

# LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 4<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards issued
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences (6-9PM)
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences (9AM-12PM) (No classes)
- Mar 16-20<sup>th</sup>: Mid-Term Break (No School)
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup>: Saint Patrick's Day
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup>: World Down Syndrome Day
- March 31<sup>st</sup>: Strings and Choir Concert
  - Grade 1-3 Choir & Beginner Strings at 4:30pm
  - Grade 4-6 Choir & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Strings at 6:00pm



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences are March 5th and 6th, 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/>. If you need any help with booking an appointment please contact the office at 902-368-4150.

Please make every effort to make the conference times available work as teachers try 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 all parents and guardians to meet with their child's teacher as we work together to support students' 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 in February. The snacks, prizes, and kind words made us all feel extra special. We love what we do and couldn't imagine doing it anywhere else!



## SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place in the LM Montgomery Elementary School library from Friday, February 27th through Friday, March 6th. Students will be visiting with their classes during school hours Friday to Thursday. The fair will also be open to parents and caregivers during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday evening (March 5th) until 8:00 pm and on Friday (March 6th) until 12:00 noon. Please note there will **not** be an online option to purchase books from the book fair.

## SUMMER SAVER COUPON BOOKS 2026

Here is our QR code to take you directly to our fundraiser's payment system- Cash Online. IF you have not set up your Cash Online Account. Link for instructions - <https://lmmontgomery.edu.pe.ca/about/school-cash>

We will be rewarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the most books sold, so get those sales pitches ready!

All proceeds fundraised will go directly to helping fund school activities.



## 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 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.**

## 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.

## LM'S GRADE 4-6 MUSICAL - CINDERELLA

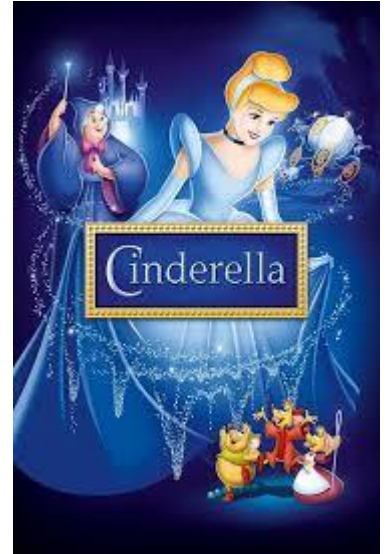
We are currently rehearsing the musical Cinderella! There are many grade 4, 5 and 6 students learning songs and lines and I am working on costumes! We still need a few more long dresses (ball gown style if possible) so if you have any that you are willing to part with, please let me know! I am still on the hunt for gold buttons, gold fringe or gold tassels to jazz up the jackets. If you have these at home, I will gladly take off your hands as well. It takes quite a long time to make sure all cast have a costume so if your child says they haven't been given one yet, have no fear, it's coming and everyone will look their best!

The musical will take place on May 26, 2026 so please save the date. If your child is an understudy for a main part, there will be a run through with the understudies so those parents could attend at that time. More information will follow closer to the performance date.

Entrance will be by donation, or an item for the food bank. All donations go towards the cost of production which include costumes, lights, microphone rentals etc. Thank you in advance! Students are doing very well so far!!!

Any questions please feel free to email me!

Wendy Evers-Forrester [wjevers@edu.pe.ca](mailto:wjevers@edu.pe.ca)



## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

**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.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026-2027 – PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026, 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.

## PEI Home and School Newsletter, March 2026

### AGM Registration is OPEN - PEI Home and School Federation 73rd AGM Theme: "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging."

Saturday, April 18, 2026, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown

Keynote: Alain Pelletier, "5 Faces of Bullying"

Deep Dive Workshops: RCMP Child Exploitation Unit, Cst. Robert Yaschuk

"5 Faces of Bullying," Alain Pelletier

Food, Finance, and Fundamentals, Home & School Reps

Each Association may designate **up to five of its attendees as voting delegates** for this meeting. All parents and educators are welcome to attend and advocate for the education and well-being of our students. **REGISTER by April 1st:** <https://forms.gle/xUjANKnh61VhRnGy8>

**2026 Proposed Resolutions** - Proposed resolutions are being circulated to Local Home and School presidents and executive members for discussion at your March Home and School meeting. Find resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Action steps:

1. Review and discuss each resolution.
2. Hold a vote on each resolution.
3. Select your H&S voting delegates (2 or more individuals) and share the voting results with them so they can vote on behalf of your Home and School at the AGM on April 18th.

