



**MORELL CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, 2022**

Dear Families of MCS Students:

The fall season is upon us and that means the weather is starting to get cooler. Please ensure students are dressed for the outdoors (hats, mitts, & lined splash pants are great items to have in their bags) Congratulations to the participants in the Provincial Cross country Meet. Many of our students participated and made valuable contributions to their teams' achievements. The Bantam Boys were the 2nd place team. Our Intermediate Ball season has wrapped up and the Intermediate Soccer Teams are into playoffs. The volleyball team is playing hard. Our grade 5/6 soccer team had the opportunity to play in Montague last week.

Already this year our students are demonstrating growth in their reading, writing, math and related skills. The teachers and support staff are working hard to provide an environment in which everyone can do their best. Please continue to communicate with your child(ren)'s teacher on a regular basis. Communication between home and school is a big part of children's success in school. Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up in late-November. More information regarding scheduled times will follow.

Be sure to look for emails and Facebook posts to follow events and activities happening in the school. Should you ever have a question, concern, or compliment related to your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

~Michaela Oliver
Principal

HALLOWEEN:

Grade 6, 7 & 8 students are invited to a Halloween Dance on Thursday, Oct. 27th from 7-9pm. Music provided by DJ Hype. Admission is \$7. Canteen treats available for \$2 each.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in costume on Monday, Oct. 31st. Costumes must be appropriate for school. No face masks that cover the entire face or any weapons, please. We ask you **not to send treats to school**. Instead, we will be offering a bag of chips, a small treat and a juice for a suggested **donation of \$2.00** towards our families in need at Christmas time. We know that the students will get lots of treats when they are out trick or treating on Halloween.

HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

The Halloween Curfew for the Morell Area on Halloween Night, Monday, Oct. 31st, is 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SKATES:

With the opening of the Morell Rink for the season, we are planning some school skates. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of these skates. If you can help, please contact the school. We appreciate the support of generous community individuals, businesses and organizations.



Important Dates For November

Oct. 31st	Halloween Activities (as per email Oct. 19th)
Nov. 2nd	Token Order Day
Nov. 3rd & 4th	PEITF Annual Convention/CUPE Annual Convention – No Classes
Nov. 10th	Lifetouch Picture Retakes/Sibling Picture Day
Nov. 10th	Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 11th	Remembrance Day (No Classes)
Nov. 15th	Free Pizza Day sponsored by Earth Rangers Battery Blitz
Nov. 22nd	First Term Report Cards Home
Nov. 21st – 25 th	Scholastic BookFair
Nov. 24th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening)
Nov. 25th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Day) No Classes

HOT MEAL SCHEDULE:

Pizza will be available every Tuesday for students to order. Milk is also available to students daily. We have both chocolate and white milk.

PIZZA & MILK TOKEN DAY ORDER DAY:

We will be operating a **Pizza & Milk Token System** this year. In order for our Lunch Program to run smoothly, tokens **must** be purchased on Token Order Day as money **will not** be accepted on a daily basis this year. On **Wednesday, November 2nd** and on the **1st Wednesday of each month**, parents are asked to determine the amount of each item needed for the month and send in their order with payment. **Please clip and use the order form for November which is included in this newsletter.** (If you do not have a printer at home, just write your order on a piece of paper and include all the information that is requested on the form.) It is suggested that this come in an envelope or baggie which can then be used to place the tokens to go home. Please make sure that your **child's name & grade** are on the order form.

If your child is out of school on the day the tokens are being sold (or forgets to take the order to school), please **call in your order to the office on that day** and your order will be processed and can be picked up and paid for at the school office when your child returns to school. Token Order Day will always be on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** unless it is a holiday or a storm day. Tokens would then be sold on the next school day.

CLIP & SAVE:

White Milk Tokens @ \$.50 each - \$2.50 for 5, \$5.00 for 10, \$7.50 for 15 and \$10.00 for 20
Chocolate Milk Tokens @ \$.80 each - \$4.00 for 5, \$8.00 for 10, \$12.00 for 15 and \$16.00 for 20
Pizza Tokens @ \$2.50 each - \$12.50 for 5, \$25.00 for 10, \$37.50 for 15, \$50.00 for 20

FREE PIZZA DAY:

On **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, all students will be treated to **one free slice of pizza** by Call2Recycle for their participation in the Battery Blitz. Continue to send in any used batteries up to Nov 15 so we can win cash prizes for our school! (additional pieces can be ordered with a token)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTESTS:

Remembrance Day Contest Entries (posters, essays & poems) are due on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. Please **ensure the registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian** in order to be entered in the contest.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

In observance of Remembrance Day, there will not be any school on **Friday, November 11, 2022**. We hope staff and students will attend a Remembrance Day Service to honor all the veterans who have fought for peace for our country.

