



**MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
PARENT NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER, 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Teachers were thankful for the opportunity to meet and discuss 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 after school Band, Ball Hockey, Art Club, Soccer, Ball, Volleyball, and currently Basketball. 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](mailto: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. 6th	TOKEN ORDER DAY
DEC. 7th	Twelve Days of Christmas Activities Begin
DEC. 13th	CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 6:30 p.m. (STORM DATE - DEC. 14TH)
DEC. 15th	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 Hatton Farms for sponsoring the skate.
DEC. 20th	CHRISTMAS DINNER
DEC. 21ST	GRADE 6 - 8 CHRISTMAS DANCE 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
DEC. 22nd	LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR 2023

## 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 6th** 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.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST TOKEN ORDER DAY IN JANUARY WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, SO PLEASE ORDER ENOUGH TOKENS TO COVER YOU UNTIL THAT 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 Concert which will take place on **Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.** (storm date: Thursday, December 14th). Doors will open at 6:15pm. Donations for the music program graciously accepted at the door.

### **SCHOOL SKATE - WE ARE IN NEED OF SKATES & HELMETS:**

The school will be attending a skate on **December 15th**. 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 **Friday, December 22nd**. Students will return to classes on **Monday, January 8th**.

### **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.

### **Home and School Update:**

**Cheese Fundraiser:** The cheese fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who sold cheese. As a school we raised \$3846!! We sold 641 gift packs of cheese.

**Cosplay:** We have been participating in Cosplay since the beginning of the school year and have deposited \$1431. This has been another successful fundraiser, and is ongoing.

We plan to use some of the funds we have fundraised to buy shovels for the students to use and paint 4 square games.

Watch for more details on a family friendly event happening in the new year!

**Next Meeting:** Jan 11, 2024 @ 6pm in the library, everyone is welcome to attend! We will be discussing ideas for Staff Appreciation Week coming up on Feb 12-16. If you have any ideas and are unable to attend, please reach out to Kelsey MacIntyre (902-316-1284).

**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
Thursday, December 7th	<p>On the <b>1st</b> day of Christmas, all students and staff should wear their <b>Santa/Christmas hats</b>.</p> <p>Drawing for the <b>Christmas Baskets</b> will be held at the end of the day. Good luck to all who supported the cause!</p> <p>Students will also participate in a <b>Christmas Music Bingo</b> game (12:30 -12:50 pm).</p>
Friday, December 8th	<p>On the <b>2nd</b> day of Christmas, students will read a <b>Christmas Story</b> and/or watch a <b>Christmas movie</b>. Great day to wear those <b>Christmas Jammies</b>.</p> <p>MCS will be selling <b>Christmas Ice Cream Treats</b> for \$2 with proceeds from the sale supporting <b>Christmas Families in need</b>.</p>
Monday, December 11th	<p>On the <b>3rd</b> day of Christmas, students and staff are encouraged to bring a food <b>item for families in need</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade K - canned vegetables</li> <li>● Grade 1 - canned fruit</li> <li>● Grade 2 - school snacks</li> <li>● Grade 3 - crackers</li> <li>● Grade 4 - cereal</li> <li>● Grade 5 - cookies</li> <li>● Grade 6 - pasta or rice (Kraft Dinner, Noodles, etc)</li> <li>● Grade 7 - personal hygiene item (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, etc.)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grade 8 – sauces (spaghetti sauce, Alfredo sauce, cranberry sauce, etc)</b></li> </ul> <p>MCS will be hosting a <b>Winter BBQ selling hotdogs for \$2</b> with proceeds from the sale supporting <b>Christmas Families in need.</b></p>
<b>Tuesday, December 12th</b>	<p>On the <b>4th</b> day of Christmas, students will participate in and provide the audience for the <b>Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (12:30 – 1:30 am)</b>. Great day to wear your <b>Ugly or Nice Christmas Sweater or Dress in Red &amp; Green.</b></p>
<b>Wednesday, December 13th</b>	<p>On the <b>5th</b> day of Christmas, Grade K – 6 students will perform our <b>Christmas Concert</b> at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:15 pm.</p>
<b>Thursday, December 14th</b>	<p>On the <b>6th</b> day of Christmas, students will have a presentation from <b>Patsy Dingwell &amp; Victoria Melish of Farmers Helping Farmers</b>. Then students will write letters to pen pals in Ndunyu Primary School in Kenya.</p>
<b>Friday, December 15th</b>	<p>On the <b>7th</b> day of Christmas, students will enjoy a <b>Christmas Skate sponsored by Hatton Farms (Thank you Mike &amp; Lynn Hatton)</b>. Students are encouraged to wear their <b>Jersey</b> for the day!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30–1:15 Gr 6, 7, 8</li> <li>• 1:15–1:45 Gr K, 1, 2</li> <li>• 1:45–2:25 Gr 3, 4, 5</li> </ul> <p>Extra skate tiers are always welcome for the younger students!</p>
<b>Monday, December 18th</b>	<p>On the <b>8th</b> day of Christmas, students will create a <b>Christmas Card</b> for a special person. (Parents, grandparents, school volunteers, bus drivers, donors to school programs, veterans, seniors, volunteers in the community,...)</p>
<b>Tuesday, December 19th</b>	<p>On the <b>9th</b> day of Christmas, students will also enjoy a concert put on by <b>The Solstice Brass Quartet</b> which includes Mr. Bernard. It will be followed by a Q &amp; A with the Quartet. (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)</p>
<b>Wednesday, December 20th</b>	<p>On the <b>10th</b> day of Christmas, students will enjoy a <b>Christmas Dinner</b> (turkey, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, cookie, &amp; milk). (11:30am) Many thanks to those who offered food donations &amp; offered to prepare and serve the meal.</p>
<b>Thursday, December 21st</b>	<p>On the <b>11th</b> day of Christmas, grade k – 5 students will participate in a <b>Christmas Sock Hop</b> in the gymnasium. Great chance to wear those <b>Christmas or red or green socks!</b></p>

