

PARENT NEWSLETTER



JUNE, 2023

Dear Families of MCS,

What a wonderful year it has been with no interruptions in our school year. We certainly appreciate the return to “normalcy”, with academics, athletics, music and art. We are looking forward to getting as much student learning as possible completed before the end of the year. We are also looking forward to getting to know our new kindergarten students this early in June, enjoying some year end field trips and celebrating our grade 8 graduates. The grade 8 students have worked hard with their teachers and we wish them all success in their transition to Morell High.

At this time, we would like to thank those who made the school year such a successful one! Thanks to many volunteers with the Breakfast Program and especially Jenny Dunn who took on the role as Coordinator. Thanks to Shara Kenny & Erin McKenna who filled coupon orders each month. We appreciate Dan Hughes who volunteers three mornings a week to support students’ academically. Thanks to staff and community who volunteered to coach so students had an opportunity to play on school teams. Thanks to community groups, organizations, businesses and individuals for their continued financial support of Morell Consolidated.

Wishing students, parents and staff a wonderful summer!
Ms. Michaela Oliver

Important Dates for June

June 2nd	Kindergarten Orientation 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. There will <u>not</u> be any school for this year’s kindergarten students on this day.
June 7th	Token Order Day
June 7th	Spring Concert 6:30 pm
June 12th	Grade 6 - Students will release salmon at Mooney’s Pond
June 14th	Grades 4 & 5 - Going for a hike on the Greenwich Trails (Raindate: June 16th)
June 19th	Grades K- 3 Trip to Shining Waters (Raindate: June 20th) Grades 4 - 7 Trip to Sandspit (Raindate: June 20th)
June 22nd & 23rd	Gr. 8 Trip - Halifax
June 26th	Grade 8 Closing Ceremony 7:00 pm (by invite only) K - 7 Final Report Cards Pizza Day - Please note change in day
June 27th	K-2 Trip to Kings Castle (tentative) Grades 3 - 7 Trip to Camp Emmanuel (tentative)
June 28th	Last Instructional Day For Students Hotdog Day - Free Hotdog/student

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:

On **Friday, June 2, 2023**, the students who will be entering Kindergarten in September, 2023 will spend 2.5 hours at Morell Cons. Parents are asked to drop their child off at 9:00am and pick their child up at the front door of the school at 11:30am. **Please Note: This year's Kindergarten Students will not have any school on Friday, June 2nd.**

SPRING CONCERT:

It's time to "Spring into Summer" with our spring concert! The students have been working super hard over the past months to showcase their musical talents for all of you. The spring concert will take place on **June 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Students currently in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Mario, video game, or cartoon character. Students in grades 3 through 6 are encouraged to dress for the spring season. Admission by donation to the music program. We appreciate your continued generous support towards the music department.

K - 3 End of Year Trip:

On Monday, June 19, 2023, (Raindate: Tuesday, June 20th) the K - 3 students will be going to Shining Waters in Cavendish for their year end trip. Permission Forms will be sent home soon. **Note:** Students must bring a brown bag lunch that does not require a microwave. Meals will not be available through the School Food Program for students on field trips.

Grades 4 - 7 End of Year Trip:

On Monday, June 19, 2023, (Raindate: Tuesday, June 20th) Grades 4 - 7 will travel to the Sandspit in Cavendish for their end of year trip. Permission Forms will be sent home soon. **Note:** Students must bring a brown bag lunch that does not require a microwave. Meals will not be available through the School Food Program for students on field trips

Grade 8 End of Year Trip:

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Grade 8 students will be going to Halifax for an overnight trip to visit various attractions. Permission Forms will be sent home soon. **Note:** Students will have meals provided through funds raised/paid. Meals will not be available through the School Food Program for students on field trips.

GRADE 8 CLOSING:

We will hold our Grade 8 Closing Ceremony on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Invitations will be sent home with the students.

LAST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY FOR STUDENTS:

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 is the last day of school for students this year. This will be a full day.

THANK YOU:

As you know, we had some contract teachers and educational assistants filling relief positions at Morell Consolidated during the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to say a big thank you to the following teachers: **Chris Outhouse** (KA) and **Marcy Lesperance** (Gr 3) for the great job that they did as replacement teachers at Morell Consolidated. Also, a special thanks to two relief educational assistants, **Mallory Wilkie & Tammy Quinn** who joined our staff during the year. Thank you all very much for your dedication and commitment to our students and staff! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - 2023-2024:

For the upcoming school year, the cost of school supplies for all grades at Morell Consolidated School will be covered by the PEI Government. Parents do not need to request supplies - they will be here ready for each student in September. Some grades will require headphones and a calculator which are not included. Parents will still need to supply their children with lunch bags, backpacks, indoor sneakers, and a water bottle.

For younger students, it is a good idea to label their belongings, and send a change of clothes with them in their backpacks. This helps them to feel more comfortable in the event of an accident, spill, or fall.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:

This

past year, the Morell & Area Early Learning Center and the Morell Consolidated School have been the target of vandalism and theft. We certainly feel the school and playground are part of the community and have no issue when community members use the facilities after hours. We love to see young people being physically active and enjoying our equipment. However, we are disheartened when outdoor toys are broken, equipment is stolen, and users leave their cans, broken bottles, garbage and dog waste behind!

This breaks our hearts (and our bank accounts). Most recently, the daycare was vandalized for a third time so they were forced to purchase their own security cameras. The school's set of hockey nets recently disappeared forcing us to buy two more nets this year at a cost of near \$500.

