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LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 4- First Instructional Day for students
Sept 17- LM Open House (6:30pm)
Sept 23,24,25- School Photos by Everest Solutions
Sept 25- LM Terry Fox Run
Sept 26- Home and School Outdoor Movie Night
Sept 29- Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30- National Truth and Reconciliation Day (NO SCHOOL)



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that we have left the dog days of summer and are back into the routines of what the school year entails! It has been a smooth start up and we are looking forward to getting to know all the students not only as learners, but individuals as well. We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff that will take the time to understand where the learner is and provide specific instruction to move them forward. All our learners will learn at a rate and speed that is appropriate for them. Please make sure that you are in contact with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress so you can support their learning at home.

A WORD ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION

Newsletters will be **sent out electronically** and **only once a month** – usually by the first weekend. The newsletters are also located on our school website which is accessible at <https://lmmontgomery.edu.pe.ca/>.

PowerSchool mass email system, the school handbook, our website, and teacher online platforms are ways we communicate events, expectations, and policies that affect our school community. The student handbook can be found on our website and if you wish to have a hard copy, please inform your child's teacher and one will be sent home.

Our website is constantly being updated and items being added. Please "follow" or subscribe to our site to get the most up to date information.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND GOOGLE CALENDARS



Our school calendar was sent home with students this week. It is also posted on the LM website. The LM school calendar, along with the PSB calendar are also found as a Google Calendar which you can sync to your own device and have up-to-date information. This link can also be found on the school's web site.

SCHOOL DAY START TIME & END TIME

Instruction begins at 8:40 am each day so please ensure that if you're dropping your child(ren) off, they are here by 8:25am as not to miss important information. Students are considered "late" when they arrive after O'Canada at 8:35am. Late arrivals will need to use the main doors and (sign in at the office). The school day ends at 2:40 pm. **There is no supervision for students arriving prior to 8:00 am so please do not drop your child off before this time. If you arrive before 8:00, please keep your child with you until you see a staff member (wearing a red coat) on supervision.**

LM TERRY FOX RUN

LM Montgomery will be organizing a Terry Fox Walk for all students in grades K-6 at 1:30 on September 25th. The walk will take place on the school grounds. Terry had a dream that he would raise \$1 for each Canadian and that money would go towards cancer research. Although this goal was met long ago, we are hoping to raise \$1 per student to donate to this worthy cause. Money can be sent into homeroom teachers to be collected.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on Monday September 29th as a way to commemorate the thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools. We are proud to be a part of reconciliation and to participate in activities all week during Truth & Reconciliation Week, September 22nd – September 30th. For more information about Orange Shirt Day and how to continue the conversation at home, CBC kids is a great website: <https://www.cbc.ca/kids/articles/what-is-orange-shirt-day>



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

For the 2025/2026 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to

provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day.

Regular school attendance is necessary to achieve success in school. Students who are frequently absent or late tend to become discouraged, often lose interest in their schoolwork and, in general, fall behind in their studies. If a child is absent, parents are asked to:

1) Call the school **before 8:30am** to advise **why** your child is absent from school and when we can expect them to return. There is an answering machine, so please feel free to leave a message.

2) If you are requesting work to be sent home, please do so at the time of call as this will allow the teacher time to prepare and/or collect work from other teachers.

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEMS



We are continuing to partner with private vendors and the Province of Prince Edward Island to provide two online lunch ordering programs. www.peischoolfood.org will begin service on Monday, September 8th. Ordering on hotlunches.net will be available to order starting on Monday, September 8th. Both systems require a small amount of setup time if you are planning on ordering lunches for your child. Once the initial setup process is complete, your lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple.

A notification letter was sent home on Friday, September 5th with your child on how to register for each program. If you have any questions on setting up your account, please email Ms. Kaitlyn at krobbins@edu.pe.ca or phone the office at 902-368-4150.

If the student is not in school on the day their order comes in, there are a few choices available: we can give it to a sibling to take home, or you can come and pick it up that day. Please advise your child's teacher on which option you'd prefer.

If your child forgets his/her lunch, we will be calling home and asking you to bring them a lunch.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The breakfast program is for students who are hungry and require some nutrition to start off their day. We have many students taking part in this, and we are glad to provide this opportunity for students. Please take a few minutes to ask your child if they access this program. It is important that those who need it come.

