



PARENT NEWSLETTER

MORELL CONSOLIDATED

MAY 2023

Dear Families of MCS,

Happy Spring! It certainly is nice to see the sun and some signs of spring. Unfortunately that means some muddy days on the playground but fresh air and exercise are important!

Teachers are working hard to review and assess foundational learnings. Students are making progress with literacy and numeracy skills. Numerous students have had opportunities to participate in Badminton Meets, Science Fair, and will participate in the upcoming Heritage Fair. Spring sports such as Track & Field and Softball are starting soon. Mr. Bernard is working hard on the spring concert and students are learning new songs with the school band. Mr. Bauer is organizing a Pie the Morell Cons, Staff member in the face as a way to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart. Ms. Palmer & Mrs. Pridham-Brown have had great turnouts for the after school art club and students are creating interesting works of art.

The staff here at MCS continue to work hard to ensure the students are developing a broad skill set to prepare them for the challenges ahead. Students and staff are looking forward to a spring concert, year end field trips, and a grade 8 trip closing ceremony.

Ms. Michaela Oliver

Important Dates For May

May 1st	Grade 6 HPV Needles
May 3rd	Token Order Day
May 5th	Area Association Professional Meeting Day/CUPE Annual Convention No Classes for Students
May 8th	Home & School Meeting
May 12th	Provincial Heritage Fair
May 11	School Jersey and Grad Clothing Orders Due
May 18th	Grade 8 Cavendish Fry & Hotdog Fundraiser
May 19th	Professional Learning Day - No Classes for Students
May 17	Track & Field - Zone 4 Meet @ UPEI (Rain Dates: May 29th or 30th)
May 22nd	Victoria Day - No Classes
May 25th	Welcome To Kindergarten @ 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
June 2nd	Kindergarten Orientation - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There will not be any school for this year's kindergarten students on this day.
June 7th	Spring Concert @ 6:30pm

UTENSILS & WATER BOTTLES:

Students bringing lunches to school which require forks & spoons are asked to bring your own. Our staffroom has a limited supply. With the weather gradually getting warmer, students will be required to have a water bottle as all fountains have been disabled due to COVID protocol.

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 DAY:

On **WEDNESDAY, MAY 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 May 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.

MAY TOKEN ORDER

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

Student’s Name _____
Grade/Class _____

AREA ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL MEETING DAY:

Just a reminder that there will not be any school for students next **Friday, May 5th** as teachers will be attending the Area Association Professional Meeting Day and non-instructional staff will be attending their Annual Conventions.

TRACK & FIELD MEETS:

Zone 4 Meet @ UPEI - May 17th (Rain Dates - May 29th or 30th)

BADMINTON

Congratulations to all students who represented Morell Consolidated at the Bantam & Novice Badminton qualifying tournament as well as those who advanced to the Zone Finals.

GRADE 8 GRAD FUNDRAISER

The grade 8 class will be selling ADL cheese gift packs to help raise funds for their year end festivities. The cost of a 3 pack of Dairy Isle Cheese is \$20. Feel free to reach out to the school if you are interested in purchasing a pack. Email dwdoyle@edu.pe.ca for more information.

The students will also be hosting a Cavendish French Fry and Hotdog Fundraiser on Thursday, May 18. Each item will cost \$2. Orders will be taken starting May 15.

Save the Date: Grade 8 graduation will take place on **Monday, June 26 @ 7:00 pm**. Invitations will be sent home in June.

