

PARENT NEWSLETTER



MORELL CONSOLIDATED

MARCH, 2023

Morell Cons. Families,

February was a short month with a few snow days and two weeks for Canada Games. I hope families enjoyed the break and took in some of the games or enjoyed some family time.

The staff continue to work hard for your students. Above and beyond the regular duties, the staff have started preparing report cards, planning for Parent-Teacher interviews, organizing a book fair, supporting students with science fair, and organizing badminton tryouts. Students participated in Pink Shirt Day Activities and are looking forward to a Winter Wellness Day skate at the Morell Credit Union Rink. All these are happening because they are very important in your children's education and the staff are willing to do whatever it takes to help you and your children reach their full potential.

We continue to value the support from parents and community members with all our endeavors.

Michaela Oliver, Principal

THANK YOU:

The staff would like to thank the individual families and the Home & School who brought in treats during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for March

March 8th	Token Order Day
March 14th	Grade 8 Grad Photos
March 16th	Home & School Meeting
March 17th	Winter Wellness Skate
March 21st	Second Term Report Cards
March 21st - 24th	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
March 23rd	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening)
March 24 th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Day) – No Classes
March 27th	MCS Science Fair
March 30th	Newsies: The Musical

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

If you missed the Kindergarten Registration, and you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in September, 2023, you are asked to register your child at his/her local school as soon as possible. **Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023.** Morell Consolidated is located at 7755 St. Peters Road, Morell, PE. **Proof of your child's age (photocopy of Birth Certificate & PEI Health Card) and verification of home address (such as current utility bill) are required. If you are not sure which school zone you live in, or if you have any questions, you may contact us at 902-961-7340.**

GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICTURES:

The Grade 8 students will have their Graduation pictures taken on **Tuesday, March 14th**.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Appointment times will be sent home with your child(ren) on **Thursday, March 16th**. Every attempt has been/will be made to accommodate parent time schedules; however, as you can appreciate, there are a limited number of evening appointments available. Due to the conferences there will not be any school for students on Friday, March 24th.

REPORT CARDS:

Report Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, March 21st**. If you do not receive your child(ren)'s report, please contact the school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Morell Consolidated will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the school library from Tuesday, March 21st until Friday, March 24th. Students will have the opportunity to view and / or purchase books at specific times during the school day. The book fair will also be open during Parent Teacher Interviews. (March 23rd in the evening from 6 -8 and on March 24th in the morning from 9 - 11:30 a.m.) 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. If there are any questions

regarding the book fair, feel free to contact Desi Doyle @ 961-7340.

PIZZA & MILK TOKEN DAY:

On **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th**, 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 March 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 comes 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.

MARCH TOKEN ORDER

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

Student

Grade/Class

PLEASE 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

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.

LDAPEI Tutoring Services:

The Learning Disabilities Association of PEI has recently begun delivering its tutoring services in the community of Morell. Our tutoring programs include reading, math, or more individualized programs. All programs are done on a one-on-one basis by individuals with a background in education. For more information on programs, availability, rates and subsidies, please visit ldapei.ca or contact us at info@ldapei.ca. Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on LDAPEI's current activities.

MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCIENCE FAIR:

The Morell Consolidated School Science Fair will take place on **Monday, March 27th** (Storm Date – Tuesday, March 28th). Students in Grades 4, 6, and 8 will be participating in the fair. Finalists from the school fair will advance to Provincials which will take place on Wednesday, April 12th (Storm Date - Thursday, April 13th) at UPEI. We plan to have a time for parents to view the Science Fair projects. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

COLONEL GREY PRESENTS NEWSIES: THE MUSICAL:

Students in grade 1 - 8 will travel by bus to the Confederation Center of the Arts to watch a live performance of "Newsies" on **Thursday, March 30**. More information regarding cost to follow.

MCS HOME & SCHOOL MEETING:

Our March Home & School meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 16th at 6:00pm** in the library. All are welcome to attend.

MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SPORTS

We have wrapped up the Gymnastics season and want to congratulate all of our athletes on a job well done both at the Zone Meet and Provincials.

Badminton practices will start up this week:

Bantam (Gr. 7 & 8) - Tuesdays(Boys) & Thursdays (Girls) from 3-4pm.

Novice (Gr. 5 & 6) - First week, both boys and girls on Wednesday. After that, Mondays (Boys) & Wednesdays(Girls) from 3-4pm.

Permission slips will be sent home this week. Competition for Badminton will take place in early April.

Attention Parents/Guardians:

Dental Preventative Clinic at Morell Consolidated School starting April 3, 2023.

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher.

Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the School Dental Care Program.

Contact: If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 902-368-4918.

Further Information: Please note that only preventive services will be provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Provincial Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

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Home and School News, March 2023

1. 70th AGM & Conference

Mark your calendar! The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is pleased to announce that our *Knowledge, Collaboration, & Success for the Next Generation* A.G.M. & Conference 2023 will take place on **Saturday, April 15**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER ONLINE or at <https://peihsf.ca/agm> by midnight on March 24, and your name will be entered into the Early Bird Draw for an overnight stay at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel.

SPEAKERS

- Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
- Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor

- More speakers from Student Well-Being Teams and the Dept. of Education's new Diversity lead, Debbie Langston

More info will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> or call us at 902-620-3186.

2. NEW Annual Report submission deadline - March 10

To allow more time following the school break, the deadline to submit Annual Reports has been extended to **Friday, March 10**. Every Home and School Association is asked to submit a report for inclusion in the Federation's annual Book of Reports. Remember! You are writing a piece of the history of Home and School in P.E.I. [Click here to use the NEW President's Google 2023 Report Form](#) or email a **word doc** to Kelly at: info@peihsf.ca

3. Review Proposed 2023 Resolutions

Proposed resolutions have been circulated to Presidents. Please discuss these resolutions at your next Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. Review 2023 resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/>

4. Volunteer / Life Membership Awards

A Home and School volunteer is recognized annually for their efforts in their local school with the Steve McQuaid Volunteer of the Year. In addition, a Life Membership is recognized when deemed appropriate with this person's contributions, locally and provincially. You are invited to review the awards' criteria and submit nominations by March 9. Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

5. Board of Directors Nominations

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across the island. It is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates from member Home and School Associations. Every year at the annual meeting, elections are held for vacant positions on the board, and members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. You can access the 2023 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

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