone and stopped several vehicles who had exceeded the 30 km/h speed limit. To ensure the safety of our students, they do plan on returning and issuing tickets if drivers are exceeding the 30 km/h school zone speed limit.

Online SchoolCash Payment System : <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/>

We are asking all of our families to please register for the online payment system. We will be setting up future payment options to allow families to pay online for various fees, products and services such as athletic fees, school trips, guest speakers, pizza orders, etc.

Student Fees

This year, LTJH choose not to collect student fees at the beginning of the year. With the return of athletics, field trips, guest speakers, and other student activities, fees will be collected to pay for these activities when needed. If we do require fees, LTJH will try to subsidize these costs as much as possible, but you may see costs that seem higher, and this will be because we did not collect student fees at the start of the year.

Lunch Monitors

We are looking for several lunch monitors for this school year. Lunch will be from 12:00 – 1:00. If interested please contact Principal Ferguson at dferguson@hrce.ca . You can also apply for this position on the HRCE website at the following location: <https://www.hrce.ca/employment>.

All applicants will be required to provide a current Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search.

Nova Scotia Homework Hub:

The **Nova Scotia Homework Hub** will is now open for tutoring. **Grade 7-12 students** will have access to tutoring every week, on school nights (Sunday to Thursday), from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. **Grade 4-6 students** will have access to tutoring every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Homework Hub also provides students with video tutorials, practice exercises, vocabulary flash cards, digital math textbooks and an online graphing calculator.

Students and teachers are automatically enrolled in the NS Homework Hub. Tutors are Nova Scotia qualified mathematics teachers, and this is a free service.

Please see below for the NEW posters for 2021/22.

[Grades 7-12 English](#) & [Grades 7-12 French](#)
[Grades 4-6 English](#) & [Grades 4-6 French](#)