PEITF ANNUAL CONVENTION/CUPE ANNUAL CONVENTION:

There will not be any school on **Thursday, Nov. 3rd and Friday, Nov. 4th, 2022** as teachers and non-instructional staff will be attending their Annual Conventions.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY:

Lifetouch will return for retakes on **Thursday, November 10th**. Siblings may also be photographed on this day. **Please Note: Any students who were absent on the first picture day, will be able to get their picture taken on this day as well.**

SCHOOL CLOTHING ONLINE STORE:

We will have more information about school clothing very soon. Once again, we will be having an online clothing store and it will run for 2 weeks once a date is set. We will have many of the same items available as last year (hoodies, t-shirts, shorts) and some new ones too (toques, drawstring backpacks, new styles of hoodies)! Morell Consolidated will get 15% of the proceeds from all sales. You can choose to ship your order to the door or have it delivered to the school. If you are ordering as a Christmas gift then please email jetraer@edu.pe.ca and we can hold the order at the school so your child doesn't see it ahead of time.

REPORT CARDS:

First Term Report Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 22nd**. If you do not receive your child(ren)'s report card(s), please contact the school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The **Morell Consolidated School Book Fair** will take place in our school library during the week of **November 21st to November 25th**. Students will have the opportunity to view and /or purchase books at specific times during the school day on Nov. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. All students are encouraged to fill out a ballot for the chance to win \$25 of free books for yourself and \$25 for your classroom. The book fair will also be open during Parent-Teacher Interviews. (Nov. 24th in the evening from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. and on Nov. 25th in the morning from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.). This year there will be a **virtual book fair option as well**. Parents will be provided a link where they can view all book fair items and order on-line. All proceeds from the virtual book fair will go towards our school totals. The link will be provided on our Facebook Page and school website on the day that our Book Fair begins. This is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Desi Doyle at 902-961-7340. All purchases from the book fair will help to build our school library! Let's get reading!!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday evening, November 24th and Friday, November 25th during the day**. Appointment times will be sent home with the students. Should a particular time not suit your schedule, feel free to email your child(ren)'s teacher asap. Due to the Parent/Teacher Conferences there will not be any classes on Friday, November 25th.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! We love to see new faces, so please let us know if you have any time that you could volunteer to help out.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. Parents are encouraged to support the completion of homework and to contact the teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES:

Christmas can be a very stressful time of year for many families and if you are in a position that may allow you to help out a fellow MCS Family, then please feel free to do so. We are currently accepting gift cards or a monetary donation. If you are a family that may need a little help this coming season, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school counsellor (Ms. Michelle Palmer) to be added to the list. We are happy to help where we can!!

CUTLERY & WATER BOTTLES:

Please send these in with students as we are not able to provide cutlery and water bottles.

LOST & FOUND:

We have quite a collection of items building up in our main lobby! Please notify the teacher or office if you are aware of any lost items as many children do not seem to remember if the item is theirs or not. We will continue to post pictures on Facebook so parents can help identify items. Please continue to look there, claim the item and the item will be delivered to your child's class.

HEAD LICE:

We would like to remind you as a precaution, to please continue to check your child(ren)'s head(s) for head lice. Should you find that your child does have head lice, please contact your pharmacy or public health (687- 7049) for information/recommendations on treatments. You should also inform us at the school so that we may prevent further spread. Students may return to school after they have been treated provided they are free of live lice.

WINTER WEATHER:

Occasionally weather conditions may cause cancellation or delay of school classes. Parents are asked to listen to the radio in the mornings for such announcements. Our school is in the Public Schools Branch and in the Morell Family of Schools. On days that there are delays students are to arrive according to the times indicated on the radio - teachers will not be available early to supervise students prior to these times. Please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child(ren) on such days or on days when we are forced to return home early due to weather conditions. **If traveling arrangements for these days are going to be different for your child, please be sure that the homeroom teacher is aware of this.**

SAFE/LATE ARRIVAL:

Please call the school by 9:00 a.m., if your child is not attending school on a particular day. The district is tracking attendance and teachers must record attendance twice daily. **The reason for absentees must also be recorded.** When contacting the school, **the main office phone number is 902-961-7340.**

Please ensure your child is in their classroom before 8:40 a.m. Instructions start at 8:40 a.m. and it is hard for teachers to make up instructional time.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PERMITS:

In order for your child(ren) to be picked up or dropped off at a different location than their normal pick up or drop off location, a School Bus Transportation Permit must be completed by the administration at the school office and given to the bus driver. Therefore, you must send a bus note to the school with your child and include the following information: Your child's Name, Bus Number or Name of the driver of the bus that they will travel on, Pick Up Civic Address and/or Drop Off Civic Address.

Jeri Munro, Vice-Principal
Michaela Oliver, Principal

NOVEMBER TOKEN ORDER

How Many	Coupon	Total for this item
	Pizza Tokens @ \$2.50 =	
	Chocolate Milk @ .80 =	
	White Milk @ .50 =	
	Total Submitted	

Student's Name _____
Grade/Class _____