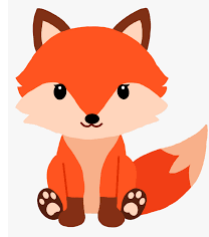


# LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Teacher Conference Booking Closes
- Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – Box draw tickets will be sent home
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 Report Cards Issues
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – Author visit for grades K-2
  - H&S Meeting @ 6:30 in the library
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – Grade 3 & 4 concert with all string students
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 Field Trip
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – Box draw tickets to be returned to the school – No late tickets will be accepted.
  - LM Science Fair (Grade 5 & 6 students)
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – LM Box Draw!
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Mid-term break – No classes
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Statutory Holiday – No classes



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences are March 7th and 8th, 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/>.

Please make every effort to make the conference times available work as teachers are trying to schedule around a number of 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 student 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 last month. 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!

## LM BOX DRAW

Thank you so much for the donations to make these boxes spectacular! All box prizes will be on display in the main lobby from March 4-March 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and inventory will be sent home with the youngest or only student on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that families will try to commit to selling at least two booklets. Tickets are \$1 or \$10 for a booklet of 10! If you require additional booklets, please contact the school office.



## SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place in the LM Montgomery Elementary School library from Monday, March 4th thru Friday, March 8th. Students will be visiting with their classes during school hours Monday to Thursday. The fair will also be open to parents and caregivers during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday evening (March 7th) until 8:00 pm and on Friday (March 8th) until 12:00 noon. Please note there will not be an online option to purchase books from the book fair.

Mrs. Newson is also looking for volunteers to help with the fair on Tuesday afternoon, as well as during school hours on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Newson: [tjnewson@edu.pe.ca](mailto:tjnewson@edu.pe.ca)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025 – PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!



- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order 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.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

• Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2024.

### 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.



### PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH PEANUT/NUT ALERT



LM Montgomery Elementary needs to be as safe an environment as possible for a number of 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.**



**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.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS


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


### PEI Home and School News, March 2024


 **School Calendar 2024-2025** -To help families and school staff plan for the year ahead, the province has released the 2024-2025 school year calendar, which includes 182 instructional days. Find the school calendar online at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>


 **Mark your calendar --- 71st AGM & Conference** -The **P.E.I. Home and School Federation** is pleased to announce that its A.G.M. & Conference 2024 will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. **REGISTER online at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>** by the early registration deadline, **March 21**. **Ensure your school is represented.**

**Speakers will include:** Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Early Years, Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I., and round table experts, who will present on Suicide Prevention, Dept. Education's Inclusion Report, COMPASS 2023-24 Youth Survey results, What is the role of an E.A.? What is Foundations? and Youth & Sports Nutrition.

 **2024 Resolutions**-Proposed 2024 resolutions have been circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. 2024 resolutions are online at <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> . For further information, call 902-620-3186.



 **Volunteer Awards** - Do you know an amazing Home and School volunteer in your school? You can nominate this person for the Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Submit nominations to the Federation office by March 8. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>


 **Board of Directors Nominations**-You can allow your name to stand for a provincial Home and School Federation two-year term? Vacant positions include President, Vice President, and Directors for the Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague, and Morell Families of Schools. The Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across Prince Edward Island and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the A.G.M. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Find the 2024 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

 **Parental Involvement** - In children's education, parental involvement is a broad term that can take many forms inside and outside school. So, what role do parents play in education? Depending on schedules, parents can help **their children by participating in school functions or obligations, advocating for the school and improving their children's schoolwork.** **Examples of getting involved at home include:** helping with homework, modelling desired behavior, providing ongoing encouragement, monitoring homework completion, and creating a time and space for study.

Parents **can be more involved in their child's school by:**

- Communicating with teachers regularly
- Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews
- Helping with the governance of a Home and School

 **Great Big Crunch!** Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 7, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch). Crunch to celebrate healthy school food. Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

 **Youth Vaping Workshop Opportunity on March 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at the Charlottetown Library. This session is open to parents/staff who work with youth. Participants will gain knowledge from local findings, share their own experiences, discuss opportunities to reduce youth vaping, and learn about mental health and addiction connections. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037>

### Start2Finish, Social-Emotional Learning, Literacy and fitness - After School Program

We are a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide ongoing educational support for students in the form of an after-school program which emphasizes literacy through social-emotional learning themes, and fitness for engagement purposes.

We would like to invite students from your school community to join one of our virtual programs, [Brainworx](#) for students in grades 1-6, and the [Junior Coach](#) program for students in grades 7 & 8 for the spring session in March. We have found that this type of setting is suitable for some students.

The programming is designed by educators & fitness experts, and it integrates social-emotional learning as part of each session. Both programs are run by live, trained volunteers and are at NO COST to anyone. It is FREE for families to register and families register directly with us!

Please visit <https://www.start2finishonline.org/brainworx> to register, or email Luce Paradis [luce.paradis@start2finishonline.org](mailto:luce.paradis@start2finishonline.org) for more information.

**Spring Indoor Soccer Programs** - Delta Soccer is offering spring indoor programs that will run between April 1st and May 11th. 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](http://deltasoccer.ca).

**Outdoor Soccer Registration Opens April 2nd** - This season, try something different and experience the difference. Delta Soccer will be offering outdoor soccer programming between May 14th and September 1st. Our programs will provide you with the flexibility to register for all or only parts of the season. For program descriptions and schedules go to [deltasoccer.ca](http://deltasoccer.ca).