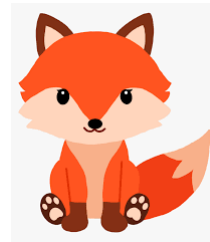


# LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards issued

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences (6-9PM)

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences (9AM-12PM) (No classes)

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> - LM's Got Talent Show (Gr 5 & 6) - Details to be sent home

Mar 17-22<sup>nd</sup> - March Break (No School)

Mar 27<sup>th</sup> - H&S meeting @ 6:30



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences are March 6th and 7th, appointments can be booked starting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am until March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00pm. Appointments can be booked online at <https://lmm.schoolappointments.com/> information on how to register for your appointment can be found here <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/lmmontgomery/booking-your-parent-teacher-conference/>.

Please make every effort to make the conference times available work as teachers are trying to schedule around a number of variables including parent work schedules, siblings, and being able to make it to their own child(ren)'s interview. We encourage all parents and guardians to meet with their child's teacher as we work together to support student academic and social success!



## THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" goes out to our very thoughtful parent community! We felt very much appreciated and were quite spoiled during Staff Appreciation Week which was held last month. The snacks, lunch, prizes, and kind words made us all feel extra special. We love what we do and couldn't imagine doing it anywhere else!

## LM BOX DRAW

Thank you so much for the donations to make these boxes spectacular! All box prizes will be on display in the main lobby from March 3-March 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and inventory were sent home with students. It is hoped that families will try to commit to selling the booklets that were sent home. Tickets are \$1 or \$10 for a booklet of 10! If you require additional booklets, please contact the school office.



## SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place in the LM Montgomery Elementary School library from Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will be visiting with their classes during school hours Monday to Thursday. The fair will also be open to parents and caregivers during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday evening (March 6<sup>th</sup>) until 8:00 pm and on Friday (March 7<sup>th</sup>) until 12:00 noon. Please note there will not be an online option to purchase books from the book fair.



## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Sometimes it can be difficult to express how we are feeling. Helping children identify and express feelings in an appropriate manner is an important life skill. **Feelings charades** is a great way to help children recognize, express and understand different emotions in a fun and engaging way. It is an interactive game where players act out different emotions or feelings without using words, and others guess what the emotion is. It's a great way to explore and express emotions in a creative and entertaining way. Here's how to play:



<https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/files/programs/mental-health/for-families-healthy-minds/social-awareness---feelings-charades.pdf>

## TECH TIME



**Unplugged Canada - Parents United for a Smartphone-Free** - [Unplugged Canada](#) is a nonprofit initiative that encourages delaying smartphone access for children, supporting their healthy development and learning. Evidence shows waiting longer benefits concentration, mental health, and social skills. Please refer to the poster at the end of the newsletter to make informed decisions about when your child(ren) are truly ready for smartphones. Together, we can create a healthier digital balance for our kids.

## SCENT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that LM Montgomery is scent-free as per the Public Schools Branch's scent-free policy. All perfumes, colognes and other scented products can cause a significant reaction to those affected and are prohibited in our building. If your child comes to school with a scent that is causing staff to be unable to do their job, a phone call will be made to you and a plan will be discussed.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026 – PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!



- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth Certificate, PEI health card or 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 at schools in the spring of 2025.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH PEANUT/NUT ALERT



LM Montgomery Elementary needs to be as safe an environment as possible for a number of students who attend school with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts. Due to a number of 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 or products with "may contain" in the list of ingredients are prohibited as well.**



**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. If classes will resume with an hour delay, students CANNOT be dropped off prior to 9:00 am as there is no supervision available.

**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.*


#### **HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS, MARCH 2025**


 **Registration is now OPEN** - The 72nd Annual General Meeting & Conference of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation will be held Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown. This year's theme is "**Tackling Digital Influences on Youth.**" This meeting will focus on the impact of technology on children's development and education. Our keynote speaker, **Carl H. Burke, R.N.**, will discuss the **Online Harms Act** and share his family's personal experiences with online dangers. Burke has been advocating for stronger online protections for youth. Workshop topics include Artificial Intelligence, Gaming Addictions, Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports and Home & School Communications. Parents, administrators, other school staff & students are welcome to register. Each Association is encouraged to register up to **five voting delegates** for this meeting. Your participation is crucial in advocating for the future of online safety/total well-being for our children and youth.

