



**MORELL CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER, 2022**

Dear Families of MCS,

It has been wonderful to have the students back this month. Students are settling into their classes, building relationships with classmates & staff and are adjusting to back to school routines. It was wonderful to meet some of our families at Meet the MCS Team. If you missed the opportunity to meet our team, check out our Facebook “Virtual Meet the MCS Team”. We look forward to working together throughout the year.

Our intermediate students are lucky to be participating in Intermediate Soccer, Volleyball and Baseball. Our grade 3 - 8 students are training for Cross Country and our grade 5 & 6 students are able to participate in an after school soccer club. Intramurals, Active Start, Choir and Rock Band are all getting started for those interested.

The PEI School Food Program is providing some very delicious options. As well, students are enjoying Domino's pizza on Tuesday. The school breakfast program started this week. It will offer breakfast 5 days a week, provided we have enough volunteers and funds to do so. A big thank you to Jenny Dunn for offering to coordinate this program. If you are interested in supporting the program, all volunteers are required to submit a Criminal Record Check prior to working in the school.

Ms. Michaela Oliver
Principal

Important Dates for October

Sept. 29th	Grade 8 Cavendish French Fry Cart & Hotdog Fundraiser Truth & Reconciliation Day - Grades 4 - 8 will travel to a ceremony at Abegweit First Nation in Scotchfort All students and staff are encouraged to wear an Orange Shirt
Sept. 30th	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation - No School
Oct. 3rd	LifeTouch School Pictures (Grades K - 8)
Oct. 4th	Cross Country Meet School Meet(Gr.s 3-8) Raindate: Oct. 6th
Oct. 5th	October Token Order Day
Oct. 6th	Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm
Oct. 7th	Professional Learning Day - No Classes
Oct. 10th	Thanksgiving - No Classes
Oct. 11th	Cross Country Zone Meet - Raindate: Oct. 12th

Oct. 21st	Joint Staff Professional Development Day - No Classes
Oct. 22nd	Cross Country Provincial Meet (Rain or Shine)
Oct. 27th	Grade 6 HPV Immunizations

Hot Meal Schedule:

Pizza will be available for students to order every **Tuesday**. (A Pizza Token must be turned in by 9:00 a.m. each Tuesday in order to receive pizza on that day.) Milk is also available to students daily. We have both chocolate and white milk.

Pizza & Milk Token Order Day:

On **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**, 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 OCTOBER 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 orders come in an envelope or baggie which can be returned home with tokens. 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

Cavendish Farms Fry Day:

The Grade 8 class will once again be hosting a Cavendish Farms French Fry & Hotdog Day on Thursday, Sept. 29. Order forms went home with students to pre-order hot dogs and fries, at a cost of \$2.00 each. The event is once again open to the community between 11:30-12:30 in the school parking lot. The grade 8 class appreciates your support.

Truth & Reconciliation Day:

Students in grades 4 - 8 have been invited to attend Abegweit First Nation's Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony "Breaking the Silence" on Thursday, September 29th at 1:00pm. Students will travel by bus and the Low Risk Activity Forms signed by parents will cover this event. All attending are asked to wear their Orange Shirts.

There will be no school on Friday, September 30th as we recognize the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

School Pictures:

LifeTouch School Pictures will be taken on **Monday, October 3rd**. Picture **Retakes** will occur on **Thursday, November 10, 2022**. Students who were absent on October 3rd, will also be able to get their pictures taken on November 10th. Grade 8 Graduation Pictures will be taken in the spring.

Home & School:

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to our first Home & School Meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 pm. With the hope that COVID will have less of an impact this year, we hope that we can have monthly or bi-monthly in-person meetings. It would be wonderful to see some new members and perhaps some interest in joining the executive. If you have any comments, compliments, questions or concerns, Home & School Meetings are a great chance to discuss them!

