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LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 4th – Picture retake day

Nov 4th – Lock down drill (1:50pm)

Nov 5th – LM Remembrance Day Assembly (11:00am)

Nov 6th – PEITF & CUPE Annual Convention (NO CLASSES)

Nov 7th – PETIF & CUPE Annual Convention (NO CLASSES)

Nov 10th – Report card writing day (NO CLASSES)

Nov 11th - Remembrance Day (No School)

Nov 13th – World Kindness Day

Nov 17th – 21st – Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 19th - Report Cards go home

Nov 19th – National School Sport Jersey Day- wear a jersey to school!

Nov 20st – Parent Teacher Conferences (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Nov 21st – Parent Teacher Conferences (9:00am-12:00pm) (NO CLASSES)



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences are **November 20th and 21st**, appointments can be booked starting on Sunday, November 9th, at 9:00am until Sunday, November 16th at 10:00pm. Appointments can be booked online at https://lmm.schoolappointments.com/. A hard copy of the instructions will be sent home on **Monday**, **Nov 3rd** with the youngest or only. Please look in your child's kitbag for this.

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

CASH ONLINE

We are excited to announce we are switching to School Cash Online as of December 1st, 2025, as our method of payment for field trips, agendas, recorders, etc. **Cash will no longer be accepted.** The Public Schools Branch has this program for every school across the Island. You will need to register and add your children from any PSB school to your account.

If you have trouble registering your child(ern), our office staff will be providing help during Parent Teacher conferences on Nov 20th & 21st.



How to register

Go to

https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashonline.com and click Register.

Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password

Select a security question

Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.

Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

Sign in to SchoolCash Online:

https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashonline.com

At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**. From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**. Click to add a child:

Type your school board name.

Choose your school from the list.

Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.

Click Confirm.

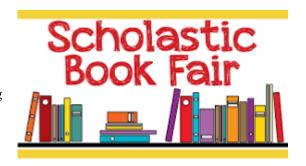


COLD WEATHER

Winter is approaching, and temperatures can be quite crisp. Students who dress properly for the weather with coats, hats, and gloves enjoy being outside more. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the weather conditions during this time of year. It would also be beneficial to send in an extra pair of mitts and socks to keep in your child's backpack as some get quite wet during the first recess.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place in the LM Montgomery Elementary School library from Thursday, November 13th through to Friday, November 21st. K-3 classes will visit the fair on November 13th & 14th to create their wish lists. The following week, November 17th - 20th, all students will have a chance to visit the fair with their class during school hours to purchase book fair items. The fair will be open to parents and caregivers during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday evening, November 20th, until 8:00 pm and on Friday, November 21st, from 8:40 until 12:00 noon.



Mrs. Newson is looking for volunteers to help with the fair during the school day. Volunteers can sign up for blocks of time mainly between 8:40-2:40. We truly appreciate and value your decision to spend any time supporting this event.

Monday, November 17th: 9:00 am - 2:40 pm Tuesday, November 18th: 9:00 am - 2:10 pm Wednesday, November 19th: 8:40 am - 2:40 pm Thursday, November 20th: 8:40 am - 11:55 am

If you can help, please contact Mrs. Newson: tjnewson@edu.pe.ca



HOLIDAY SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

We are thinking about the upcoming holidays and supporting our LM families who need a little extra help this time of year. In your child's report card, a white envelope will be included. If you can, please consider putting in a gift card (Walmart, Giant Tiger, gas or grocery store) or a monetary donation and send it back to your child's homeroom teacher. We are also able to receive e-transfers for this specific fundraiser to lmmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com. Please indicate that this is a donation for *Holiday Families* in the message. Envelopes and donations are kindly asked to be in by December 5th. Many thanks in advance as we've been so lucky with the generous donations of our L.M. families to help support one another!

If you have questions or if your family is in need this year, please do not hesitate to contact our school counsellor Alison Kelly at 902-368-4150 ext. 205.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to all LM students who competed at the Zone 3 Cross-Country Meet held at Eliot River School. There were 21 schools competing at the meet. Our Pre-Novice Girls placed 5th overall, our Pre-Novice Boys 4th overall, our Novice Girls 4th overall and our Novice Boys 7th overall.

