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DATES TO REMEMBER



Sept 14- LM Hot Lunch Program Begins
Sept 15 – Open House – "Meet the Staff" (6:00pm-7:00pm)
Sept 18 – LM's Terry Fox Run/Walk
Sept 21- Sept 25 – Truth & Reconciliation Week
Sept 21 - Breakfast Program Begins
Sept 22 – School Photos by Everest Solutions – Gr. 4, 5 & 6
Sept 23 – School Photos by Everest Solutions – Gr. 2 & 3
Sept 24 – School Photos by Everest Solutions – Kindergarten, Gr 1 & anyone who was missing.
Sept 29 – LM Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day (NO SCHOOL)

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

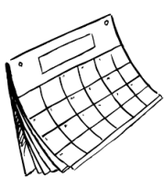
It is hard to believe that we have left the dog days of summer and are back into the routines of what the school year entails! It has been a smooth start up and we are looking forward to getting to know all the students not only as learners, but individuals as well. We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff that will take the time to understand where the learner is and provide specific instructions 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 the 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.

OPEN HOUSE EVENT

We are excited to be able to once again host an open house so you can meet our team on Tuesday, September 15th from 6:00-7:00. You are encouraged to take your child so they can show you their learning spaces!



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, that they are here by 8:25am so 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.**

EXTRA CLOTHES



When the weather permits, getting outside for fresh air during recess is an important part of our school day. In order to avoid students having to phone home after recess for a change of clothes if they get wet- please send them with a change of clothes in their backpack.

WATER BOTTLES and CUTLERY

Please make sure that you send along a water bottle daily for your child and please do not send in glass water bottles. Please also send any cutlery your child may need for their lunch, food programs both do not supply cutlery with meals provided. The office is unable to provide these items and must be supplied from home.

LM TERRY FOX RUN
LM Montgomery will be organizing a Terry Fox Walk for all students in grades K-6 at 1:45 on Friday, September 18th. 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 or you can also donate through our school Terry Fox Walk link if that is more convenient. https://schools.terryfox.ca/39992

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – EVERY CHILD MATTERS
Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on Tuesday, September 29th 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 participate in activities all week during Truth & Reconciliation Week, September 21st – September 25th.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Regular school attendance is necessary in order 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:

l) 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 different online lunch ordering programs. www.peischoolfood.org began on September 8th, 2026. This program runs Monday-Friday.
We also have a school run program, which can be found at http://www.lmmontgomery.hotlunches.net. This meal program will begin on **September 14th, 2026.** Both white and chocolate milk are available Monday-Friday. Pizza or garlic fingers on Tuesday and Thursday and chicken poppers and fries on Wednesday. There are NO meals on Monday or Friday with this program.



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 Tuesday, September 8th with your youngest child on how to register for each program.

Schedules for hot lunch: There will be 2 months of menus open at a time.
Example- September and October will open at the first of September. On September 30th all of November's schedules will also open. You will not see December's schedules until October 31st.

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 for this school year.

If your child forgets his/her lunch, we will be calling home and asking you to bring them lunch.
Lunch programs on PSB storm days:
LM Hot lunch program - Storm days where we do not have school will result in credit on your account.
PEI School Food Program- Notice from their website: "Refunds cannot be processed for meals that are no longer needed, or if there are storm days or school closures. The PEISFP still incurs costs for these meals."

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Our breakfast program is starting on **Monday, September 21st**. This is a very important program that feeds lots of our students who need a little something extra in their belly before classes start. As this program is primarily funded through donation and if you can help, please feel free 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 lmmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com . Please make sure you put in the message "Breakfast Program Donation". Thank you for your support.

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. It is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in LM Montgomery. We look forward to hosting parents, guardians, and teachers at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30pm in the library.

FREE MILK FOR KINDERGARTEN
Dairy Farmers of PEI, on behalf of the PEI School Milk Foundation, is extremely excited to provide our new kindergarten students with free access to white milk for three straight weeks **beginning Monday, September 14th until Friday, October 2nd**. This initiative is designed to welcome students to school with easy access to nutritional products, educate new parents on the School Milk Foundation and its benefit to Island schools, and inform them on how they can purchase milk for their child at their respective school following the end of the initiative.

Kindergarten parents: IF you want to order your child chocolate milk from September 14th- October 2nd please order on our hot lunch website. You will notice there is no white milk option to order for kindergarten students during these weeks. If you do NOT want your child to receive free milk, please let the office know so we can adjust our numbers for the PEI School Milk Foundation.

SCHOOL PICTURES



Everest Solutions will be at our school on Tuesday, September 22nd, Wednesday, September 23rd, and Thursday, September 24th to take student photos. Students enrolled in grades 4, 5 & 6 will have their photo taken on the 22nd. Students enrolled in grades 2 & 3 will have their photo taken on the 23rd and those students enrolled in kindergarten, grade 1, and anyone who was absent will have their photo taken on the 24th. Any student who was absent during the school photo days will have their pictures taken during our photo retakes on October 2nd.



BUS PASSES

As our buses are at 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.**

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.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY USE

We love that our playground and green spaces are enjoyed by the community when school is not in. We kindly ask if you are using the grounds that you treat the equipment and space respectfully. Please take your garbage with you and not leave it on the grounds. If you are walking your dog and your dog requires a bowel movement, please pick up after it and take the "poop bag" with you. We do have a "Nature Space" sectioned off for our kindergarten students. This also includes space in the wooded area. Please be mindful of projects in progress and planting that have taken place as students work hard in this area. When we all respect the shared playground and green space, it makes it a safer and more enjoyable place for all.

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.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING



Cross-country running is now taking place at recess time for students in grades 2-6. There is also an after-school cross-country and soccer club that starts on September 16th for students in grades 4-6 who are interested. Students who are interested in the after-school club have received a permission slip from Mrs. Nogler that has all of the details.

The Zone Cross-Country Meet is October 8th at Eliot River School, and the Provincial Cross-Country Meet is October 17th at Mill River Resort. Information will be sent home with students who qualify for these meets.



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



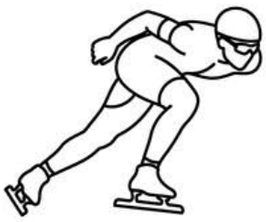
LM Montgomery Elementary needs to be as safe an environment as possible for several students who attend school with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts; due to this LM Montgomery will continue to be peanut & nut-free. We do this because all students travel throughout 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 also means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.

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

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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



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.

Reminder to parents of Kickstart After School Care!
Parking: to the right of the school (side parking lot)
Start date: Tuesday, September 8th
Hours of operation: after school dismissal-5:30pm
Cost: $17 per day

To be added to their waitlist please administrators contact: kickstartafterschool@gmail.com

While this after school program is run out of LM Montgomery School, it is privately owned and operated and NOT affiliated with LM Montgomery School.

What is ringette? Find out more about ringette HERE (https://www.ringette.ca/our-sport/what-is-ringette/)

Come to our FREE RINGETTE 'Try It Out' session on Sunday, September 13 (12:15pm)!



Only a helmet and skates are needed. Register HERE or email stephanie@charlottetownringette.com

Ask any questions to decide if it's right for your child & family. Register for the season at a reduced rate.

Some gear available to borrow FREE from our Gear Library!