

LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

Home of the Lions

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Weather Network – Leslie Thomas Junior High



March Break

Reminder that March Break is March 13-17 and all classes will be canceled.

Leslie Thomas Junior High: Please note that Monday, March 20 is an Assessment & Evaluation Day. Classes will resume on March 21.

Calendar of Events

March 13 – 17 - March Break No Classes

March 20 – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

March 30 – PD Day in the AM – Parent Teacher in the afternoon from 1pm – 3pm and evening (No Classes)

April 7 – Good Friday (No Classes)

April 10 – Easter Monday (No Classes)

May 11 – School Dance

May 15 - Immunizations

May 22 – Victoria Day (No Classes)

Parent /Teacher Meetings: Are scheduled for March 30th for both the afternoon and evening sessions.

Library "100 Dollar Dash" Fundraiser February 14-23:

The "100 Dollar Dash" will be finishing March 2. It is set up as a race between homerooms to see who can raise the most money. There are two prizes, one for most money raised overall and one for most money raised per student in the class. Students have selected a fictional character to represent their class. There is a display of the race in the grade 6 hallway. So far, we have raised over \$700 which we can spend at Tattletales and Tattletales will often add additional funds.

January Students of the Month

Grade 6: Riley MacMillan, Petra Rankin

Grade 7: David Hayford, Jack Ramsay,

Grade 8: Matthew Roy, Lucy Burke

Breakfast Program Volunteers

The LT Breakfast Program has acquired a second toaster and have 3 blenders. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the breakfast program to increase the number of students we service. We are hoping volunteers will support us with serving toast once a week and potential smoothies on a second day. The times would be from 8:20 to 9:20. Parent volunteers will require the necessary HRCE background checks which include:

In accordance with Nova Scotia's Provincial <u>Volunteer Background Check Policy</u>, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

- 1. A completed Child Abuse Register Request for Search Form, which can be found here
- 2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available here, from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.

Joint Accessibility Plan

The Nova Scotia Accessibility Act recognizes **accessibility as a human right** and sets a goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. You can learn more about how the province will achieve this goal <u>here</u>.

Nova Scotia's seven regional centres for education and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are responsible for developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. Together, we created a Draft Joint Accessibility Plan, outlining **how we will provide accessible learning and teaching experiences for all, in every aspect of education**. We're now looking for feedback from Nova Scotian families and staff in our organizations.

This is a reminder that we are inviting you to review our draft plan and provide input through *ThoughtExchange*. Tell us what works, what needs improvement and what we might be missing. It's quick, easy and anonymous. You can read and rate the thoughts of others – and contribute as often as you like.

How to get started

- <u>Click here</u> to review the Draft Joint Accessibility Plan in English. <u>Click here</u> for French.
- Click here to share your feedback using ThoughtExchange.
- If you prefer to share your feedback by email, click here.

This consultation will run until March 8, 2023.

Did you know? Halifax Regional Arts

Did you know that Halifax Regional Arts (HRA) gives opportunities to all HRCE students to have enhanced fine arts experiences?

Did you know that all programming, including all instruments, supplies, and materials are FREE?

HRA provides fine arts experiences, including music, drama, dance and visual arts. Each family of schools has at least one HRA Fine Arts Specialist (Visual Arts, Drama, Dance) that have reached nearly 53,000 students since September!

Curious to learn more? Visit https://hra.hrce.ca/

LTJH - Math Extra Help at Lunch

Our 7 & 8 Math teachers believe it is important to provide multiple opportunities a week to support our students with extra Math support. Students requiring or wanting extra help can attend any of the following lunchtime sessions regardless of who is their Math teacher.

Monday – Madame MacIlreith Tuesday – Mr. Deveau Wednesday – Madame MacIlreith Thursday – Mr. Denny

Nova Scotia Homework Hub:

The **Nova Scotia Homework Hub** 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.