	Grade 6 – 8 students from Morell Cons & Mt Stewart Cons. will have the opportunity to attend a <b>Christmas Dance</b> in the gymnasium from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Great chance to wear those <b>Christmas Outfits!</b> <a href="#">☰ Christmas Dance 2023</a> <a href="#">☰ Dance Guidelines 2023</a>
Friday, December 22nd	On the <b>12th</b> day of Christmas, students will participate in <b>Christmas themed</b> stations in the afternoon. 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Happy Holidays!  
MCS Special Events Committee

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### Home and School News, December 2023

#### **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. 19, 2024. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

#### **Affecting Change in PEI's School System**

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing Resolutions is available. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31, 2024.**

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> / [How to Write & Present a Resolution](#) / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

#### **School Staff Appreciation Week 2024**

School staff celebration, the week of February 12–16. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

#### **President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2023–2024**

Presidents/Co-Chairs Annual Reports are due Feb. 29. To help you get started, we suggest that you record each month's activities in a bulleted form list, beginning in September. Add what will be happening to finish out the school year, March to June. Collectively, you are writing the history of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. If you need help, contact us at: 902-620-3186 / [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca). And, we have a google form to help. Go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOInb3\\_QViM3zNjpR2ZdyjlnWDg98P05s3WCKbRCcxg/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOInb3_QViM3zNjpR2ZdyjlnWDg98P05s3WCKbRCcxg/edit)

#### **Save the date...AGM, April 13, 2024**

Book your calendars to attend the .PEI Home and School Federation's 71st Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 13, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details to come.

### Federation Board Nominations

Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Directors for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague and Morell families of schools; all are two-year term positions. For more info, contact the Federation office [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) / 902-620-3186.

### ADD this to your agenda...

1. Social Emotional Learning - Ask a teacher to talk about SEL
2. COMPASS survey - Ask your principal for a brief overview
3. AI Chatbots - Ask a tech-skilled parent or staff person to talk about keeping up with AI technology in the home and the school.

### Other Community News....

### 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/>

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION

The P.E.I. Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions will take place in person in PEI on April 20, 2024. Every child will receive a participation certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category will receive cash prizes and trophies. The 1st place winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 26, 2024. Parents/guardians can register for the 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Competition at [www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration](http://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration). All High school students 15 years and older are invited to be trained to be a Coach, Mentor or Tutor and gain community hours, while helping to make a difference in a child's life. They can email [coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca](mailto:coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca) for more information.

Note: Send community notices for next month's news by Dec. 18 to: [ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca)

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

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