We are encouraging MCS family and community members **to use, but not abuse**, our playgrounds. We have video surveillance covering some areas of the grounds but we would love to inform the community of the importance of working together to protect our school grounds. As a school, we try to educate our students in making good choices and we are hoping parents could share the same message with their children and the school community.

PIZZA & MILK TOKEN DAY:

On **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th**, 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 June 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 in 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.

JUNE 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 _____

HOT MEAL PROGRAM:

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

Please Note: Our **last pizza day** will be held on **Monday, June 26th**. Therefore, **students must bring a lunch on Tuesday, June 27th**. We will also have a **Hotdog Day on Wednesday, June 28th**. Each student may order a **free hotdog**.

HOMEWORK:

As we enter into the month of June, the weather will be getting warmer and nicer. We would like to remind students to continue to work hard and to complete all homework assignments and pass them in on time.

LIBRARY BOOKS:

Students are reminded to return any library books that they may have at home to the school library by **Friday, June 16th**.

UTENSILS & WATER BOTTLES:

Students bringing lunches to school which require forks & spoons are asked to bring your own. Our staffroom has a limited supply. With the weather gradually getting warmer, students will be required to have a water bottle as all fountains have been disabled due to COVID protocol.

LOST & FOUND:

Students are asked to check the Lost and Found for any items that they may be missing. Items not claimed by **Wednesday, June 28th** will be donated to a used clothing store.

SUNSCREEN & HATS:

We would like to remind students that they should bring sunscreen to school with them now. Also students should wear hats when outdoors for any length of time. Please **do not** send sunscreens or fly sprays that contain **peanut/nut oils**.

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Home and School News - June 2023

1. Hold Elections in June

June is an excellent time to hold Home and School Association election of officers to allow your new Home and School Association's executive time to prepare for the new school year in September. Those who have completed their terms, should ask another parent or teacher rep to fill in their place. Invite parents having children in K-3 to volunteer. If you need guidance, contact the Federation office at 902-620-3186 / ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

2. Congratulations Provincial Heritage and Science Fair students!

In recognition of students' excellent work, the PEI Home and School Federation awards specialty prizes in the PEI's Heritage and Science Fairs. Congratulations to:

Science Fair winners:

- Will Pop really rot my teeth? Isaac Ramsay, Bloomfield Elementary
- Should you trust the 5-second rule? Amelia Hayward, Cardigan Consolidated

Heritage Fair winners:

- Haven McCormack, The McCormack Roots Gr. 9, Belfast Consolidated
- Henry Etchell, Doucet House Descendant Gr. 6, L.M. Montgomery Elementary

3. Parent Engagement Project Reports

Reports for completed Home and School Parent Engagement Projects are due in the Federation office on May 31. Contact the office, if you require more information at ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

4. School Calendar 2023-2024

The 2023-2024 school calendar is posted online at:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2023-2024-school-calendar>

5. Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees

The Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on Monday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Queen Charlotte Intermediate School. Find the agenda and minutes on the PSB website at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/board-meetings-and-minutes>.

6. Guardian Home and School news column

PEI Home and School Federation president, Dionne Tuplin, writes a monthly column for The Guardian newspaper, published on the first Friday of the month during the school year. The June article will be posted on June 2 at [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://www.peihsf.ca/news)

7. Learning continues over the summer months

Encouraging summer reading is a way to keep your child's mind active over the summer. Your library card provides you and your child with a plethora of resources.

[eBooks, Audiobooks & Online Resources | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

<https://thereadingschool.ca/summer-2022-reading-list-for-kids-with-canadian-links/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/how-encourage-summer-reading-parents-guide>

8. 2020-21 Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs Survey

New data released about student substance abuse. Follow this link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canadian-student-tobacco-alcohol-drugs-survey/2021-2022-summary.html>

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HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S BUS INFORMATION

To find your child's bus information for September please check online at the following website: psbousing.princeedwardisland.ca


Busing/Student information will not be available until mid-late June 2023.
The Transportation Services department is available to assist even in the summer months.

1. Click on 

Parent Portal

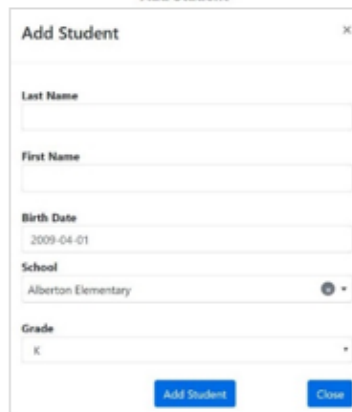
2. If you already have an account created, log in as normal and proceed to Step 4. Otherwise you will need to click [Create Account](#) and enter an email address.

3. Check your email inbox for an email from PSB Busing and follow the instructions to confirm your account and create a password. **Please remember this information for future reference.**

4. Once you are logged in click on 

Add Student


5. You will need to enter in the following information:

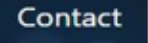


The screenshot shows a web form titled "Add Student" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields:

- Last Name:
- First Name:
- Birth Date:
- School: (dropdown menu)
- Grade: (dropdown menu)

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Add Student" and "Close".

6. Next, click on  This will display your child's transportation details.

7. If you see information that needs to be changed, added or that you believe is incorrect, please click  on the banner near the bottom of the site and fill in the requested information.