



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

MORELL CONSOLIDATED

APRIL, 2023

Dear Families of Morell Consolidated;

With the February Break and the second term now behind us, our focus turns to completing all the school work we possibly can before the end of the school year. The staff are reviewing the learning outcomes yet to be accomplished and planning for a successful pathway to the end of this grade for your children. The third term is often the most successful for students because they have received regular and constructive feedback on their learning for the past seven months and understand the expectations from the teachers. We look forward to seeing all that can be accomplished in the next three months.

We look forward to starting to plan year end field trips and the Grade 8 closing to celebrate a successful academic year.

Ms. Michaela Oliver

## Important Dates For April

April 3rd	Dental Clinic Arrives
April 3rd	Badminton <b>Bantam</b> Zone Qualifier - Singles Only - 4pm @MRHS
April 4th	Badminton <b>Novice</b> Zone Qualifier - Singles 1pm, Doubles 4pm @MRHS (Storm Date: April 11)
April 5th	Token Order Day
April 5	Grade 7 & 8 Attending a Band Trip with Morell High School
April 6	Easter Seals Hot Dog Fundraiser \$2/hotdog
April 7th	Good Friday – No Classes
April 10th	Easter Monday – No Classes
April 12th	Provincial Science Fair
April 18	Badminton <b>Novice</b> Zone Finals - Singles 1pm, Doubles 4pm @MRHS (Storm Date: April 19)

April 19	Badminton <b>Bantam</b> Zone Finals - Singles 1pm, Doubles 4pm @Souris Regional (Storm Date: April 21)
April 21st	School Goals Day - No Classes
April 25 - 29	Badminton Provincials in Charlottetown Area - more info to follow

**MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS:**

If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, the safest method would be by phone (902)-961-7340 as sometimes messages sent by email don't always arrive in our inboxes on time. This is **especially important for a bus change or if your child is being picked up instead of going home on the bus.** If you do send an email, please ensure that you receive confirmation that it has been received.

**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.

**PIZZA & MILK TOKEN ORDER DAY:**

On **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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 April 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.

We ask parents to send **one order per family and pay by cheque**, if possible, (payable to Morell Consolidated School) in order to limit the amount of cash that has to be handled. Tokens will be usable all year so there is no problem carrying them over from one month to the next. **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.

**APRIL TOKEN ORDER**

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

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

**GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY:**

There will not be any classes on Friday, April 7th (Good Friday) and Monday, April 10th, 2023 (Easter Monday).

**PROVINCIAL SCIENCE FAIR:**

The Provincial Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 12th. Congratulations to those who placed at the school level.

Grade 4		
1st	Mora McKenna	Lemon vs. Spuds Power Up
2nd	Henry Hatton / Daniel Comeau	Ghost Paper
3rd	Nicky Hansen/Vincenzo Trombetta	Laminar Flow

Grade 6		
1st	Addison MacDougall / Klara Compton	Fun to Fizz
2nd	Mara MacEwen	Scraps and Craps
3rd	Seamus Runighan	RAS Technology

Grade 8		
1st	Elliot Drake / Mason MacEwen	Shoreline Protection
2nd	Annabelle MacInnis	Keep it Fresh
3rd	Aiden Dunn / Rylan Dunn	Tea Minus....3...2...1

**SCHOOL GOALS DAY:**

There will not be any school on Friday, April 21st as staff will be participating in a School Goals Day.

**HOMEWORK:**

As we enter into the month of April we will, hopefully, see some nice spring weather. We would like to remind students to continue to work hard and to complete all homework assignments and pass them in on time.

## Scents in Workplaces:

We have seen an increase in concerns related to scents in the workplace. For many people when exposed to the ingredients in scented products it can adversely affect their health. People with allergies and asthma report that certain odors, even in small amounts, can cause asthma and/or other symptoms. The pertinent policy can be found here [604 Scented Products and Fragrances.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Some examples of scented products not to be used are perfumes, colognes, body sprays, scented oils, scented laundry detergents, diffusers, scented hand soaps and incense.

