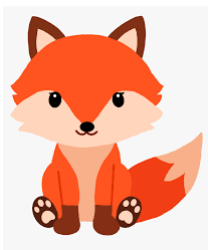


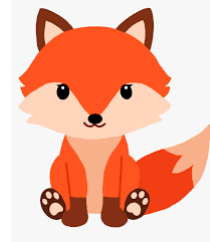
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LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 5th – LM Gazebo Fundraiser Begins
- Feb 7th – World Read Aloud Day
- Feb 7th – Late French Immersion Parent Information Meeting @ Stonepark @ 6:00pm
- Feb 8th – Grade 2 Field Trip to Charlottetown Library & Founder's Hall
- Feb 8th – Grade 6 to Stonepark for Band & Late French Immersion information
- Feb 12th – 16th – Winter Carnival Week
- Feb 12th – 16th - Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb 14th – Valentine's Day
- Feb 15th – LM Multicultural Day
- Feb 15th – Canada Flag Day
- Feb 16th – Winter Wellness Day
- Feb 19th – Islander Day (NO CLASSES)
- Feb 23rd – All items due for LM Gazebo Fundraiser
- Feb 28th – Pink Shirt Day



FUNDRIASER ALERT – SUPPORT OUR FOXES – GOOD LUCK WITH THE BOXES – DRAW DATE IS MARCH 20TH, 2024

This year, we are very excited to present a fundraising activity and in order for this event to be successful, we need your support in 2 very important areas!



We are looking for donations for the prize boxes. Each grade level has been assigned a theme that they are responsible for creating. Please send in a “new” item or service that may go with your child's theme. If you have a service or item that may suit a different basket that may not be assigned to your child, please feel free to send it in and we will put in another box! Also, if you require a letter for a donation, please contact the school office and we will send one home for you. **All items for the boxes are requested to be at the school by Friday, February 23rd, however, please send in at any time before then!** If you are looking for ideas, please see the list of suggested items sent home with your child on Monday.

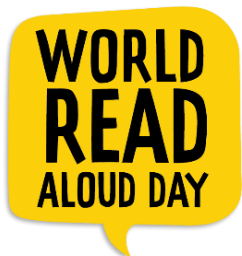


From **MARCH 4TH until MARCH 19TH**, we are asking that each family try to sell at least 2 booklets of tickets for a chance to win a beautiful box full of wonderful surprises or one of three booster prizes. The tickets come in **books of 10 tickets for \$10.00**. The booklets will be sent home on March 4th to be filled out and **RETURNED *back to the school by March 19th***. There is a spot on each ticket to put the name, phone number and the box or booster prize in which each ticket is to be placed. If you really want one particular prize, then all of your tickets can go in the draw for that box to better your chances for a win!

All monies raised from this event will go directly towards paying for a new gazebo for our playground! If you would prefer to make a donation to this fundraiser and not participate in the box draw, please feel free to send in cash or an e-transfer to lmmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com and in the message of the transfer, please put “For Playground Gazebo”.



A list of prizes available in each basket and the booster prizes will all be sent home with the tickets on March 4th. The boxes will also be on display during Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 7th & March 8th. **THANK YOU so much for your support!**



WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Set aside time in your schedules on **February 7th, 2024 for Word Read Aloud Day!** On this day, families and classrooms will celebrate the joy of reading aloud! Reading aloud with children helps them to develop literacy skills, allows them to share their stories and fosters relationships. There are so many ways to participate in this special day with your child. Children can write their own story and read it to a family pet! They can read their favorite story book to a friend or read it to a family member that lives far away via video chat! Do you want to enjoy a special read aloud done by someone else? What if you listened to an astronaut read to you from outer space?! Visit Mrs. Newson's World Read Aloud Day page for more information and ideas! Happy Reading! <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/mrs-newsons-library/world-read-aloud-day>

LM'S SPRING CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE

The LM's Spring Concert will take place at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, March 14th**. The concert will involve grade 3 classes, grade 4 classes, the grade 4/5 combined, and all string groups. The storm date is Friday, March 15th. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Doyle at tjdoyle@edu.pe.ca.