### School Food Environment Policy - Virtual Info Session with Margaret Young

Would you like to learn more about the draft school food policy?

Margaret Young, School Food Project Coordinator, Education and Early Years, invites Home and School executive members to attend a virtual information session on the draft School Food Environment Policy.

Sessions: **Tuesday, March 3, 6 pm-7 pm (English)** and **Wednesday, March 4, 6 pm-7 pm (French)**

Follow this link to register by Feb. 27th: <https://gov.questionpro.ca/t/AB3utlkZB3vAw6>

### Add the following discussion topics to your March meeting's agenda...

1. **AGM 2026 Registration:** Ask 2-5 parent and/or teacher reps to attend the AGM as your Voting Delegates. The AGM invitation is open to ALL parents and educators. Send as many as wish to attend, with the required designation of five as your voting representatives.
2. **Proposed Resolutions 2026** = Review 4 resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>
3. **Home and Schools are urged to pay** for your delegates' registration fee, travel, and offer to pay for a hotel room as an incentive to thank them for their time.
4. **School Food Policy:** Plan to attend the March 3rd virtual School Food Policy session with Margaret Young, Dept. Education and Early Years, to learn about and ask questions about the proposed policy.
5. **Review Hon. David Jenkins' Report:** [Hon. Judge David Jenkins Report StudentSafety](#)

**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 6**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

**Nominate a Federation Director** - 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 from within their Home and School, who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. The 2026 Nomination Form is available at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Contact Shirley at 902-620-3186 for more information.

📌 **PSB School Trustee Reports: Charlottetown, Zone 5** = As spring approaches, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. We encourage you to review these resources to stay informed about board discussions and decisions. In February, we had the pleasure of attending the Home and School Association meeting in Charlottetown Rural High School. These meetings provide Andrew and me with a valuable opportunity to connect with families, listen to parents' and school administrators' perspectives, and learn about the many creative ideas and initiatives taking place within our school communities. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting at your school – we are happy to do so. Additionally, if you have any upcoming activities that you would like us to attend, we would be happy to participate and support your efforts.

Andrew ([amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca](mailto:amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca)) & Gaylene([gcarragher@edu.pe.ca](mailto:gcarragher@edu.pe.ca))

**Bluefield, Zone 4:** It was lovely meeting members of the East Wiltshire Home and School Association in February. I'm looking forward to touching base with other Bluefield Family of Schools' Home and School Associations in the coming months. I enjoy learning more about each school and sharing information about the role of School Board Trustees and our activities to-date. I do welcome any questions or feedback!

Karen ([kclare@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kclare@edu.pe.ca))

📌 **Great Big Crunch!** Register [here](#) to participate in the Great Big Crunch (or [Munch](#)) anytime in February, March and April, and let us know how your students or team members are taking part. You can also join 1000s of students and school food supporters at the virtual Great Big Crunch, Thursday, March 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#) for virtual event! Explore the [2026 Activity Toolkit](#) / View the [2026 Communications Guide](#)

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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Stonepark will once again be offering a spring volleyball program for boys and girls in grades 6,7, and 8 beginning March 9th and running until May 4th.



**Please note there will be no sessions over the March Break.**

**Girls will have sessions on Mondays from 5:00pm- 6:30pm and  
Thursdays from 5:00pm- 6:30pm**

**Boys will go Mondays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and  
Wednesdays from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.**

**Students are to bring clean indoor sneakers, a water bottle, and athletic wear.  
Please use the side gym door facing Heather Avenue. For more information, please  
email [scottandjanet@eastlink.ca](mailto:scottandjanet@eastlink.ca)**