



February 2024

Dear MCS Families,

As the halfway point of the school year draws near, the school staff is having conversations about all the learning that is happening in the classrooms and at home. Students are certainly making progress and we appreciate their efforts at school and your support at home. Students are currently participating in extracurricular activities such as Intermediate Basketball, Gymnastics Club, Music & Ukulele Clubs and Badminton will be starting soon. Many of our younger students are enjoying the winter weather and related outdoor activities so be sure to send appropriate clothing. Thanks to the Home & School for the shovels which are designing some pretty neat snow forts! We appreciate your continued understanding and support. As always, reach out with any questions or concerns.

Michaela Oliver, Principal

Important Dates For February

Feb. 1st	Family Literacy Night 6:00 -7:30 pm
Feb. 3rd	Provincial Gymnastics meet for those who qualify - Kensington Int.
Feb. 7th	Token Order Day
Feb. 12 - 16th	Staff Appreciation Week
Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day - Pancake Breakfast
Feb. 16th	Winter Wellness Day - Winter Activities & School Skate Sponsored by Johnny's Service Center (Rachel & Chris MacLean)
Feb. 19th	Islander Day - No Classes
Feb. 20 - 23rd	Winter Carnival
Feb. 28th	Pink T-shirt Day(Anti Bullying Day)

SCHOOL SKATE:

The provincial government has declared **Friday, February 16th** as Winter Wellness Day. We are planning another skate at the Morell Credit Union Rink. Thanks to *Johnny's Service Center (Rachel & Chris MacLean)* for sponsoring the skate.

Gr. 6, 7 & 8 - 12:30 - 1:15 pm

Gr. K, 1 & 2 - 1:15 - 1:45 pm

Gr. 3, 4 & 5 - 1:45 - 2:25 pm

ISLANDER DAY:

The provincial government has declared **Monday, February 19th** as Islander Day. This is a statutory holiday; therefore, there will not be any school for staff or students on this date.

LOST AND FOUND:

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025:

The Public Schools Branch would like to remind parents of eligible kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year to register your children as soon as possible.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government issued ID to verify proof of the child's age. Examples may be:
 - Birth Certificate
 - PEI Health Card
 - Passport
 - Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten** sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the Spring of 2024.

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.

PIZZA & MILK TOKEN DAY:

On **Wednesday, February 7th** 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 February 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. 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.

FEBRUARY 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 _____

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.

Jeri Munro, Vice-Principal
Michaela Oliver, Principal

Home and School News, February 2024 **Presidents' Annual Reports**

President's Annual Reports are due **February 29**. All reports **will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports**. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year's [2023 Book of Reports](#) at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation's new [President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form](#). If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186

 **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

 **Home and School Volunteer Awards**

The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March 3**. Criteria and Form are online at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

 **SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024**

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 13, 2024**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?

Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It's a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child's education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

~Pink Shirt Day Canada 2024 is on February 28th Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness!

A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

~Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course = provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm 212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30; Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm. Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwcei@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.

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