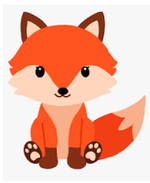
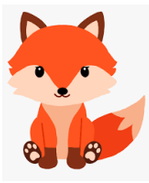
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LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 5 - Coupon Orders go home
Oct 12 – Thanksgiving Day (NO SCHOOL)
Oct 22 – Take Me Outside Day- Celebrating Outdoor Learning
Oct 26 – National School Library Day
– School Photo Re-Take Day
Oct 27 - Coupon Orders due back to school
Oct 30- Wear Black and Orange- Fundraiser for Holiday Families
- H&S Halloween Dance Event - School Gym





COOLER WEATHER

Fall weather tends to bring with it a chill in the morning air and the temperatures can be quite crisp. Students who dress properly for the weather with coats, hats and mitts/gloves enjoy being outside more. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the weather conditions at this time of the year. **Also, it is a great idea to keep an extra pair of socks, mitts or pants in your child's school bag, so if needed, they have them!**

STOCKING STUFFER COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

Stocking Stuffer Coupon Booklets are now available for sale. Every child will go home with an order form on Monday, Oct 5th and order form will need to be returned to the school on Tuesday, Oct 27th. The booklets are $10 each with the funds split between the school and the hospital. Coupons are valid until May 2027.





BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The breakfast program is up and running 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 are accessing 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 like doing so. You are more than welcome to send in peanut free granola bars, snacks, cereal, cheese, fruit or send in a monetary donation either with your child or via e-transfer to lmmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com . Please make sure you put in the message "Breakfast Program Donation".

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

If your child has a lunch ordered but is not in attendance (home sick, out for an appointment, etc) it will be the parents/guardians' responsibility to phone the office to either have the lunch sent home with a sibling OR to keep in the kitchen for your child's lunch the following day.

If you need help with your hot lunch account or ordering, please phone the office between 11:30am and 4:00pm and Ms. Kaitlyn will assist you.

Starting Friday, October 9th we will be selling ice cream sandwiches and gluten free popsicles. This is a "Family Support" fundraiser that we run year round with all profits going towards supporting our families in need during the school year and over the holiday season..



Please note: If your child does not have lunch, we will phone home and ask that food is brought for them.

WATER BOTTLES AND CUTLERY

Please make sure that you send along a water bottle and cutlery daily for your child. We do not have these items on hand to give out to students so it's very important they remember their own from home. Please do not send in any glass water bottles.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH - ORANGE AND BLACK DAY



We are encouraging everyone to dress in orange and black INSTEAD of Halloween costumes and if able, to make a monetary donation that will go towards supporting families during the holiday season. There are numerous reasons as to why LM's tradition has been to dress in orange and black instead of costumes – many schools do this and yes, there are some schools who permit costumes. Halloween will be celebrated in many ways throughout the day while trying to balance and be sensitive to student needs. If you want to send in treats with your child to share, please contact your child's homeroom teacher prior to doing so as we have many children with food allergies.

Halloween Treats: Please make sure that your child has a balanced lunch including fruit & vegetables. Good nutrition helps support great learning. Parents are reminded that **due to the high number of allergies** in our classes and the guidelines promoting healthy eating, please enjoy the Halloween treats at home. **Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!**





SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 30TH H&S HALLOWEEN DANCE

Details are still evolving for this special event but we wanted to provide families with a little head's up! LM students, along with their parents and or guardian, are invited to a Halloween dance on Friday, Oct 30th to take place in the school gym. Students are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes but it is not a requirement! This event is only for students who currently attend LM and not for older siblings unless they are the chaperone instead of a parent. Stay tuned for more details such as time and cost to attend the event.

MUSIC: STRINGS PROGRAM (GRADE 3-6)

This year will be a wonderful year for extra-curricular activities! There has been a lot of interest in beginner strings! (Violin, Cello, String bass)

Returning Strings: Tuesdays after school. Pick-up time will be 3:40.
Start date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Beginner strings : will take place on Thursdays after school (pick -up 3:40)
Start date: October 8, 2026



Fees: $35.00 per term. (Fees are for instrument repairs, replacements and strings.)
Term 1: September to January due October 6, 2026.
Term 2: January to June due January 31, 2027

Any students interested in one-on-one violin lessons please contact Mr. Chan: 1(782) 772-0822 or by email: kevi67ca@gmail.com

TERRY FOX FUNDRAISER

This year is the 46th anniversary of Terry Fox's "Marathon of Hope" which he started in 1980. For more information regarding Terry Fox or his mission you can visit this website :**https://impact.terryfox.org/**
This year our total fundraiser to go towards Cancer research in Terry Fox's memory is… $900!



BUS PASSES AND AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

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 child's after school arrangements, please call the office prior to 2:00pm.**

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.

