



**MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER, 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Teachers were thankful for the opportunity to meet and have meaningful conversations about your child(ren) at Parent Teacher Interviews. We continue to focus on learning and we have seen many successes as students and staff work together to master the foundational learnings for their subject and grade. This year the opportunities for extra-curricular activities have increased and we appreciate the participation of students in Band, Choir, Craft Club, Soccer, Ball, Basketball, Volleyball. We are eagerly preparing for our Christmas Concert, Christmas Dinner and other activities for the 12 Days of Christmas. Hard to believe we only have a few weeks until Christmas Break. !

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at mmoliver@edu.pe.ca or by phone with issues related to your child's education.

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the holidays with family & friends.
Michaela Oliver, Principal

Important Dates For December

DEC. 7th	TOKEN ORDER DAY
DEC. 8th	CHRISTMAS DINNER
DEC. 14th	CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 6:30 p.m. (STORM DATE - DEC. 15TH)
DEC. 15th	GRADE 6 - 8 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 6:00 - 8:00pm
DEC. 19th	CHRISTMAS SKATE 12:30 - 1:15 Gr. 6, 7, 8 1:15 - 1:45 - Gr. K, 1, 2 1:45 - 2:25 - Gr. 3, 4,5. Thanks to EA Engineering (Craig MacIntyre) for sponsoring the skate.
DEC. 20th	LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR 2022

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:

We will be operating a **Pizza & Milk Token System** this year. In order for our Lunch Program to run smoothly, tokens must be purchased on Token Order Day as money will not be accepted on a daily basis this year. On **Wednesday, December 7th** and on the **1st Wednesday of each month**, 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 December 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 are placed in an envelope or baggie which can then be used to return token orders. Please make sure that your **child's name & grade** are on the order form.

Tokens will be usable all year so there is no problem carrying them over from one month to the next. We will continue to honor tokens from last year until all are used. **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.

DECEMBER COUPON ORDER

Number	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

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE:

Grade K-6 students have begun preparations for a Christmas performance which will take place on **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.** (storm date: Thursday, December 15th).

SCHOOL SKATE – WE ARE IN NEED OF SKATES & HELMETS:

The school will be attending a skate on **December 19th**. On this day all students will be given the chance to skate for free. As a school, we are excited to offer this opportunity to all students. However, some of our students don't have their own skates. The school/rink has a small selection of skates & helmets. If you have an old pair of skates or old helmets kicking around that aren't being used, we could lend out to students who need them. Please drop them off or send them in with a student to be given to **Mr. Bauer or Mrs. Munro**. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

The last day of classes before the Christmas Break will be **Tuesday, December 20th**. Students will return to classes on **Tuesday, January 3rd**.

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 traveling 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.** (Hats, Mitts, Lined Splash Pants/Snow Pants and an extra change for younger students)

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and Found items will be displayed for the students to take what belongs to them. 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.

SEASON'S GREETINGS:

The staff of Morell Consolidated School extends to our students and their families, our wishes for a wonderful holiday. May Christmas bring you many joys and be a time for making lovely new memories. In the year ahead, may each of you have good health and much happiness. May we all have many reasons to celebrate at Christmas and throughout the coming year!

MCS Staff

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Date	Activity
Monday, December 5th	<p>On the 1st day of Christmas, all students and staff should wear their Santa/Christmas hats.</p> <p>Students will use their estimating skills to guess the number of Christmas Candies in the jar. Closest to the exact number from each class, wins a prize!</p>
Tuesday, December 6th	<p>On the 2nd day of Christmas, students will have a presentation from Patsy Dingwell of Farmers Helping Farmers. Then students will write letters to pen pals in Ndunyu Primary School in Kenya.</p>
Wednesday, December 7th	<p>On the 3rd day of Christmas, students and staff are encouraged to bring a food item for families in need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade K - canned vegetables • Grade 1 - canned fruit • Grade 2 - school snacks • Grade 3 - crackers • Grade 4 - cereal • Grade 5 - cookies • Grade 6 - pasta or rice (Kraft Dinner, Noodles, etc) • Grade 7 - personal hygiene item (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, etc.) • Grade 8 - sauces (spaghetti sauce, Alfredo sauce, cranberry sauce, etc) <p>Students will also enjoy a concert put on by The Solstice Brass Quartet which includes Mr. Bernard. It will be followed by a Q & A with the Quartet. (12:30pm)</p>
Thursday, December 8th	<p>On the 4th day of Christmas, students will enjoy a Christmas Dinner (turkey, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, cookie, & milk). (11:30am) Many thanks to those who offered food donations & offered to prepare and serve the meal.</p>

