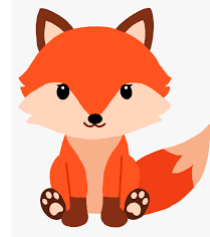


LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 14th – Holiday Concert; 1:00pm School viewing
6:00pm Parent viewing

Dec 15th – Holiday Concert Storm Date – 1:00 Performance
for Parents

Dec 22nd – Last day of classes for 2023

Jan 8th – First day of classes for 2024



THE HOLIDAY SEASON - OUR CARING COMMUNITY



We wish to thank our community members, parents, students and staff who are helping to contribute in the true spirit of the holiday season by giving during Black & Orange Day, Red and Green Day, Ice Cream Sandwich sales, The Holiday Envelope, individual classroom fundraising and by generous donations.

If you have any 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.

COLD WEATHER

Winter is fast 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.



COUPON BOOKLET FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to our parent community for supporting this great fundraiser. We sold 775 booklets! The money raised has been used to order a number of "standing desks" for student use. Congratulations to the following students:

Top 3 sellers:

1st prize → Toby MacKenzie

2nd prize → Noah Willis

3rd prize → Aiden Campbell

Random draw winners:

Wilson Mader

Sydney Phillips

Petra Grin



NEWS FROM PHYS. ED



Intramurals - Intramural basketball is now happening at recess time for grade 5 and 6 students.

After School Activity - There is after school basketball beginning December 5th for students in grades 5 and 6. Students who were interested received a permission slip from Mrs. Nogler to be signed and returned.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all of our Parents/Guardians for a collaborative week of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you to the Home & School for the wonderful and delicious meal for our staff on Thursday night. It was greatly appreciated!



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. 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 are prohibited as well.**



INCLEMENT WEATHER-RELATED PROTOCOL 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.



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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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

PEI Home and School News, December 2023

 **Biathlon Programs for Youth** - If you are looking for a fun outdoor activity for your kids to participate in this winter, Nordic Sports PEI (formerly Biathlon PEI and Cross Country PEI) offers two excellent programs at the Nordic Centre at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park, Brookvale.

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 from former Canada Games coaches John and Anne Keuper. This program is held on Saturday mornings from 10-12 am from January to March.

- **Equipment needed:** Classic cross country ski equipment. Rental equipment is available from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club (on first come/served basis) or from the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park.
- **Program fees:** \$55 plus rentals (if required, \$30). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of \$20 for the year.

Biathlon Bears Program

The Biathlon Bears Program gives children aged 8-14 the opportunity to learn the basic skills of biathlon (marksmanship and skate skiing) as they progress through 3 levels of the program. Sessions are held twice weekly (Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm and Sundays 12-2:00 pm) and runs from January to March. There are also additional summer and fall activities offered.

- **Equipment Needed:** Air rifles (provided during practices for use by participants) and skate ski equipment. Ski rentals are available on first come/served basis from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club.
- **Program fees:** \$125 plus ski rentals (if required, \$75). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of \$20 for the year.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of these programs please contact the program manager (Brad Haltli, bahaltli@gmail.com) with the following information: **1) program you are interested in, 2) child's name, and 3) child's age** and online registration information will be provided. Gear fitting for these programs will be held on **Sunday, December 10th** at the **Brookvale Nordic lodge** of the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park from **12:00- 4:00 PM**.

Parent involvement in the Learn to Ski and Biathlon Bears Programs is essential to sustaining these successful programs. We are looking for new coaches to join the programs.

For more information about registration or if you are interested in volunteering as supporter or coach for either program, please contact the Brookvale Biathlon Bears Program manager:

Brad Haltli
Brookvale Biathlon Bears Program Manager
bahaltli@gmail.com

🍷 **North Shore Community Centre - Christmas Mingle & Jingle**, Saturday, December 9th from 3-5pm at the North Shore Community Centre (2120 Rte 25, West Covehead). Large bouncy castle, cookie decorating, colouring, Santa!

🍷 **Extra Mile Award** - The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 19, 2024**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

🍷 **Affecting Change in PEI's School System - Resolutions** are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the **71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024**.

Assistance with writing resolutions is available.

Deadline to submit resolutions: Jan. 31, 2024.

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> / [How to Write & Present a Resolution](#) / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

🍷 **School Staff Appreciation Week 2024** - School staff celebration, the week of **February 12-16**. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

🍷 **President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2023-2024** - Presidents/Co-Chairs Annual Reports are due **Feb. 29**. To help you get started, we suggest that you record each month's activities in a bulleted form list, beginning in September. Add what will be happening to finish out the school year, March to June. Collectively, you are writing the history of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. If you need help, contact us at: 902-620-3186 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca. And, we have a google form to help. Go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOInb3_QViM3zNjpR2ZdyjlnWDq98Po5s3WCKbRCexg/edit

🍷 **Save the date...AGM, April 13, 2024** - Book your calendars to attend the P.E.I Home and School Federation's 71st Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 13, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details to come.

🍷 **Federation Board Nominations** - Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Directors for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague and Morell families of schools; all are two-year term positions. For more info, contact the Federation office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186.

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!