Congratulations to the following on their top 20 finishes:

Nora Policelli – 1st overall Huxley Laughlan – 5th overall Billy Vessey – 8th overall Cassidy Loewen- 9th overall Sloan Laughlan- 14th overall Nate Policelli – 15th overall Tyce Vessey -17th overall



Twenty-two of our cross-country athletes advanced to the Provincial Cross Country Championship which was held on October 19th in Mill River. LM had another very successful day at the Provincial Meet.

Nora Policelli is the Novice Girls Provincial Champion - Congratulations, Nora!

Cassidy Loewen finished 5th, Huxley Lauchlan 8th, Billy Vessey 12th, Tyce Vessey 13th, Fiona Brown 13th and Ashlynn Geldert 19th.

The Novice Girls team finished 2nd overall and our Pre-Novice Boys and Pre-Novice Girls teams both finished 4th overall.

VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL



Volleyball intramurals have been taking place in the gym for grade 5 and 6 students and will be finishing up in November. After school volleyball will also end in November.

Students in grades 5 and 6 interested in signing up for intramural basketball will be able to sign up with Mrs. Nogler in class. Basketball intramurals will begin when volleyball intramurals end.

There will be an after-school basketball club for interested students in grades 5 and 6. These students will receive a permission slip from Mrs. Nogler will the details.

SCENT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that LM Montgomery is scent-free as per the Public Schools Branch's scent-free policy. All laundry detergents, fabric softeners, perfumes, colognes and other artificially or chemically 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 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.



This means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.



Stan of Green Gables

Students in Kindergarten-Grade 2 had very special visitors in October!

Author Sheryl Stacey Neilson who wrote Stan of Green Gables and Stan himself stopped by LM!

We had some artistic students color their own Stan artwork which we proudly displayed in the school lobby for everyone to see.

Thank you to Sheryl Stacey Neilson for bringing Stan and reading to our students!



NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY – OCT 27TH, 2025

Thank you to all the students who participated in activities for National School Library Day last week. A huge thank you to all 81 students who participated in the Book Box contest this year - photos of the winning entries are at the end of the newsletter! They look fantastic!

- K- Addison MacKinnon KC
- G1-Sophie Dunphy 1A
- G2- A tie between (Believe it or not) Lily Schurman (2C), Rosie Schurman (2C)
- G3- Lydia Jackson (3A)
- G4-Harper Arsenault (4C)
- G5- Laina Boswall (5C)
- G6-Raya Buchanan (6A)

Congratulations to all the participants on a job well done! Thank you to all participants for your amazing designs!

















LM'S LITERACY LOWDOWN

The Tumble Book Library is a collection of online, animated, talking picture books children are sure to love. You're only a click away from an eBook adventure! Please note: to enjoy these books, you will need to have internet access. A direct link to Tumble Books can be found below (may need to copy and paste into your browser)

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fon

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

PEI Home and School Newsletter, November 2025

Reminder to pay 2025-2026 Membership Fees - Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees. 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

Volunteers - Leadership Training Workshop - Tignish Elementary SchoolWestisle Home & Schools are invited to a **Home & School Leadership Training Workshop**.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 13th, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Place: Tignish Elementary School.

Cost: FREE

Content: Guidance for executive positions, bookkeeping tips, and general information for all volunteers. Please register by email: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by Nov. 10th.

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. Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

Recognition and Awards Program 2025-2026 - Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The Crossing Guard Award Nominations, announced last month, are due Nov. 7th. The Federation is proud to open nominations for its Extra Mile Award to celebrate school staff personnel. Nominations are due Jan. 17. Read more at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

Market ADD this to your agenda...

- 1. **Child protection and online safety -** The RCMP officer who spoke at the Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting about internet safety and child exploitation is available to speak at local Home and School meetings. Consider inviting him to lead a discussion on keeping children/youth safe online. **Contact: Cpl. Robert Yaschuk, RCMP** Child Exploitation Unit / Robert.Yaschuk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- 2. **Student learning, health, and well-being -** Ask your principal to share general COMPASS findings to spark a discussion on current student issues and next steps for collective action. This study collects student-level data from youth in secondary school on various health topics, including: Cannabis use, Mental Health, Smoking/Alcohol Use, etc.

Find provincial results at: 2024-25 Provincial COMPASS Report

3. **Connect with your local trustee -** A new Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees was elected on October 17. Invite your local trustee to a Home and School meeting to discuss priorities and stay connected with board decisions.

Tip#1: Add all news items in this Nov. 2025 newsletter to your agenda.