LM'S LITERACY LOWDOWN

How to bring Literacy into your Halloween fun!



‣ Bake a pumpkin pie! Following a recipe will help improve reading and math skills.
‣ Tell some spooky ghost stories! Make up your own or read a spooky story together, like a *Nancy Drew* or *The Hardy Boys* mystery books.
‣ Sing some Halloween songs together! www.spookyfun.com has some fun Halloween songs and lyrics.
‣ Carve a pumpkin! Let your child trace a design on the pumpkin and watch to see what they create!
‣ Research the history of Halloween together and share the spooky things you learn.
‣ Watch a scary (and kid-friendly) Halloween flick to end the night. *Monsters Inc.*, *Casper the Friendly Ghost* and *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* are all family favorites!
‣ Organize Halloween candy in different ways. Sort candy by shape, size, name, or even candy type, and then trade! This activity helps to reinforce basic math along with association and matching skills (and also slows down the sugar rush)!

HANSEN SOLAR ENERGY BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONTEST

L. M. Montgomery Elementary School was recently selected as the winner of Hansen Solar Energy's Back-to-School Community Contest!
As part of the contest, community members were invited to show their support for a local school, and L. M. Montgomery Elementary received the most support from the community.
To celebrate, the Hansen Solar Energy team stopped by the school to deliver school bags for students. They were proud to give back to the local community and help students get ready for another exciting school year. Hansen Solar Energy would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest and helped make this initiative a success.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

PEI Home & School News, October 2026

🍎 **Semi-Annual Meeting Registration is Open**

Parents, school staff, and community members are invited to the Semi-Annual Meeting
Date: **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Rustico, PEI
TOPICS:
1. **Compass Youth Health Survey Results 2025-26 by Cody Davenport**
2. **Home & School Networking = We want to hear from you! Local Home & Schools will lead the discussions on topics:**

A. Active Involvement & Relationship Building - Engagement, positive school culture, and strengthening the 'home' and the 'school' relationships
B. Breakfast & Snack Programs - Supporting students' well-being; engaging newcomers/volunteers
C. Fundraising & COSPEI - Effective strategies/alignment with COSPEI
REGISTER by Oct. 15, 2026. Use this Google Form link: **https://forms.gle/DWTJ58p82CRNMZQ78**

🍎 **Training Workshops for Volunteers**

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Tues., Oct. 6 Alberton Elementary School 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Mon., Nov. 2 Spring Park Elementary School 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Tues., Nov. 3 Souris Regional School 6:00 – 7:30 pm

All volunteer parents and teachers in your school are welcome to attend and learn helpful tips for executive roles (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and general information for all volunteers. No cost. Refreshments provided. Register by contacting Shirley at: ssmedleyjay @gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186.
Register for Alberton by Oct. 2nd. / **Register** for Spring Park & Souris by Oct. 28th.

🍎 Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due Nov. 1. Find the application at: https://peihsf.ca/crossing-guard-award/

🍎 Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to $500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: Nov. 30. Grant Application and Speakers Resource: https://peihsf.ca/grants/

🍎 Update Local Home and School Contacts

Presidents: Use the Google Form to update this year's current Home & School executive contact details by Oct. 1st. (https://forms.gle/TB4W9WJuUndDeLPd6)
Treasurers: Submit 2026-2027 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15th.
E-transfers to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca Or mail a cheque to: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

🍎 Cyberbullying Workshops

Community Legal Information offers cyberbullying workshops for youth and for parents and caregivers. The workshops are to help prevent cyberbullying and support youth who may be experiencing it. Now that school is back, local Home and Schools may be interested in hosting a youth (12-17) or a parent/caregiver workshop.
The workshops include info about:
- Building language and understanding,
- Spotting the signs of cyberbullying,
- Learning about Canadian youth's online experiences and online spaces they access, Understanding luring and sexual extortion
- Understanding what the law says
- Supporting youth facing cyberbullying
- Using tools and resources for prevention and response

Book with Malak at: malak@legalinfopei.ca | 902-892-0853

Community News…

~ **Building Bridges Workshop** brings together individuals, organizations, community leaders, and service providers from across PEI to explore practical approaches to addressing hate, bias, and identity-based harm and to strengthen connections across our communities.
Workshop Details =

- **Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Charlottetown Central Library

Reply to **antiracisminfo@gov.pe.ca** with your name and names of other attendees from your organization. *Hosted by: Anti-Racism Office Executive Council Office Government of P.E.I.*

~ **Life after High School!** Sessions to be held in the Charlottetown area on Oct 18th & 26th. Everyone who attends will leave with a university application checklist and a networking guide for beginners. Parents, teens, and educators are welcome to register. Tickets: $15 pp or $25 for a family. All the information is available at https://careerified.ca/life-after-high-school/.

Join our coupon book!

