

PARENT NEWSLETTER



MORELL CONSOLIDATED

FEBRUARY, 2023

February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the halfway point of the school year draws near, the school staff is having conversations about all the learning that is happening in the classrooms and at home. Students are certainly making progress and we appreciate their efforts at school and your support at home. Students are currently participating in extracurricular activities such as Intermediate Basketball, Fun & Fitness, Gymnastics Clubs, Art Club and Badminton will be starting soon. Many of our younger students are enjoying the winter weather and related activities so be sure to send appropriate clothing. I appreciate your continued understanding and support. As always, reach out with any questions or concerns.

Michaela Oliver, Principal

Important Dates For February

Feb. 1st	Token Order Day
Feb. 2nd	Zone Gymnastics meet for Gr.3-8 at Montague Consolidated
Feb. 11th	Provincial Gymnastics meet for those who qualify - Kensington Int.
Feb. 14th	Pink T-shirt Day (Anti Bullying Day)
Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day - Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 15th	Flag Day - Dress in Red & White
Feb. 17th	Winter Wellness Day - Mini Canada Games & School Skate Sponsored by Morell Lions Club
Feb. 20th	Islander Day - No Classes
Feb. 21st - 24th	Canada Games - No Classes
Feb 27th - Mar. 3rd	Mid-Term Break - No Classes

VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST:

The breakfast program will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Thanks to the donors and volunteers who make these opportunities possible.

PINK T-SHIRT DAY:

Pink T-Shirt Day will be held this year on Tuesday, February 14th (officially Feb 22 but we will not be in school) The slogan for this year is Be Kind: Lift Each Other Up. This year we will be selling MCS Pink T-Shirts for \$15. Order forms will be sent home this week and orders are due back by Friday, Jan. 27. The logo for these shirts will be posted on our facebook page. We welcome staff, students and parents to purchase. [📄 Pink Shirt Day Order Forms 2023](#)

SCHOOL SKATE:

The provincial government has declared **Friday, February 17th** as Winter Wellness Day. We are planning a Mini Canada Games (indoor and outdoor sporting events) and have planned another skate at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Thanks to *Morell Lions Club* for sponsoring the skate.

Gr. 6, 7 & 8 - 12:30 - 1:15 pm
Gr. K, 1 & 2 - 1:15 - 1:45 pm
Gr. 3, 4 & 5 - 1:45 - 2:25 pm

ISLANDER DAY:

The provincial government has declared **Monday, February 20th** as Islander Day. This is a statutory holiday; therefore, there will not be any school for staff or students on this date.

CANADA GAMES - FEBRUARY 18TH - MARCH 5TH:**LOST AND FOUND:**

We ask you to remind your child(ren) to check the lost and found at school for any clothing items they may be missing. Parents are also welcome to come in to check for missing items.

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 travelling arrangements for these days are going to be different for your child, please be sure that the homeroom teacher is aware of this.

Also, a reminder now that the weather is much cooler, please ensure that students come to school suitably dressed for outdoor activities at recess and noon.

HEAD LICE:

Parents are reminded to check their child(ren)'s heads on a regular basis for head lice. Should you find any live lice or nits, your child should be treated. Students may return to school after they've been treated and there is no sign of any live lice.

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:

On **Wednesday, February 1st** 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 February 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. 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.

FEBRUARY 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 _____

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

Jeri Munro, Vice-Principal
 Michaela Oliver, Principal

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM - We need you!

Big Brothers Big Sisters have been building our programming back toward pre Covid levels. Our **In-School Mentoring Program** provides children with a role model and friend to talk to right in their own school. Bigs and Littles will share experiences, stories and have fun for an hour every week.

The benefits of mentoring aren't just social! This one-to-one relationship also fosters increased educational engagement and mental health & wellbeing by:

- Providing a role model and friend for children;
- Promoting the importance of staying in school and healthy relationships with family and peers;
- Instilling trust and self-confidence to make healthy decisions;
- Encouraging leadership skills and independent thinking;
- And above all, making a difference while having fun!

It takes just one hour a week to make a BIG difference. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with contact us today. We will provide training and materials. All we need is YOU!

Please contact **Myron Yates** at Big Brothers Big Sisters for more information.

myron.yates@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

902-368-7760

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD:

At the back parking lot of The Dr Roddy Center, 5549 Rte 2, St Peter's Bay there is a Community Cupboard and it will be open every Friday from 9 am to 2pm.

The side door will be unlocked and have a sign on it. We only have non perishable items but hope to add fruits, vegetables, milk and yogurt in the near future.

Please take grocery bags with you and take what you need and please close the door on your way out as no one will be monitoring this.

If this time doesn't suit, please call 902 961 2268 and let us know when would be better.

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024 Reminder:

The Public Schools Branch would like to remind parents of eligible kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year to register your children as soon as possible.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government issued ID to verify proof of the child's age. Examples may be:
 - Birth Certificate
 - PEI Health Card
 - Passport
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten** sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the Spring of 2023.