

L.M. MONTGOMERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events



Jan. 31 – Zone 3 Gymnastics Meet at West Royalty School
Feb. 1 – Storm Date for Zone 3 Gymnastics Meet at West Royalty School
Feb. 7 – Late French Immersion Information Meeting for parents of grade 6 students at Stonepark at 7:00 pm. in Library
Feb. 9 – Provincial Gymnastics meet at Kensington Intermediate Senior High School.
Feb. 11 – 15 – Staff Appreciation Week
Feb. 12 – Storm date for late FI meeting at Stonepark
Feb. 13 – Ice Cream Sales
Feb. 18 – Islander Day – no school
Feb. 22 – Gr. 6 Band Orientation at Stonepark – 9:15 – 10:00 am for grade 6 students.
Feb. 25 – Professional Learning Day – no school
Feb. 27 – Ice Cream Sales
Feb. 27 – Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying Day.
Feb. 27 – Grade 4 students to Confederation Centre for Arts Discovery Day. Buses will leave the school at 9:00 am and return by 1:30 pm.

Literacy Bits.



Reading Poetry

The repeated readings of familiar poems add greatly to a beginning readers understanding of how our English language works. Children love the rhyme and brevity of the stories in poetry.
~ Ask your child's teacher or the librarian for the names of popular poem collections.
~ Invest in one or more well written poetry books available for children.
~ Bring the poetry book off the shelf often. The more familiar the poem is to your child, the more he or she will enjoy it.
~ Enjoy the humor in children's poetry.
~ Read poetry with expression to demonstrate the flow and rhythm of our language.
~ Take advantage of the rhyming words of poetry to help develop an awareness of similar sounds in words.

Phys. Ed. News:

GYMNASTICS

The Zone 3 Gymnastics Meet will be held January 31st at West Royalty School. LM will have students competing in pre-novice and novice boys and girls categories. The storm date for this meet is February 1.



The Provincial Gymnastics Meet will be held on February 9th at Kensington Intermediate Senior High School. Students advancing to this meet will receive permission slips from Mrs. Nogler.

BADMINTON

After school badminton will be starting in late February for students in grades 5 and 6. Permission slips will be going home with interested students.



Intramural badminton will be taking place in the gym at second recesses in late February for students in grades 4,5 and 6.

Music News:



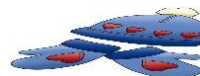
The grade 4, 5 & 6 choir will continue to have early morning rehearsal on Wednesday mornings for the month of February.

After School Strings

Students who have after school strings on Thursday will continue for the month of February.



Extra Clothing



Please put an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack for wet days. Also, snowpants or splashpants should be worn on wet or snowy days.

Home & School



Coupon Booklet

Sales

Students, parents, and guardians, thank you so much

for participating in the coupon booklet fundraiser. We raised almost \$4000. This money will go towards purchasing a new piece of playground equipment next year.

Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week



Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week will take place from February 11-15. A big Thank You goes out to Alicia Packwood and our hospitality committee who will organize a week of snacks and lunch for our teachers and staff.

Guidance:



Pink Shirt Day – Also known as Anti-Bullying Day is on February 27th this year in Canada. On that day, we will be taking some time as an entire school to understand and become aware of bullying and our role in preventing it from occurring.

The Pink Shirt Day event was organized by David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, who, in 2007 bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a male grade nine student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt during the first day of school.

Pink Shirt Day is being recognized and promoted in schools and workplaces all across the world. We encourage all staff and students to wear pink on February 27 to show your support and take a stand against bullying in our school and in our community.

HOT LUNCH

Just a reminder to parents regarding the changes that were made to our hot lunch 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.

Staffing News:



We want to say good-bye and good-luck to Emma Kate Donovan, Youth Service Worker, who has accepted a position at St. Jean Elementary. We want to thank Ms. Donovan for her hard work and dedication to the students and staff of LM Montgomery School and we wish her well in her next endeavor. We want to welcome Lindsay Arsenault who will be with us in Ms. Donovan's position until February 4, then Katie Jay-MacDougall plans to resume the role.

Kindergarten Registration



If you have a child that will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2019 and you have not registered him/her for Kindergarten in the fall, please contact the school to register. 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.

Late French Immersion Meeting



Late French Immersion Parent Information Meeting for parents of Grade 6 students who plan to enroll their children in Grade 7 Late French Immersion in September, 2019, at Stonepark Intermediate, will be held in the school cafeteria on **Thursday, February 7** (Storm Date February 12) at 7:00 p.m.

L.M. Montgomery Evacuation Site



Our evacuation site is the Faith Bible Church located at 392 St. Peters Rd. This is the site that our students will move to when it is not safe to be on the school property. If dismissal

occurs, it will be from the **evacuation site**. Parents are encouraged **not** to gather at the site. Busses will pick up students from the evacuation site and follow regular or early closure plans depending on time of dismissal. Parents who **typically** pick up students at the school can do so at the evacuation site.

Mid-day School Closure



School cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 A.M. www.gov.pe.ca/edu/psb. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or "family of schools". **Please keep in mind that LM Montgomery School belongs to the Charlottetown Rural family of schools.** Partial system closure due to inclement weather will be announced by family of schools. 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. Please refer to our website for additional information on school closures. Together we will work to ensure safe winter travel for all of our children.

Scent Free School

L M. Montgomery School is a scent free facility. Please refrain from wearing scented after wash products in our building. We have some students and staff members who are extremely sensitive to certain scents and products. Some of these products include: Fleecy, Bounce, Unstoppables (Downy), Gain Pods – with added scent and any products with scent boosters. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Electronic Devices

As a school community, we must work together to set clear guidelines around the use of electronic devices in the school, on our buses, and on the playground. Devices such as cell phones,



digital cameras, MP3's, iPods, DS's, etc. are owned by many of our students, however, school many not be the best time/place for their use. **When not authorized for use, all electronic devices must be turned off and kept in backpacks while on the school premises.** Electronic listening devices may be used on buses, with the permission of the bus driver. There is a student phone in the main lobby and also in the office area for times when students need to make calls home during the school day.

Electronic devices are very expensive and fear of loss, damage, or theft is the main reason we would discourage students from carrying these items from home to school as **we do not assume responsibility for the loss or damage of these items.** The privacy of students is also **extremely important** to us and we want to ensure that any cameras and/or recording devices are kept out of change rooms, classrooms, and our playground.

Community Events

North Shore Community Dance

North Shore Community Center presents a 50's, 60's Rock'n Roll Night with "Phase II and Friends. on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 8 – 11. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Live Band, 50/50, Cash Bar, and a Raffle Basket with lots of goodies. Advance tickets \$10. At the door \$12.00. NSCC Phone # (902 672-1684.

February monthly meeting for the Rural Municipality of North Shore will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 7PM at The Grand Tracadie School Centre. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies darts, every Thursday, 7pm at Grand Tracadie School Centre, \$2:00 drop in. All skill levels welcome