Tip#2: Review basic parliamentary procedure to keep your meeting running smoothly.

***Happenings in your community...

Donagh Home & School Craft Fair will be held on Nov.15th, 9 am-3 pm, and Nov. 16th, 12-4 pm

at Donagh Regional School (928 Bethel Road, Donagh). Note: 80+ tables showcasing the products of 60+ vendors spread over 3 beautiful rooms; wheelchair/stroller friendly (no stairs), raffles, fudge sale, live entertainment on Saturday, ATM on site. Entrance by donation goes towards our continued playground upgrades. Event: https://www.facebook.com/share/1A9iZqZwv5/ Hope to see you there!

Bluefield Band Craft Fair will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 15th,10 a.m. - 5 pm.

Proceeds go to supporting costs for the band's annual performance tour. Come and be entertained, find some great gifts, and build community. To book a table, if possible, go to https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/bluefieldmusic/christmas-craft-fair.

Island Gymnastics Academy – Now Registering for our Winter session!

Boys and girls of all ages are invited to join the fun at Island Gymnastics Academy! Our gymnastics, dance and parkour programs build strength, confidence, and coordination in a safe and supportive environment. Spaces fill quickly - register today!

www.islandgymnasticsacademy.com



Bullying is a serious and pervasive issue that can affect individuals of all ages—from childhood into adulthood. It involves repeated and intentional behavior intended to cause harm, distress, or humiliation. Bullying can take many forms, including physical, verbal, social, and online (cyberbullying).

To support awareness and prevention, please share the following resources:

Government of PEI Bullying Information Page

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/bullying

♦ Informative Videos:

We Can Stop Bullying - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tD6jeaJKG5o

Together, we can foster safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environments for all students.

2026 Winter Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon Programs



Learn to Ski Program

The Learn to Ski Program provides children aged 6-9 years the opportunity to learn the basic skills of classic cross-country skiing in a fun and engaging setting at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park Nordic site.

Dates: Jan 10 – Feb 28 Time: Sat 10 am – 12 pm Program fee: \$165

Fee includes instruction, equipment rental and a season trail pass.

Biathlon Bears Program

The Biathlon Bears Program gives children aged 8-14 the opportunity to learn the basic biathlon skills (marksmanship and skate skiing). Training sessions are held twice a week on Wednesday (6 -7:30 pm) and Sunday (12-2 pm) with 2-3 competition opportunities over the season.

All sessions are held at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park Nordic site.

Dates: Jan 7 – Mar 7

Times: Wed 6 -7:30 pm, Sun 12-2 pm

Program fee: \$245

Fee includes instruction, equipment rental and a season trail pass.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in either of these programs, contact the program manager Brad Haltli (Brad.Haltli@nordicsportspei.ca).

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay!

Rural Municipality of North Shore Remembrance Day Literary Contest

The RMNS encourages submission of poems or short stories/essays on a topic related to Remembrance Day. The author of the first-place entry will be invited to read his/her work at the North Shore Community Centre Remembrance Day Ceremony which begins on Tuesday, November 11th, at 10:30 a.m.

Monetary prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded to the entries judged to be the most meritorious. The works will be on display at the North Shore Commrulity Centre on Remembrance Day.

Contest Guidelines:

- 1. Entries must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper- no longer! Essays may not exceed 350 words and poems must not exceed 32 lines. Entries will be judged on content, grammar and spelling.
- 2. Students may submit an entry in either category or single entries in both categories.
 - 3. **ATTENTION!** To ensure anonymity during judging, student data must appear only on the back! NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL / AGE & GRADE
 - 4. Entries should be dropped off at the North Shore Community Centre by Monday, November 3rd, 2025.

Rural Municipality of North Shore //902- 672-2600 //recreation@northshorepei.ca





Officially launched in September 2024, Unplugged Canada is a grassroots movement built by parent volunteers nationwide. Through advocacy, resources, and an online pledge, parents and guardians are encouraged to collectively delay smartphones until at least age 14. Research shows that waiting can have a positive impact on children's mental health, relationships and overall well-being. Delaying together makes it easier for everyone!

Currently, there are close to 5115 signed pledges spanning 842 schools across the country. 326 of these pledges are from PEI students from 38 Island Schools! Sign the pledge today!

https://unpluggedcanada.com/sign-pledge/

Follow the PEI Chapter on Facebook and Instagram