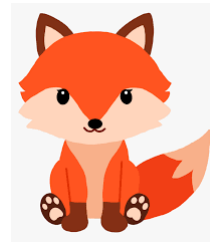


LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Dec 4 – White Envelope Campaign Ends
Dec 5 – International Volunteer Day
Dec 6 – Red & Green Day – Donations for Holiday Families
Dec 9 – Holiday Concert – Gr 1, 2 and Grade 1, 2 & 3 Choir
Dec 12 – Beginner Strings Mini Concert
Dec 17 – Returning Strings Mini Concert
Dec 20 – Last Instructional Day for 2024
Jan 6 – First Instructional Day for 2025



HOLIDAY SUPPORT – OUR CARING COMMUNITY

We wish to thank our community members, parents, students and staff who helped contribute in the true spirit of “giving” this year during the months of October, November and December. Events such as *Black & Orange Day*, *Anything but a backpack day*, *candy sales*, *Red & Green Day*, *readathons*, *dress up days*, *pajama days* and the good will offerings donated allowed up to help make the holiday merrier for a number of LM families this year. Your generosity and spirit of giving have helped make this season truly joyful. Thank you!

MUSIC NEWS

Parents of students who attend the strings program are invited to a mini concert for Beginner Strings on December 12th at 3:20pm and for Returning Strings at 3:20pm on December 17th. Both mini concerts will take place in the music room.



COUPON BOOKS – LM HOME & SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Stocking Stuffer Coupon booklet fundraiser. We sold 719 books! We are happy to announce our top seller winners and those selected from random draw who sold 3 or more booklets.



1st place - Toby MacKenzie (34 books)
2nd place - Ottis Thompson (25 books)
3rd place - TIE! Dean Baley McInnis (24 books) and Harper (24 books)
Random draw - Mya Bradley
Random draw - Tianna Mu

Thank you again for your continued support.
LM Home & School executive



WIND CHILL AND OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY

As per Public Schools Branch policy, students are expected to go outdoors unless the wind chill is -20°C or colder. Please make sure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to play outside during these cold winter days. Please note, this includes children who are dropped off each morning! We are outside each morning until 8:25 therefore students dropped off should be dressed to remain outside until this 8:25 time. It is also a good idea for your child to keep an extra pair of mitts/gloves and socks in their kitbags. **Please ensure that you have an extra pair of clothes packed in your child's backpack to limit the calling home with wet clothing.**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH PEANUT/NUT ALERT

LM Montgomery Elementary needs to be as safe an environment as possible for several students who attend school with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts. Due to several students with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts, LM Montgomery will continue to be peanut & nut-free. We do this because all students travel throughout the building to specialist classes, assemblies, water filling stations, playground, etc., and the only way to provide the safest environment is to exclude all peanut and other nut products from lunches and snacks. **This means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.**



IMPORTANT INCLEMENT WEATHER-RELATED PROTOCOL



SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools.

ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our PSB website as early as possible. Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.



SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating, and that staff are present to supervise the children. Note: we do not have morning supervision for students who are dropped off until 8am.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the PSB or LMMS.

PEI Home and School News

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. 17, 2025**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

How to affect change in P.E.I.'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 2025 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 12. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions. How to Write & Present a Resolution / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

School Staff Appreciation Week 2025 - School staff celebration, the week of **February 10-14**. Set up a committee to brainstorm plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

📌 **President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2024-2025** - Presidents/Co-Chairs are reminded that their annual reports are due by February 21. Document monthly activities (1-2 pages) from September through June of this school year. You can write free style or use this Google Form at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gBJzforEMMC5BJp9jrr56NPc9FECgJDtKMVe0Vzh42k/edit?pli=1>

📌 **Federation Board Nominations** - Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for Bluefield, Kensington, Souris, Three Oaks and Westisle families of schools; all are two-year term positions. <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186.

Other Community News....

***** SPELLING BEE COMPETITION = REGISTER your child for PEI Competition**

Register your child for the P.E.I. Spelling Bee of Canada Competition on **April 5, 2025**.

Parents/guardians can register students at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration.

First Place Winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 25-26, 2025. **High school students 15+** can train as a Coach. For more info, e-mail Alanna at:
coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca

*****International Volunteer Day is on December 5**

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>