STONEPARK INFORMATION

There will be a **Late French Immersion Parent Information** meeting at Stonepark on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00pm. Our grade 6 students will be travelling to Stonepark on Thursday, February 8th at 10:00am to attend an information session to learn about the band program and the Late French Immersion program. Students will travel by bus from LM to Stonepark.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR MESSAGE

Mornings can be rough in many households. Routine is paramount with kids. If you feel your child is able, have them be a part of **establishing a morning routine PLAN**, and remember to **stick to the basics!** You might want to incorporate extras such as making beds but that can be an added bonus, if there is time before heading out the door. To begin, you will greatly increase the odds of an easier morning if your child has had **enough sleep**. A nightly routine is just as important, but a topic for another day! To make the morning run as smoothly as possible, **do as much as you can the night before:** packing lunches, choosing clothes to wear, breakfast choice and books in kitbags. Communicate the **"get up" time** to your child.

Keep in mind some children rather an alarm than an individual to wake them up, if possible. If the morning is not going well, **stay calm**. Make sure **the expectations are clear, use a calm voice and simply focus on the next step. Visual schedules, or check lists are needed for some kids**. If the morning does not go well, be sure to address it with your child and ask what will make tomorrow's morning go better. Good luck 😊



PHYS. ED

Congratulations to all of our gymnasts who competed at the Zone 3 Gymnastics Meet last week. LM did extremely well. Our pre-novice girls team placed 2nd, our novice girls team placed 3rd and our novice boys placed 3rd.

The following students received ribbons for placing in the top 10:

Novice Girls

Alexa Mogylevsky: 3rd on floor
Layla McCarron: 7th on floor and 8th overall
Eliza Pickering: 4th on floor and 9th overall

Novice Boys

Colton McCaughey: 2nd on floor, 2nd on vault and 1st overall
Landon McGee-Gallant: 5th on floor
James Walsh: 7th on floor

Pre-Novice Boys

Griffin King: 7th on floor, 7th on vault and 9th overall
Nate Curran: 3rd on floor

Pre-Novice Girls:

Maya Currie: 1st on floor, 2nd on vault and 1st overall
Darci Bain: 5th on floor, 3rd on vault and 3rd overall
Jordyn Bolo: 3rd on floor and 6th overall
Kallie Packwood: 9th on floor, 5th on vault and 9th overall



A special congratulations to Luke McCormack who did awesome on his vault and his floor routine.

PLEASE BE CONSCIENTIOUS!!! 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 items stating "may contain" or imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.**

WIND CHILL AND OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY

As per Public Schools Branch policy, students are expected to go outdoors unless the wind chill is -20°C or colder. Please make sure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to play outside during these cold winter days. Please note, this includes children who are dropped off each morning! We are outside each morning until 8:25 therefore students dropped off should be dressed to remain outside until this 8:25 time. It is also a good idea for your child to keep an extra pair of mitts/gloves and socks in their kitbags. **Please ensure that you have an extra pair of clothes packed in your child's backpack to limit the calling home with wet clothing.**





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.

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.

Home and School News, February 2024

Presidents' Annual Reports - President's Annual Reports are due February 29. All reports will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year's 2023 Book of Reports at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation's new President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form. If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

Home and School Volunteer Awards - The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: March 3. Criteria and Form are online at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024 - The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting will be on April 13, 2024, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students? -Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It's a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child's education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students. <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

Pink Shirt Day Canada 2024 is on February 28th Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness! A new Pink

Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course = provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm 212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30; Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm. Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwcei@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.

Winter Indoor Soccer Programs - Delta Soccer is offering winter indoor programs that will run between February 18th and April 5th. Programs consist of six, 1-hour sessions and there are options for participants born between 2011 and 2020. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to deltasoccer.ca.