



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

September 3, 2019

Families,

We are excited to be welcoming students to the new LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary on **Friday, September 6.**

The final preparations leading to opening are taking place this week. Earlier today, the building was inspected by the Office of the Fire Marshal and it, "meets fire and life safety requirements"; air and water quality testing has been completed and meet all regulations; and staff from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education have been in the building for the past few weeks ensuring the school is clean and the technology is ready to go.

Even though the building is safe for occupancy and we will be ready to open later this week, there will still be ongoing work taking place over the next few weeks to complete the project. This commonly occurs with new school construction projects and we will be working closely with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and school staff to minimize any impact on the daily routine.

Attached is a note from the principal with some information regarding the plan for the first day of school.

Opening a new school is tremendously exciting and I am sure anticipation to visit and explore the new space is growing. We are planning an opportunity for families to see the building in conjunction with curriculum night and the ice cream social on **Thursday, September 12.** We would ask that you wait until then to take a tour as our priority will be ensuring the students and staff have everything they need for a successful opening.

Welcome back and best wishes for a successful 2019-2020 school year.

Jacob Ritchie
Director of Operations

c: Moira Cavanaugh, Principal, LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first day of school is fast approaching. We are looking forward to a great year in our new space! Every minute until opening day is booked with meetings, professional development and preparing our new space for your child(ren).

The first day of school is Friday, September 6. It is a full day of school. School hours are on our website at <https://lmt.hrce.ca/>

Logistical items we would like to share with you:

8:40 am teachers will be on duty each morning.

There are two doors on the playground side of the building.

South West side door: Our **Grade 3-6** students will be entering and exiting the building each day from this door. (This side door is closest to Watt Street)

North West side door: Our **Primary-2 including 2/3 C** will be entering and exiting the building each day from this door. (This side door is closest to the field)

On Wednesday and/or Thursday afternoon your child's teacher will be contacting you. The teachers will introduce themselves and ask you a few questions so opening day goes smoothly.

- Will your child be staying for lunch, going home etc. each day? Alternatively, what days will they be staying?
- Who will pick your child up at the end of each school day? (bussing, daycare, parent, babysitter etc.)
- Other pertinent questions depending on the age of your child.

Grades P- 2 (including 2/3 C): your child's teacher will be carrying a coloured balloon to identify themselves on the playground on the 6th. Look for the balloon to find your child's

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teacher on opening day. Your child's teacher will tell you which colour to look for on Wednesday.

Grades 3-6: each grade 3-6 teacher will be holding a clipboard with their name on it to help identify them on opening day.

Cafeteria Services: Stay tuned for information from MC Food Services on lunch options for your child. Until then please pack a full lunch for your child(ren).

There are still some details to finalize around pick up/drop offs, play areas, etc. We expect to share this information with you no later than Thursday. Our September newsletter will be going home Friday via email and posted on our website.

Thank you and see you on Friday, September 6th! Merci Beaucoup et à vendredi!

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