

L.M. MONTGOMERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 4 – After School Bricks 4 Kids
Dec. 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences.
Dec. 11 – Grade 2 & 1, 2 & 3 Choir Christmas Concert (Storm Date: Dec. 12) 6:30 pm
Dec. 11 – After School Bricks 4 Kids
Dec. 12 – Ice Cream Sale
Dec. 19 – After School Bricks 4 Kids – Last one
Dec. 18 - 4, 5 & 6 choir & all Strings Christmas Concert- Park Royal Church – 7:00
Dec. 21 – Last Instructional Day 2018
Jan. 3 – 1st Instructional Day 2019



interest your child but are above his or her reading level, you can

stretch your child's understanding and keep alive the magic of sharing books together.



Mid Day Closure

All Public School Branch school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 a.m. An announcement that “classes in all Public Schools Branch schools are cancelled” means that there is no school for any students. If it announces a “system wide shutdown” this 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. **Please keep in mind that LM Montgomery School belongs to the Charlottetown 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 am.



Literacy Bits:

Read Every Day

Children respond well to routine, and reading is something that you and your child can look forward to every day. By taking the time to read and to talk with your child, you are showing that this is important and fun to do.

Try to read with your child as often as possible. It is the most important thing you can do to help him or her learn at school. It will also allow you to spend high-quality time together and to develop a strong and healthy relationship that is built on sharing of ideas.

Here are some ideas:

~ Set aside special time each day when you can give your full attention to reading with your child.

~ Choose a comfortable spot to read, where you can be close to your child. Create a “reading area” there together.

~ Choose many different books. If your child's first language is not English, choose books both in English and in your child's first language. A strong basis in a child's first language makes it easier for him or her to learn a second or third language.

~ Vary the length of reading time depending on your child's age, interests, and grade. For young children, shorter sessions may be better than one long session.

~ Even after your child has learned how to read, keep reading to him or her. By reading stories that will

Phys. Ed. News:

Basketball

Intramural basketball is now taking place at second recess for grade 4,5 and 6 students.



After school basketball has started for students in grades 5 and 6. Students who were interested received permission slips from Mrs. Nogler.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics will be starting in the New Year. Students in grades 3,4,5 and 6 are able to practice at recesses and after school. Students wishing to stay after school for gymnastics will receive a permission slip in early January.



Guidance News:



Each year we really appreciate the support extended by individuals, families, businesses and LM staff/students that generously provide financial support for our LM Christmas families in need. It is that time of the year once again and we are putting out a request for support. If you feel this is something you are able to help with or would like further information on, please contact Ms. Doiron, our School Counselor, at 368-4089 or email her at sbdoiron@edu.pe.ca Thanks so much!

Music News



On **Tuesday, December 11** we will be having our Grade 2 & 1, 2 & 3 Choir Christmas Concert here at LM Montgomery School (Storm date: Dec. 12). We are asking students to arrive to the school by 6:00 pm for a 6:30 start date. We are asking when students arrive at the school, grade 2 students go to your classroom and 1 & 3 choir to go to Mrs. Evers Forrester's room. **We will be having an afternoon performance at 1:15pm for extended family members** to alleviate congestion for the evening performance. Clothing – Christmas attire for all students including choir. This means any clothing you may have at home. It is not necessary to go out and purchase new clothing for this event.

On **Wednesday, December 19th** we will be having our 4, 5 & 6 choir and all strings Christmas Concert at Park Royal Church. We are asking students to arrive by 6:00 pm with a 6:30 start date (storm date: December 21). We ask that students dress in black bottoms and white top.



Due to ongoing concerns with unpaid lunch accounts, Home and School members voted at the last meeting to make some changes to the program. Starting in January 2019, all orders will need to be submitted by **Sunday evening at 9pm**. All orders **MUST** be paid at this time as well. **Any orders not**

paid in full by this time will be **deleted** from the system. This will mean that vendors will **ONLY** receive and make orders that are paid in full. We also remind you that there can be a delay between paypal payments and posting to your account. **We will not be adding orders after the deadline has passed.** Because we return to school on Thursday, January 3, orders will need to be submitted by **Sunday, December 30th**. As this change might take a little while to get used to, we will be doing the first lunch schedule to include January 3 & 4th only. Going forward, a **two week rotation will start on January 7th** (with orders needing to be placed by Sunday, January 6th). This order will cover January 7th-18th.