- **SHARE** this information in your school newsletter and on social media platforms.
- **REVIEW speaker bios and AGM documents**, etc.: <https://peihsf.ca/aggm/>
- **REGISTER by March 26th**: <https://forms.gle/UpCNXiZ9xcmHsgqp7>


 **2025 Resolutions/By-Laws** - Proposed resolutions and by-law revisions are 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 to determine how your voting delegates will vote on April 12th. Voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. **REVIEW AGM Meeting Documents**: <https://peihsf.ca/aggm/> If you have any questions, call 902-620-3186.

 **Volunteer of the Year Award** - This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Home and Schools can submit nominations to the Federation office by **March 7**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

 **Nominate a new Director for your region** - The PEI Home and School Federation is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the AGM. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Remember – We learn by doing! 2025 Nomination Form is online at: <https://peihsf.ca/aggm/>

 **Province launches new multiyear school calendar** - The government introduced a [multiyear calendar](#) for upcoming school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Check online at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars>

#### **Community News...**

~~ Great Big Crunch! Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 6, 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](#). Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

~~ Introducing The Heart Squad Volunteer Club! – A 12-week experience about building leadership, teamwork, and community service skills...while having fun and making a real impact! For: Ages 12-15 & Ages 16-24...Youth who are ready to learn, lead, grow, and give back! **Starts:** March 16, 2025 **Time:** Contact: Renita Bartlett [Compassioncornerpei@gmail.com](mailto:Compassioncornerpei@gmail.com) Call/Text: 902-859-3427

#### **~~So, what role do parents play in education?**

Parental involvement in education refers to the active participation of parents in their children's learning process, both at home and in school. It involves a wide range of activities and behaviors that support a child's academic and social development.

**At home**, parental involvement includes:

- Helping with homework; Creating a dedicated study space and time
- Providing ongoing encouragement; Monitoring homework completion

- Modeling desired behavior

**In school,** parents can be involved by:

- Communicating regularly with teachers; Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews; Participating in school governance by attending Home and School meetings where parents and teachers, together, meet to discuss school activities and learn about advocating for the gaps in PEI's education system.

**Go ENG Girl and Go CODE Girl Day on March 8, 2025** - Explore the exciting fields of Engineering and Coding! On Saturday, March 8, join us for Go CODE Girl Day in the morning or Go ENG Girl Day in the afternoon. Or come and stay for the entire day! Basically, it's a GO GIRL DAY! It will be an exciting opportunity for girls and non-binary students in Grades 6 to 9, ages 11 to 14, to learn about the exciting world of Engineering and how coding, programming and software development are used in engineering applications. You will also meet and hear from faculty, students, and alum of the Faculty of Sustainable Design Engineering at the University of Prince Edward Island, learn about some of the amazing things that women engineers and researchers are doing, and participate in a cool hands-on Go CODE and Go ENG activity. We hope to inspire and introduce girls and non-binary students to the skills of the future Engineer.

Go CODE and Go ENG Girl Day is an initiative started by the Ontario Women in Engineering (ONWiE) that takes place at 20+ universities with Engineering programs across Canada and UPEI FSDE is once again excited to be a participating location. ONWiE will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year!

**Registration is FREE but space is limited. Sign up today! REGISTER BY MONDAY, MARCH 3 AT 8 PM!**



# Incredible Years Parent Group

All parents & caregivers  
with children aged  
5-12 welcome



Date:  
**Monday, March 10th, 2025**

Time:  
**6:00-8:00 p.m**

Location:  
**Spring Park School Library**

- The importance of parental attention and special time with children
- Academic, persistence, emotion & social coaching
- Effective praise and encouragement
- Using incentives to motivate children
- Household rules, responsibilities, and routines
- Clear and respectful limit setting
- Ignoring misbehavior
- Using time out for destructive behavior & extreme oppositional behavior
- Imposing logical & natural consequences
- Promoting reading skills
- Good learning habits and routines

Weekly sessions run 2 hours for 8 weeks

Please fill out the form or scan QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fVJjPcMxDE>



Contact **Sara MacDougall**, Family Support Worker  
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**saramacdougall@gov.pe.ca, 902-213-1246**





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