



**MORELL CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER, 2023**

Dear Families of MCS Students:

The fall season is upon us and that means the weather is starting to get cooler. Please ensure students are dressed for the outdoors (hats, mitts, & lined splash pants are great items to have in their bags) Congratulations to the participants in the Provincial Cross Country Meet. Many of our students participated and made valuable contributions to their soccer, baseball and volley teams' achievements.

Already this year our students are demonstrating growth in their reading, writing, math and related skills. The teachers and support staff are working hard to provide an environment in which everyone can do their best. Please continue to communicate with your child(ren)'s teacher on a regular basis. Communication between home and school is a big part of children's success in school. Report cards and parent teacher interviews are being held in late-November. More information regarding scheduled times will follow.

Be sure to look for emails and Facebook posts to follow events and activities happening in the school. Should you ever have a question, concern, or compliment related to your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

-Michaela Oliver
Principal

Important Dates For November

Oct. 25th	Halloween Dance - Gr. 6, 7 & 8 Students
Oct. 27th	Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
Oct. 31st	Halloween Activities
Nov. 1st	Token Order Day
Nov. 10th	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov. 13th	In Lieu of Remembrance Day (No Classes)
Nov. 16th & 17th	PEITF Annual Convention/CIUPE Annual Convention (No Classes)
Nov. 21st	First Term Report Cards Home
Nov. 21st - 24 th	Scholastic BookFair
Nov. 23rd	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening)
Nov. 24th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Day) No Classes

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Clement "Buddy" Sutherland who drives for the Morell Family of Schools. After 30 years of service, Buddy has decided to retire on November 3, 2023. Buddy greets all the children with a smile and a laugh. His care and concern for the safety and wellbeing of his passengers is exceptional. Buddy loves to tease the students, his fellow drivers and even the school staff. Buddy sets high expectations for students on his bus and the students are extremely respectful to follow the rules. He will be greatly missed by staff and students at Morell Consolidated. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

HALLOWEEN:

Grade 6, 7 & 8 students are invited to a DJ Hype's Halloween Dance on **Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 7-9 pm**. Admission is \$7. Canteen treats available for \$2 each. [☰ Halloween Dance 2023](#)

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in costume on **Tuesday, Oct. 31st**. Costumes must be appropriate for school. No face masks that cover the entire face or any weapons, please. We ask you **not to send treats to school**. Instead, we will be offering a bag of chips, a small treat and a juice for a suggested **donation of \$2.00** towards our families in need at Christmas time. We know that the students will get lots of treats when they are out trick or treating on Halloween. [☰ Halloween Memo 2023](#)



HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

The Halloween Curfew for the Morell Area on Halloween Night, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, is 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SKATES:

With the opening of the Morell Rink for the season, we are planning some school skates. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of these skates. If you can help, please contact the school. We appreciate the support of generous community individuals, businesses and organizations.

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 ORDER 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, November 1st** 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 November 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 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.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTESTS:

Remembrance Day Contest Entries (posters, essays & poems) are due on **Wednesday, October 25th**. Please **ensure the registration form is completed and signed by a parent/guardian** in order to be entered in the contest.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

We will host a school Remembrance Day Assembly on **Friday, November 10th**. MCS Families are invited to attend. The time will be confirmed once our guest speaker confirms.

In observance of Remembrance Day, there will not be any school on **Monday, November 13th, 2023**. We hope staff and students will attend a Remembrance Day Service on Saturday, November 11th, to honor all the veterans who have fought for peace for our country.

PEITE ANNUAL CONVENTION/CUPE ANNUAL CONVENTION:

There will not be any school on **Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th, 2023** as teachers and non-instructional staff will be attending their Annual Conventions.