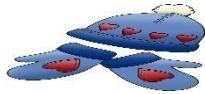
If you have any questions regarding these changes please do not hesitate to contact Darla or Jillian

LM Facebook Page

Parents, check out LM's Facebook page for current events, activities in and around the school and celebrations of learning that we've been apart of!!!

Thank You

We want to say a big thank you to Noreen Shaw who dropped off a lovely donation of beautiful hats & Mittens for our students.



Home & School News

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Coupon Fundraiser. We will be announcing our top sellers in January's newsletter.

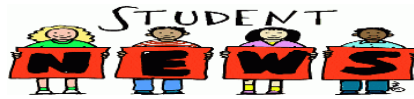
Our next home and school meeting is on January 17 at 7pm in the library. Hope to see you there.



Scholastic Book Fair

We held our Scholastic Book Fair during parent teacher conferences. Thank you for supporting this very important fundraiser to supply our library with new books. We want to thank the following volunteers for helping out with our book fair: Giselle Dalton, Alyssa Arbing, Michelle Sewuster, Cressica Smith, Tracy Nendarto, Jennifer Moss, Crystal Garrett-Baird, Jenny Mutch, Tara McCarthy, Erin Smallman & Theresa Sheehan.

We also want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Giddings for all of her hard work in organizing this for our school.



The Stanhope Historical Society wish to congratulate the following grade 6 students for their submissions to the Remembrance Day Literary Contest. This year a large number of essays were submitted and they would like to recognize the following students for their heartfelt messages, their sophisticated use of language and grammar and most importantly, their promise of becoming excellent writers.

Emma King - Coming Home: A soldiers point of view
Georgia Maxwell - Home
Katelyn McCashion - An Untitled Essay
Liam Corrigan - Remembrance Day.

The winners of the Poetry contest are as follows:

1st place – **Ava Jenkins**

2nd place – **Abigail Proctor**

3rd place – **Addison Schneider**

Honorable Mention –

Laila Ellis



Kindergarten Registration

Parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten during the week of **January 7 – 11, 2019**. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten ~Parents are reminded to **bring two pieces of information** which verify proof of child's age: birth certificate/PEI health card as well as verification of home address, such as current utility bill.

General Information

The school office is open at 8:00 a.m. each morning for you to call when your child(ren) are unable to attend school.

If you are calling the school to make a change in regard to picking students up at the end of the day, it would be much appreciated if you could call prior to 2:00 p.m. as the end of the day can be a very hectic time in the office.

Late Arrivals/Early Pick-up Please sign your child in at the office when arriving after 8:35am. Also, please sign out your child at the office if picking up prior to 2:40pm.

Community Events

Charlottetown Sparks is looking for girls ages 5 & 6 (Kindergarten and Grade 1) to join our Unit. We meet Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45pm at 223 Kent Street. Sparks is the youngest branch of Girl Guides of Canada tailored for girls to have a say in their experiences in a safe, encouraging environment, where girls can learn new skills and try new things and make new friends. There is always a mixture of games and crafts for a well-blended program. Please go to www.Girlguides.ca to register your daughter today.



Ladies Darts

Ladies darts, Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Grand Tracadie School Centre. An evening of fun and for all skill levels. Everyone welcome!

Positive Parenting from Two Homes Parenting Group

This cost-free program is presented in two, three hour sessions one week apart. Trained facilitators will give information, present videos, facilitate discussion and answer questions. You will learn to understand your feelings, your children's needs, and develop a business like relationship with the other parent. You will not be asked to talk about your individual situation because the program is intended to provide general information. Facilitators will be available during the break and at the end of the sessions for individual consultations. Your co-parent will attend a separate session.

Registrations: Call 368-4333 and leave your name and telephone number. Parents living outside the Charlottetown area call toll-free at 1-800-877-8828. The Parent Education Program Coordinator will return your call and complete your registration. Programs are offered in Charlottetown, Montague and Summerside. Confidentiality is maintained in the program.