As with any program, we are conscientious of the demand, funding and time spent out of class. As this program is primarily funded through donation and if you can help, please feel to do so. You are more than welcome to send in peanut free snacks or send in a monetary donation either with your child or via e-transfer to lmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com. Please make sure you put in the message "Breakfast Program Donation".

Another way to help this program be a success is to volunteer. More details on how to volunteer with the breakfast program will be available shortly- watch for an email!

WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure that you send along a water bottle daily for your child and please do not send in glass water bottles. We do not have water bottles in the office to give out.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Everest Solutions will be at our school on Tuesday, September 23rd, Wednesday, September 24th and Thursday, September 25th to take student photos.

The plan is for students enrolled in grades 4, 5 & 6 to have their photo taken on the 23rd. Students enrolled in grades 2 & 3 will have their photo taken on the 24th. Students enrolled in kindergarten, grade 1 and anyone who was absent will have their photo taken on the 25th. Any students who are absent during the school photo days will have their pictures taken at Aon November 4th – picture retake day.



BUS PASSES

As our buses are to capacity, we are unable to provide bus passes for students UNLESS it is for primary childcare purposes only. We appreciate parents making their own arrangements for after-school plans. Just a reminder to parents that **if there is a change in your children after school arrangements, please call the office prior to 2:00pm.**

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES

Parents, please be sure to let your child's teacher know what the arrangements are for after-school care. If these arrangements change, a note from you is expected where the teacher or guest teacher can readily find it.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are kindly requested not to bring electronic items such as tablets or cell phones to school. It is difficult to ensure their safe keeping during the school day and the school will not be responsible for these items. These items can also distract students from reaching their learning outcomes throughout the school day and **are prohibited to use during the school day which includes on the school bus.** If students are required to bring these items to school, permission from administration is required. Please refer to PBS policy for more information: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/digital-citizenship-and-technology-in-schools>.



REGULAR HAIR CHECKS AT HOME

We are asking parents to check their child(ren)'s hair on a regular basis for head lice. This is the most proactive way to control the spread of lice. Parents are reminded to contact the office if head lice are found. As per the PSB Head Lice Management Protocol, when a child is in a class where a case of head lice is detected, an email notification will be sent home to parents of all students so parents can check their child's hair at home and provide treatment if necessary. Information is available in our handbook and on our website regarding treatment and controlling the spread of head lice.

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.

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 peanuts and other nut products from lunches and snacks. This also means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.

LM HOME & SCHOOL NEWS – Join our Facebook page!



Home & School is a group of parents and staff that meet every other month to discuss issues and plan events. New members are always welcome as it is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in LM.

First meeting date and time to be announced.

Please stay tuned for information about our first Home and School Fundraiser- Movie Night taking place on September 26th.

PEI SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Every student attending a PEI school is automatically insured by the PEI School Accident Insurance Program's basic student coverage. This program is provided without a deductible and at no cost to the student, parents/guardians or schools. Basic coverage is provided during school hours, school activities, community-based learning activities and travel to and from school and community-based learning activities. The student accident insurance information is on the Public Schools Branch website at <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/school-accident-insurance-program>

LM'S LITERACY LOWDOWN

LM Montgomery School continues to focus on improving the literacy levels of our students. Two main aspects of these are reading and writing. Everyday teachers work on essential skills such as *word work*, *conventions*, *comprehension* and *guided reading* to help students improve their literacy. Please feel free to chat with your child(ren)'s teachers about these and the many other areas of literacy being covered in class. Please look in the *Literacy Lowdown* section in each newsletter for ways that you can support these efforts with your child(ren).



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

Home & School Newsletter, September 2025



Watch for students on the road

Another school year has begun. Children walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or travel in their family cars. This is the time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education.

Find out more info on the Public Schools Branch's School Bus Planner.



Update Home and School Contacts

Presidents - Submit your Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form.

Click here: Home and School Association Contacts.

Treasurers - Submit 2025-2026 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15. Send e-transfer to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4



Semi-Annual Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 5:45 – 8:00 PM

Place: Central Queens Elementary School (19821 Rte. 2 Hunter River)

Topic: Child Protection

Speakers: #1 Senior Manager, Canadian Center for Child Protection, child sexual abuse, reducing risk, and how we can talk to our kids about their personal safety.