SCHOOL CLOTHING ONLINE STORE:

We will have more information about school clothing very soon. Once again, we will be having an online clothing store and it will run for 2 weeks once a date is set. We hope to have some new items and colors available this year. Morell Consolidated will get 15% of the proceeds from all sales. You can choose to ship your order to the door or have it delivered to the school. If you are ordering as a Christmas gift then please email jetraer@edu.pe.ca and we can hold the order at the school so your child doesn't see it ahead of time.

REPORT CARDS:

First Term Report Cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 21st**. If you do not receive your child(ren)'s report card(s), please contact the school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The **Morell Consolidated School Book Fair** will take place in our school library during the week of **November 21st to November 24th**. Students will have the opportunity to view and /or purchase books at specific times during the school day on Nov. 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. 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. The book fair will also be open during Parent-Teacher Interviews. (Nov. 23rd in the evening from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. and on Nov. 24th in the morning from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.). This year there will be a **virtual book fair option as well**. Parents will be provided a link where they can view all book fair items and order on-line. All proceeds from the virtual book fair will go towards our school totals. The link will be provided on our Facebook Page and school website on the day that our Book Fair begins. This is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts. If you would like more

information or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Desi Doyle at 902-961-7340. All purchases from the book fair will help to build our school library! Let's get reading!!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday evening, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th during the day**. Appointment times will be sent home with the students. If you have a preferred time, please let your Should a particular time not suit your schedule, feel free to email your child(ren)'s teacher asap. Due to the Parent/Teacher Conferences there will not be any classes on Friday, November 24th.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! We love to see new faces, so please let us know if you have any time that you could volunteer to help out.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. Parents are encouraged to support the completion of homework and to contact the teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES:

Christmas can be a very stressful time of year for many families and if you are in a position that may allow you to help out a fellow MCS Family, then please feel free to do so. We are currently accepting gift cards or a monetary donation. If you are a family that may need a little help this coming season, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Michaela Oliver) or the school counsellor (Mary Jane Neitz) to be added to the list. We are happy to help where we can!!

CUTLERY & WATER BOTTLES:

Please send these in with students as we are not able to provide cutlery and water bottles.

LOST & FOUND:

We have quite a collection of items building up in our main lobby! Please notify the teacher or office if you are aware of any lost items as many children do not seem to remember if the item is theirs or not. We will continue to post pictures on Facebook so parents can help identify items. Please continue to look there, claim the item and the item will be delivered to your child's class.

HEAD LICE:

We would like to remind you as a precaution, to please continue to check your child(ren)'s head(s) for head lice. Should you find that your child does have head lice, please contact your pharmacy or public health (687- 7049) for information/recommendations on treatments. You should also inform us at the school so that we may prevent further spread. Students may return to school after they have been treated provided they are free of live lice.

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.**

SAFE/LATE ARRIVAL:

Please email or call the school by 9:00 a.m., if your child is not attending school on a particular day. The district is tracking attendance and teachers must record attendance twice daily. **The reason for absentees must also be recorded.** When contacting the school, **the main office phone number is 902-961-7340.**

Please ensure your child is in their classroom before 8:40 a.m. Instructions start at 8:40 a.m. and it is hard for teachers to make up instructional time.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PERMITS:

In order for your child(ren) to be picked up or dropped off at a different location than their normal pick up or drop off location, a School Bus Transportation Permit must be completed by the administration at the school office and given to the bus driver. Therefore, you must send a bus note to the school with your child and include the following information: Your child's Name, Bus Number or Name of the driver of the bus that they will travel on, Pick Up Civic Address and/or Drop Off Civic Address. **Please Note: It is the policy of the Public Schools Branch to only allow bus changes for students for child care purposes only.**

Jeri Munro, Vice-Principal
Michaela Oliver, Principal

NOVEMBER 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 _____

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS, NOVEMBER 2023

SIGN UP FOR FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

THE FEDERATION IS HOSTING TWO HOME & SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOPS. PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS MAY ATTEND! WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE HOME & SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION. NEW VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND THESE SESSIONS.