Cross Country School Meet:

The MCS School Cross Country Meet will take place on **Tuesday, Oct 4** for students in grades 3- 8. (Raindate: Thursday, Oct. 6)

Cross Country Zone Meet:

The Zone Meet for Cross Country will take place on **Tuesday, October 11th** for those students who qualified at the school meet. (Raindate: October 12)

Cross Country Provincial Meet:

The Provincial Meet for Cross Country will take place on **Saturday October 22nd** (Rain or Shine) for those students in grades 3- 8 who qualified at the Zone meet.

COVID Update:

CPHO has issued a 5 day mandatory isolation period from the time a person develops symptoms of COVID-19 or from the date a person tests positive, whichever is shorter. A person can stop isolating after 5 days if they have no symptoms or if their condition improves with no fever in the past 24 hours. CPHO recommends wearing a mask for the next 5 days in indoor public spaces, including schools. Parents and students are asked to do their best with masking compliance in public settings in the 5 days after leaving isolation.

Test kits are available upon request at the Main Office.

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.

Attendance:

The PSB Student Attendance and Engagement procedures were paused for the past two years due to COVID. With the hope that COVID will have less of an impact this year, there is a need to unpause the procedure with some changes. It will still be important for students to stay home if they have COVID and when they are sick. However, regular attendance is important to school success and school staff need to take steps to intervene when there is an attendance concern that is impacting student learning. As such, the 406.1 Attendance and Engagement Operational Procedures have been updated.

The changes to the attendance procedures allow teachers and administrators to use their judgment when acting on student absences. The shift will be to absences that are concerning to the teacher and are impacting student learning, rather than being automatically triggered at 5, 10, 15, 20 absences.

Future Newsletters:

The school newsletters will be sent to you by email on the last Wednesday of each month. If you have not provided us with an email address, please send one in to the school as soon as possible. If you do not have an email address or access to a

computer, please let us know and we will send you a printed copy of the newsletter. Our monthly newsletters will also be included on our website each month at: www.edu.pe.ca/morellcons/ We also ask you to join the Morell Consolidated Official Facebook Page as this will contain our newsletter along with other important information.

Michaela Oliver, Principal
Jeri Munro, Vice-Principal

OCTOBER COUPON 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 _____



Public Schools Branch Morell Consolidated School Calendar 2022-23

September	October
1 Orientation Day for Teachers (No Classes) 2 Professional Learning Day (No Classes) 3 Joint Staff Professional Development Day (No Classes) 5 Labour Day (No School) 7 First Instructional Day for Students 16 Terry Fox Walk 29 Orange Shirt Day 30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (No Classes)	3 LifeTouch Photography School Photos 7 Professional Learning Day (No Classes) 10 Thanksgiving Day (No School) 21 Joint Staff Professional Development Day (No Classes)
November	December
3 PEITF & CUPE Annual Convention (No Classes) 4 PEITF & CUPE Annual Convention (No Classes) 10 Picture Retakes 11 Remembrance Day (No School) 22 First Term Report Cards 24 Parent Teacher Interviews (evening) 25 Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes)	14 Christmas Concert 15 Christmas Concert Storm Date 20 Last Instructional Day for 2022
January	February
2 Statutory Holiday (No School) 3 First Instructional Day for 2022	TBD Pink Shirt (Anti-Bullying) Day 17 Winter Wellness Day 20 Islander Day (No School) 21-24 Canada Games 27-28 Mid-term Break
March	April
1-3 Mid-term Break 21 Second Term Report Cards 23 Parent Teacher Interviews (evening) 24 Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes) TBD Grade 8 Grad Photos	7 Good Friday (No School) 10 Easter Monday (No School) 21 School Goals Day (No Classes) TBD School and Provincial Science Fairs
May	June
5 Area Association Professional Meeting Day (No Classes) 19 Professional Learning Day (No Classes) 22 Victoria Day (No School) 25 Welcome to Kindergarten	2 Kindergarten Orientation 27 Final Report Cards TBD Grade 8 Closing 28 Last Instructional Day 30 Last Day for Staff