#2 RCMP Officer, child protection, and how to keep your child safe

All are welcome: Parents, School Staff, Students

Cost - \$8 per person/Free for students.

Register: <https://forms.gle/Mw6PoEJxhUdat5EWA>



School Board Elections

Elections PEI has launched its promotional campaign for the 2025 School Board Trustee Elections.

Candidates submit nomination papers to Elections PEI by Fri. Sept. 26

Voters must register to vote online or by mail-in ballot; beginning Sept. 8, 2025, the online portal will be open, allowing you to register to vote.

Who can vote? All eligible PEI voters can vote in this election.

Election Day Friday, October 17, 2025.



What is Home and School's role in education?

Experienced facilitators Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Volunteer Training Workshops to equip new and returning Home and School volunteers with practical knowledge on how they can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students. Details are:

Monday, Oct 27th School TBA, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28th School TBA 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Register by Oct. 20th: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca



School Nutrition Policies

A new School Food Project Coordinator, Margaret Young started on May 5th at the Department of Education and Early Years to work with the school board and update the school nutrition policies. If you wish to find out more: mhyoung@gov.pe.ca / 902-374-1673



What's on your local Home and School Meeting's agenda?

- Meet with the principal in September and discuss setting goals for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - "Meet the Teacher" evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child's teacher and teachers to meet parents. Find the date/time on your child's school website.
 - Review the Cell Phone Use Policy: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md_2024-06_responsible_use_agreement_cit.pdf
 - Brainstorm collaborative ways to support the school.
 - Inform parents/teachers about provincial announcements applicable to student learning and support.
 - School Trustee Elections, October 17th; Who can run for office? What does a trustee do? Who is eligible to vote?
 - Is there a need to fundraise this school year? If so, establish the purpose and develop a proposed budget for fundraising initiatives; finalize with a motion and vote for approval.
- REMEMBER: Everything parents and teachers do benefits PEI students' education and well-being!

Fall Outdoor Soccer Programs

Delta Soccer offers skill-building, fun, and confidence-boosting programs for players born in 2014 to 2021.

First Kicks & Other Tricks (2021–2020) – Intro to soccer and basic movement skills.

Soccer ABCs (2019–2018) – Agility, balance, coordination through games.

Soccer 123s (2017–2016) – Shooting, passing, dribbling fundamentals.

Goalazo! (2015–2014) – Improve shooting and finishing.

NO FEAR Defending (2015–2014) – Learn to defend with confidence and smart decision-making.

Starting September 9th, all programs are 6 sessions long and take place at the Grace Christian School soccer field.

For program descriptions, schedules and to register please go to deltasoccer.ca.



**Sherwood Parkdale
Skating Club**
COME LEARN TO SKATE WITH US!

sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com

Registration is open! Please see the following for details regarding fall and winter programs:

Fall and Winter Part 1 Registration

Have you ever wished you could skate?

Do you know how to skate but want to strengthen your skills?

Do you want to learn to figure skate?

Are you a hockey or ringette player who would like to improve your skating ability for those big games?

Well, we have just what you need!

Regardless of your age and experience, we have a program for you! Come learn to skate with Sherwood Parkdale Skating Club operating out of Simmons Arena for Fall (September) programming and Cody Banks arena for programs beginning in October. We offer Parent Assisted CanSkate, CanSkate, PowerSkate, StarSkate, and Podium Pathway (for recreation and competitive figure skaters) during the Fall & Winter starting in September. As well as Synchronized Skating, Adult Learn-to-Skate, and Adult Figure Skating (winter sessions starting in October).

Programs fill quickly so register early! See our schedules on our home page and details on our registration page. To register, visit our website at sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com

Please email us at office@sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com or go to our “contact us” on our website with any questions.

Learn to Skate with Us! Registration is open for Speed Skating PEI programs starting late September. Our Learn to Skate program is aimed at skaters 4 to 8 years old who are just starting to skate or who want to improve their basic skating skills. For those who can already skate and are looking to improve their speed and strength, we offer a range of programs for all ages and levels. Visit us at speedskatingpei.ca to learn more or sign up today! If you have any questions, please email info@speedskatingpei.ca.