MONDAY, NOV. 6, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M., MISCOUCHE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M., WEST ROYALTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SIGN-UP BY NOV. 4 BY EMAILING SHIRLEY AT: [SSMEDLEYJAY@GOV.PE.CA](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca) ... OR CALL 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. NO COST. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

REMINDER TO PAY 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TREASURERS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THIS SCHOOL YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP FEES BY NOVEMBER 1ST. YOU CAN NOW PAY BY E-TRANSFER TO PEIHSF@GOV.PE.CA OR MAIL CHEQUES TO THE FEDERATION OFFICE. QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-916-0664 / 902-620-3186 / [SSMEDLEYJAY@GOV.PE.CA](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca)

PARENT LEADERSHIP GRANTS

PARENT LEADERSHIP PROJECT GRANTS FOR UP TO \$500 ARE AVAILABLE TO HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS. LEADERSHIP PROJECTS ARE TO FOCUS ON PARENT LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

GO TO: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/GRANTS](https://peihsf.ca/grants). SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV. 30TH.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAMME 2023-2024

AWARDS RECOGNIZE DESERVING INDIVIDUALS IN SCHOOL COMMUNITIES. THE P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION'S 2023-2024 PROGRAMME BEGINS WITH THE EXTRA MILE AWARD TO CELEBRATE SCHOOL STAFF PERSONNEL (EDUCATORS, ADMIN, CUSTODIANS, EAs) WITH NOMINATIONS DUE JAN. 20, 2024. FIND MORE ONLINE AT [PEIHSF AWARDS](#)

ADD THIS TO YOUR AGENDA...

1. PLAN A PRODUCTIVE HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING BY IDENTIFYING TASKS AND DUTIES
2. FOCUS AGENDA ITEMS ON EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES THAT WORK TO BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS
3. INVOLVE EVERYONE AROUND THE MEETING TABLE
4. PRACTICE BASIC PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
5. ASK THE PRINCIPAL FOR A SCHOOL REPORT

SEMI-ANNUAL 2023 FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION:

[COMPASS STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY RESULTS, CORY DAVENPORT, CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE](#)

[SCREENS IN SCHOOLS: MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS AND MINIMIZE THE HARMS!, DR. TRAVIS SAUNDERS, UPEI](#)

[WHAT IS HOME AND SCHOOL?, DAVE SCHULT, FORMER EDUCATOR/PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL](#)

PRESENTATIONS TO BE POSTED AT: [PEIHSF.CA/SEMIANNUAL](https://peihsf.ca/semiannual)

HAPPENINGS IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

 DONAGH HOME & SCHOOLS CRAFT FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SAT., NOV. 18, 2023, 9 A.M.-3 P.M. AT DONAGH REGIONAL SCHOOL (928 BETHEL ROAD, DONAGH).

 **LITERACY CHAMPION AWARD** – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OUR LITERACY CHAMPION AWARD. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT IN THE FIELD OF LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT AMANDA BEAZLEY, PEI LITERACY ALLIANCE WWW.PEILITERACY.CA

 **DYSLEXIA CANADA** – ALICIA SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DYSLEXIA CANADA, TO SPEAK ABOUT DYSLEXIA & THE RIGHT TO READ ON OCT. 25, 6-7 P.M. AT THREE OAKS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SUMMERSIDE.

 **LIVE WELL PEI ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM**
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MAY APPLY FOR COMMUNITY CATALYST GRANTS. SCHOOLS MAY APPLY FOR SCHOOL HEALTH GRANTS. (\$2,500, \$5,000, AND \$7,500). APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH GRANT STREAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE UNTIL 9:00 AM ON NOV. 6, 2023. MORE INFO AT: [PEI WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM](#)

 **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

NOVEMBER 11 [REMEMBRANCE DAY](#)
NOVEMBER 20 [NATIONAL CHILD DAY](#)
NOVEMBER 21–27 [CANADA HISTORY WEEK](#)

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