



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

MORELL CONSOLIDATED

APRIL, 2024

Dear Families of Morell Consolidated;

With the March Break quickly approaching, students and staff are looking forward to some rest and relaxation. With the second term 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 (June 24) to celebrate a successful academic year.

Ms. Michaela Oliver

## **Important Dates For April**

March 22nd - 28th	Mid Term Break - No Classes
March 29th	Good Friday - No Classes

April 1st	Easter Monday – No Classes
April 3rd	Token Order Day
April 4th	Badminton <b>Novice</b> Zone Qualifier – Singles 1pm, followed by doubles @MRHS
April 5th	Dental Clinic Arrives
April 5th	Badminton <b>Bantam</b> Zone Qualifier – Singles 1pm, followed by doubles @MRHS
April 8th	Solar Eclipse – Schools Closing 2 Hours Early – Buses will load at 12:45 p.m.
April 9th	Provincial Science Fair @ Eastlink Centre
April 11th	Grade 7 & 8 Band days at UIPEI
April 11th	Badminton <b>Novice</b> Zone Finals – Singles 1pm, followed by doubles @ SRS
April 12th	Badminton <b>Bantam</b> Zone Finals – Singles 1pm, followed by doubles @ MRHS
April 18th	MCS Heritage Fair
April 19th	Professional Learning Day – No Classes
April 23 & 27th	Badminton Provincials (More info will be sent out to those who qualify): Novice – Tuesday, April 23rd @ Athena / Saturday, April 27th @ SIS Bantam – Tuesday, April 23rd @ KISH / Saturday April 27th @ SIS

#### 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.

#### GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY:

There will not be any classes on Friday, March 29th & Monday, April 1st, 2024 (Easter Monday).

#### 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 3RD**, 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

**SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8TH:**

Out of an abundance of caution for student and staff safety, the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing 2 hours early on Monday, April 8, 2024. Therefore, our buses will be loading at 12:45 p.m. to take the students home.

**PROVINCIAL SCIENCE FAIR:**

The Provincial Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at the Eastlink Centre. Congratulations to those who placed at the school level. The top 2 in Grade 4 and 6 will attend Provincials and the top 5 from Grade 8 will be attending.

Grade 4		
1st	Cohen Callaghan	Connor MacKinnon
2nd	Evan Compton	Eli MacIntyre
3rd	Ollie MacAdam	Isabella MacDonald

Grade 6		
1st	Julia Clinton	
2nd	Cohon Knox	Tadem MacDonald
3rd	Patrick Lyons	

Grade 8		
1st	Theo Hansen	
2nd	Kaden Jakubiec	Jensen MacDonald
3rd	Cameron Wilson	
4th	Porter Ludgate	
5th	Mack Gaudet	Cooper Larkin

**SCHOOL GOALS DAY:**

There will not be any school on Friday, April 19th as staff will be participating in a Professional Learning 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 a 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 71st Annual Meeting will take place on **April 13th 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 11th and were excited to have a nice turn out. The minutes were shared with the school community. We discussed current activities going on at the school as well as year end activities..

The next and final Home and School meeting is scheduled for **May 13th @ 6pm** in the Library. New members are welcome. It's a great opportunity to find out what's going on in the school!

### **Attention Parents/Guardians:**

**Dental Preventative Clinic at Morell Consolidated School starting April 5th, 2024.**

**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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