Please ensure all staff and students are aware and communicate to visitors if/when they occupy the site or building(s). As reminder this policy is in place for the protection of everyone.

Thank you for your care and attention,

School Safety Services

## ONLINE SAFETY COMMUNICATION:

In today's fast-paced digital world, our children have access to a wealth of information and social connections at their fingertips. While the internet has undoubtedly opened up new opportunities for learning and communication, we also know it's possible to create unwanted potential risks to their well-being and safety if not properly monitored. Take a few moments to remember the importance of monitoring children's online activities, including their social media usage and mobile phone interactions.

To ensure kids get the most out of their digital experiences while staying safe, here are a few helpful tips to guide you:

**Open Communication:** Encourage open dialogue with your children about their online experiences. Discuss the potential dangers, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, and inappropriate content, and emphasize the importance of being cautious and responsible online.

**Set Boundaries:** Establish clear rules regarding screen time, social media usage, and the types of content your children are allowed to access. Encourage them to make good choices and be respectful of others online.

**Stay Informed:** Familiarize yourself with the social media platforms and apps your children use. Understand their features, privacy settings, and potential risks, so you can guide your child in making safer choices.

**Monitor Activity:** Regularly review your child's online interactions, including their social media profiles and messages, to ensure they are engaging in appropriate and safe behaviour. This also allows you to identify and address any concerns promptly.

**Use Parental Controls:** Try parental control software to help limit your child's access to certain websites, apps, or content. This not only adds an extra layer of protection but also helps promote a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

By being proactive and involved in children's digital lives, we can help them enjoy the many benefits of the internet while minimizing potential risks. Let's work together to ensure a safe and positive online experience for our kids.

### **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS:**

The Annual Meeting will take place on **April 15th from 8:45am - 1:30pm** at the Rodd Charlottetown. If anyone is interested in attending, the Home and School will cover your registration fee. Please reach out to Kelsey MacIntyre or Shara Kenny. The annual meeting is where Resolutions are voted on. Each school can have 7 votes. Currently we still have voting spaces available. You can register and/or review the proposed resolutions on the PEI Home and School Federations website: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

We held a meeting on March 16th and were excited to welcome new members. We discussed current activities going on at the school as well as fundraising initiatives.

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for May 8th @ 6pm in the Library. New members are welcome. It's a great opportunity to find out what's going on in the school!

Kelsey MacIntyre

## **Home and School News, April 2023**

### **1. Is your school registered?**

**SIGN UP today for the 70th P.E.I. Home and School Federation Annual General Meeting & Convention.**

Date/Time: Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown

Fee: \$40 per person

**Each Home and School is asked to send 2-5 representatives** to this Milestone A.G.M. Please ensure your school is represented. **REGISTER ONLINE** (<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>) or call 902-620-3186.

### **2. AGM Round Table Topics**

**Topics:** Diversity, Student Well-Being, Home & School Successes/Challenges.

**Table Resources:** Debbie Langston & Andrea Garland, Diversity Consultants

Elizabeth Kennedy, Student Well-Being Team Lead Consultant

Sara Fletcher & Tina Cardiff, Family Support Workers, Bluefield & Montague Family of Schools.

**Guests:** Hon. Antionette Perry, Lt. Governor for P.E.I.; Minister or Deputy Dept. of Education, Federation Past Presidents, and more.

### 3. Resolutions

Three resolutions will be considered and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 15. Home and Schools are asked to review and vote on the proposed resolutions at your local meeting and select your voting delegates **who will attend the A.G.M., voting as directed by their Association. Voting should reflect the opinions of your school's parents, guardians, teachers, and staff.** Find proposed resolutions online at: [peihsf.ca/agm](http://peihsf.ca/agm)

### 4. School Bus Driver Award

[School Bus Driver of the Year Award](#) recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 5, 2023.](#)

### 5. National Volunteer Week, April 2023

Volunteering Weaves us Together! Let's celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected, vibrant community! Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent, and energy to support one another.

#NVW2023 #WeavingUSTogether

[NVW 2023 - National Volunteer Week \(NVW\) - Campaigns - Volunteer Canada](#)

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