



Morell Cons. Families,

February seemed to be a short month with a few snow days and some fun activities including skating, skiing and horse and sleigh rides. Hard to believe spring is just around the corner.

The staff continue to work hard for your students. Above and beyond the regular duties, the staff have started preparing report cards, planning for Parent-Teacher interviews, organizing a book fair, supporting students with science fair, and organizing badminton tryouts. Students participated in Winter Wellness Day, Winter Carnival and Pink Shirt Day Activities which are important in your children's education and the staff are willing to do whatever it takes to help you and your children reach their full potential.

We continue to value the support from parents and community members with all our endeavors.
 Michaela Oliver, Principal

THANK YOU:

The staff would like to thank the individual families and the Home & School who brought in treats during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for March

March 5th	Second Term Report Cards
March 5th	Grade 8 Grad Photos
March 6th	Token Order Day
March 7th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening)
March 8th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Day) - No Classes
March 5th - 8th	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
March 11th	Home & School Meeting
March 14th	MCS Science Fair

March 22nd - 28th	Mid Term Break (No Classes)
March 29th	Statutory Holiday - (No School)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

If you missed the Kindergarten Registration, and you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in September, 2024, you are asked to register your child at his/her local school as soon as possible. **Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024.** Morell Consolidated is located at 7755 St. Peters Road, Morell, PE. **Proof of your child's age** (photocopy of Birth Certificate & PEI Health Card) and **verification of home address** (such as current utility bill) are required. **If you are not sure which school zone you live in, or if you have any questions, you may contact us at 902-961-7340.**

GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICTURES:

The Grade 8 students will have their Graduation pictures taken on **Tuesday, March 5th**.

REPORT CARDS:

Report Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, March 5th**. If you do not receive your child(ren)'s report, please contact the school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Appointment times will be sent home with your child(ren) on **Thursday, February 29th**. Every attempt has been/will be made to accommodate parent time schedules; however, as you can appreciate, there are a limited number of evening appointments available. Due to the conferences there will not be any school for students on Friday, March 8th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Morell Consolidated will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the school library from Tuesday, March 5th until Friday, March 8th. Students will have the opportunity to view and / or purchase books at specific

times during the school day. The book fair will also be open during Parent Teacher Interviews. (March 7th in the evening from 6 -8 and on March 8th in the morning from 9 - 11:30 a.m.) All students are encouraged to fill out a ballot for the chance to win \$25 of free books for yourself and \$25 for your classroom. If there are any questions regarding the book fair, feel free to contact Desi Doyle @ 961-7340.

PIZZA & MILK TOKEN DAY:

On **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th**, 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 March 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 comes in an envelope or baggie which can then be used to place the tokens to go home. 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.

MARCH TOKEN ORDER

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

Student _____
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

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.

MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCIENCE FAIR:

The Morell Consolidated School Science Fair will take place on **Thursday, March 14th** (Storm Date -Friday, March 15th). Students in Grades 4, 6, and 8 will be participating in the fair. Finalists from the school fair will advance to Provincials which will take place on Friday, April 12th. We plan to have a time for parents to view the Science Fair projects at the school. More information will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

MCS HOME & SCHOOL MEETING:

Thanks to everyone who came out to our first Home and School event: Family Literacy night! We were blown away with the great turnout. And thank you to all those who volunteered their time.

Our March Home & School meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 11th at 6pm** in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Annual AGM: **April 13th** @ Rodd Charlottetown. For anyone interested in attending, reach out to Kelsey MacIntyre as we will cover the fees.

Thanks!!
Kelsey

MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SPORTS

We have wrapped up the Gymnastics season and want to congratulate all of our athletes on a job well done both in practice and at the Zone Meet. Unfortunately Provincials were canceled for this year.

Badminton practices are underway:

Bantam (Gr. 7 & 8) - Mondays & Wednesdays from 3-4pm.

Novice (Gr. 5 & 6) - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3-4pm.

Permission slips will be sent home this week. Competition for Badminton will take place in April.

PINK SHIRT DAY:

A big thank you to Mrs. Neitz and Ms. MacGregor for organizing our Pink Shirt Day activities. Students created posters and celebrated students performing acts of kindness throughout the month of February. Thanks to all students and staff who helped us reach our goal of 500 acts of kindness in February!

Home and School News, March 2024

School Calendar 2024-2025

To help families and school staff plan for the year ahead, the province has released the 2024-2025 school year calendar, which includes 182 instructional days.

Find the school calendar online at

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>

Mark your calendar --- 71st AGM & Conference

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is pleased to announce that its A.G.M. &

Conference 2024 will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER online at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

By the early registration deadline, **March 21**.

Ensure your school is represented.

Speakers will include Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Early Years, Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I., and round table experts, who will present on Suicide Prevention, Dept. Education's Inclusion Report, COMPASS 2023-24 Youth Survey

results, What is the role of an E.A.? What is Foundations? and Youth & Sports Nutrition.

2024 Resolutions

Proposed 2024 resolutions have been circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then

hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. 2024 resolutions are online at <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> For further information, call 902-620-3186.

Volunteer Awards

Do you know an amazing Home and School volunteer in your school? You can nominate this person for the Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award. This award

recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Submit nominations to the Federation office by March 8. Find details:

<https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Board of Directors Nominations

You can allow your name to stand for a provincial Home and School Federation two-year term? Vacant positions include President, Vice President, and Directors for the Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague, and Morell Families of Schools. The Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across Prince Edward Island and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the A.G.M. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Find the 2024 Nomination Form at:

<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Parental Involvement

In children's education, parental involvement is a broad term that can take many forms inside and outside school. So, what role do parents play in education? Depending on schedules, parents can help **their children by participating in school functions or obligations, advocating for the school and improving their children's schoolwork. Examples of getting involved at home include** helping with homework, modelling desired behavior, providing ongoing encouragement, monitoring homework completion, and creating a time and space for study.

Parents **can be more involved in their child's school by:**

- Communicating with teachers regularly
- Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews
- Helping with the governance of a Home and School

 **Great Big Crunch!** Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 7, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](#). Crunch to celebrate healthy school food. Find more info at:

<https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

 **Youth Vaping Workshop Opportunity on March 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at the Charlottetown Library. This session is open to parents/staff who work with youth. Participants will gain knowledge from local findings, share their own experiences, discuss opportunities to reduce youth vaping, and learn about mental health and addiction connections. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037>.

NOTE: Please add the above items to your Home and School Association meeting's agenda!

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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

The Kings County Gymnastics Club is offering an 8 week GYMNASTICS PROGRAM at Pavillon de l'est (French School) in Rollo Bay on Wednesday evenings starting March 6th.

There will be NO classes on Wednesday, March 27th due to March Break!

The program is offered to girls and boys ages 2-15. First class time is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for the 2-6 year olds and the second class time is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for the 7-15 year olds. The primary goal of the club is to offer the children FUN, FITNESS and FUNDAMENTALS of the sport of gymnastics. The Head Instructor is Darlene Grenier, a Level III certified gymnastics coach.

Registration fee is \$100.00 + \$40.00 insurance fee. The ins. fee is a once a year fee (Sept. 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2024). To register OR if you require further information, please contact Darlene via text or call at (902) 969-8209 or by email at dxgrenier@edu.pe.ca.

You MUST pre-register!!!