Monday, December 12th	On the 6th day of Christmas, students will participate in and provide the audience for the Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (10:30 - 11:30 am) . Great day to wear your Ugly or Nice Christmas Sweater or Dress in Red & Green .
Tuesday, December 13th	On the 7th day of Christmas, students will create some Christmas Art to help decorate the school/gym for the concert and/or students will create a Christmas Card for a special person. (Parents, grandparents, school volunteers, bus drivers, donors to school programs, veterans, seniors, volunteers in the community,...)
Wednesday, December 14th	On the 8th day of Christmas, Grade K - 6 students will perform our Christmas Concert at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:15 pm.
Thursday, December 15th	On the 9th day of Christmas, students will participate in a Christmas Jeopardy game with their class.
Friday, December 16th	On the 10th day of Christmas, students will participate in Christmas themed stations in the afternoon.
Monday, December 19th	On the 11th day of Christmas, students will enjoy a Christmas Skate sponsored by EA Engineering (Craig MacIntyre) . Students are encouraged to wear their Jersey for the day! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-1:15 Gr 6, 7, 8 • 1:15-1:45 Gr K, 1, 2 • 1:45-2:25 Gr 3, 4, 5 •
Tuesday, December 20th	On the 12th day of Christmas, students will read a Christmas Story and/or watch a Christmas movie . Great day to wear those Christmas Jammies and enjoy a treat , before the holidays begin.

PEI Elected School Board

Hello Parents/Guardians of Zone 7, Souris/Morell Family of Schools!

My name is Patty van Diepen and I'm very excited to be the School Trustee representing Zone 7 for the newly minted, elected School Board of PEI. There has been a fourteen year absence of elected school trustees on Prince Edward Island so this is terrific news.

My primary mandate is to listen to the concerns of parents/guardians from our family of schools and along with the valuable input from our educational staff, represent the needs of our children within the public school system. An elected school trustee means that someone (me!) who is from our area will be accessible to parents/guardians from our area, has a vested interest in children from our area, will have a seat at the table on the governing body-- School Board, to best advocate for our area.

I plan on attending Home and School and Parent Advisory Meetings to meet as many parents as possible and learn of what is happening at our schools!

Please feel free to contact me via email: pepsivandiepen@hotmail.com or by text/phone : 902-916-5322. You can also find me on Facebook!

I'm looking forward to serving the families and children of Zone 7, more commonly known as the Morell and Souris family of schools.

With Gratitude,
Patty

Home and School News, December 2022

Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by Jan. 20, 2023. Find all PEIHSF Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Resolutions = Positive Change in PEI's School System

You can effect positive change in PEI's school system through Home and School's resolution writing process. Home and Schools are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that affects the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. Federation advocacy policies focus on wellness, curriculum needs, health, school bus safety and more. Submit resolutions to the Federation office by Jan. 31, 2023. Submit resolutions to the Federation office by Jan. 31, 2023.

Find resolutions: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/>

Brief guide: [How to Write and Present a Resolution](#)

Find: NEW [USE this Fillable pdf Resolution FORM](#)

School Staff Appreciation Week 2023

School staff will be celebrated the week of February 12-18. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for showing appreciation to school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

 **Save the date...AGM, April 15, 2023** Book your calendars and plan to attend the PEI Home and School Federation's 70th Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 15, 2023, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details coming soon.

Other Community News....

Share your thoughts on building a National School Food Policy The Government of Canada is taking steps to build a national school food policy. When more children have healthy meals at school, it helps them learn and sets them up to reach their full potential. Government needs your input! Visit: [consultation web page](#) to read the discussion paper and share your views by Dec. 16, 2022. The input gathered through the questionnaire and other consultation activities will inform a national school food policy. More at: [Government of Canada launches consultations on a pan-Canadian school food policy](#); [Pan-Canadian school food policy – Discussion paper](#); [The Poverty Reduction Strategy](#); [The Food Policy for Canada](#)

 **Not-for-Profit Board Training Program presented by Holland College**

In order for executive/board members to be engaged and make meaningful contributions to a Home and School, they should take training to help with understanding a nonprofit's

mission, vision, and values. Holland College is offering a Board Training Course. The cost is: \$100 per person. If interested, find out more online at:

<https://hollandcollege.com/about/customized-training/board-member-training.html?fbclid=IwAR11xyoqe6BcOEDDq8ROliwyT8MsQYx9WAK9neys7X0qGw2ge3AKaFB3O6M>

 **International Volunteer Day is on December 5 annually**

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!

Shirley Smedley Jay

Executive Director

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