VICTORIA DAY:

There will not be any school for students on **Monday, May 22nd**, Victoria Day.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN:

Welcome To Kindergarten Orientation will be held for the children who will be entering Kindergarten in September, 2023 on **Thursday, May 25, 2023 @ 6:00pm - 7:15pm**. Parents and the new kindergarten students are both invited to attend.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:

On **Friday, June 2, 2023**, the students who will be entering Kindergarten in September, 2023 will spend two and half hours with the kindergarten teachers. Parents are asked to drop their child off at 9:00 a.m. and pick their child up in the front lobby of the school at 11:30 a.m.. Please bring a water bottle and morning snack. **(PLEASE NOTE: THIS YEAR'S KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE ANY SCHOOL ON JUNE 4th.)**

SPRING CONCERT - June 7th:

Students in Grade K-6 will participate in a Spring Concert on **Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 pm**.. This concert will be open to the public. The concert will feature one musical performance from each class including the Rock Band and Choir. The songs will be a combination of singing, dancing and instrumental arrangements. Students will be notified on what they are to wear for the performance in the next coming weeks.

SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDERS:

Order forms will be going home this week for our new MCS Jerseys. We are ordering some for our school teams to use when they are at events but thought we should offer students a chance to purchase their own. Jerseys (dry fit t-shirts) will cost \$25 and can be personalized with your last name on the back along the bottom for an additional \$5. Please see the attached links for a digital copy of the order form, picture, and sizing chart. Orders are due by Thursday, May 11th.

[MCS School Jersey Order Form 2023](#)

[MCS Dry Fit Jersey Sizing and Pictures 2023](#)

A notice also went home for grade 8 students regarding Grad Hoodie and Bucket Hat orders which are also due by Thursday, May 11th. Please see online copy below.

Grade 8 Only - [MCS Grad Hoodie and Bucket Hat Order Form 2023](#)

OUTDOOR CLOTHING:

We would like to remind parents that students should come dressed appropriately for outdoor recesses. This includes warm coats on cooler days, splash pants and rubber boots on rainy days.

LOST & FOUND:

Please remind your child(ren) to check the lost and found if they are missing any clothing, footwear, etc.

MCS Home & School News:

The mandate of the Home and School committee is to support academic, athletic, musical and various extracurricular opportunities. In order to provide these experiences, we do have to raise funds.

The Home and School committee has not done a fundraiser since 2019 and our funds are getting low. In lieu of asking the students to fundraise by selling something, the Home and School Committee are trying a different approach and asking families, if you can, to donate \$10 - \$20 or whatever amount you prefer to the Home and School so we can continue to help offset the costs of items that benefit our students (end of the year field trips, graduation, classroom materials, etc.).

All monies the Home and School fundraise go directly back to the school to benefit the students and staff.

Donations can be made by e transfer to homeandschool2023@gmail.com, sent with your child or dropped off at the school.

Thank you,
Kelsey MacIntyre
Morell Home and School President

PEI Home and School News, May 2023:

1. School Bus Driver Award

Nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school from September to June during the school year. Submission date: **Friday, May 5, 2023**

More at: [School Bus Driver of the Year Award - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://peihsf.ca)

2. Post-AGM

Thank you to Local Associations for attending the 70th Annual Meeting & Conference. The meeting's slideshows, round table summary, minutes, and resolutions are being posted on our website when finalized. Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

3. Public Schools Branch

The PSB Review of Schools Study Report is available and can be found under News & Updates at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates>

4. School Trustees Board Meeting

The Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. at Montague Regional High, 274 Valleyfield Road, Rte. 326, Lower Montague or via Webex at: [PSB Board of Trustees](https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates). Any member of the public who wishes to make a presentation to the Board must submit a written request to the Public Schools Branch by 4 p.m. on April 27, 2023 to: sxgauthier@edu.pe.ca. Call 902-368-6850 for additional information or to register to attend.

5. School Calendar

The Department of Education & Early Years released the 2023-2024 School Calendar, April 17. The first school day for students is Sept. 7. More at: [2023-2024 School Calendar | Government of Prince Edward Island](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/education/early_years/2023-2024_School_Calendar)

6. 70th AGM Report

PEI Home and School Federation president, Dionne Tuplin will include an AGM report in May newspaper column to be published on Friday, May 5 and online at: [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://www.peihsf.ca/news)

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