

# L.M. MONTGOMERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events



**Jan 3** – 1<sup>st</sup> instructional day in 2019  
**Jan. 5** – No Strings on this day  
**Jan. 7 – 11**- Kindergarten Registration  
**Jan. 11** – 4, 5 & 6 choir & strings concert at Park Royal Church – 6:30 pm. (Storm Date: Jan. 16)  
**Jan. 15** – After School CSI  
**Jan. 16** – Ice Cream Sales  
**Jan 17** – Home & School Mtg. – 7:00 pm  
**Jan. 22** – Kindergarten Winter Concert at North Shore Community Centre- 5:30 pm  
**Jan. 23** – Storm date for Kindergarten Concert  
**Jan. 30** – Ice Cream Sales

## Literacy Bits.



### Talk About Books

Talking about the books you read is just as important as reading them! Talking with your child about a story or other book helps your child understand it and connect it to his or her own experience of life. It also helps enrich your child's vocabulary with new words and phrases. Encourage your child to read informational materials, such as children's science magazines or websites. Talk about the materials with your child and ask plenty of questions. Here are some ways to help your child learn the skills needed for comprehension, reasoning and critical thinking:

- ~ Ask your child what he or she would like to read about.
- ~ Read and talk about your own favorite books from childhood.
- ~ Look at the cover and the title of a storybook with your child, and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen in the story.
- ~ Encourage your child to ask questions and to make comments on the pictures and the story before, during, and after reading it.
- ~ Encourage your child to think critically about all books. Does he or she agree or disagree with the author? Why? Is the information accurate or not?
- ~ give your child time to think about the books, and then talk about it with him or her again a few days later.

## Phys. Ed. News:

### Gymnastics



After school gymnastics will be starting in January for students in grades 3,4,5 and 6. Permission slips will be sent home with students who are interested.

## Music News:



Choir Concert

The strings and choir concert that was scheduled for December 19 has been rescheduled for Friday, January 11, 2019 with a storm date of Wednesday, January 16. This will include our 4, 5 & 6 choir and all strings. This will take place at Park Royal Church. We are asking students to arrive by 6:00 pm with a 6:30 start date. We ask that students dress in black bottoms and white top.

There will be a Winter Kindergarten Concert at the North Shore Community Centre on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 pm. (Storm Date: Jan. 23)

## Home & School

### Coupon Booklets Fundraiser

Thank you for everyone who supported LM Montgomery's Coupon Booklet Fundraiser in December. The winners are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Dylan Squires sold 24 booklets
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Chloe Roberts sold 23 booklets
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Eva Russell sold 21 booklets.

The three winners for the \$25.00 draw were Savanna Morrell (5C), Carter MacInnis (1B), Collins Baird (1A).

## 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.

## Thank You!

We want to say a big thank you to the congregation at the Faith Bible Church for a very generous donation to our Breakfast Program.

## HOT LUNCH

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

## 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](http://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.



## Community Events

### CSI - Investigating Science Behind the Scene

**Who?** Grades K-6 students

**What?** Exploring math, biology, art, and physics by making/breaking codes, analyzing fingerprints/footprints/handwriting, and practicing sketch artist skills. These are just a few of the hands-on activities we will undertake as crime scene investigators. Record clues in your new STEAM PEI notebook and put it all together to solve the crime.

**When?** One hour after-school. Tuesdays for 6 weeks starting January 15.

**Where?** At your school!

**Why?** Because we love science and we want to share our excitement!

**How?** Register online at [www.steampei.com](http://www.steampei.com) and email [sarah@steampei.com](mailto:sarah@steampei.com) with any questions. Payment of \$80 can be made by cash, cheque or email transfer on the first day of class.

## PEI Home and School News, January 2019

Healthy School Food Project

Morgan Palmer is working with the Public Schools Branch to develop and pilot a provincial school food strategy. As part of this project three School Food Think Tanks were held across P.E.I. this fall.

The following three video links contain content on this School Food Environment Initiative. Nine schools are prepared to pilot a new school food program for PEI.

East Wiltshire School Food Think Tank 1  
Kinkora School Food Think Tank 2  
Montague Regional High School Food Think Tank 3

### Affecting Change in PEI's Education System

Resolutions are developed around issues that will affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2019. Assistance with writing resolutions is available. Deadline to submit resolutions: Jan. 31, 2019.

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week | Extra Mile Award

Start planning in the New Year to celebrate school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 11 – 15, 2019. Home and schools are encouraged to find ways of saying thank you to staff members for their contributions to the lives of our children and youth. Nominate a school staff person (i.e. teacher, education / admin assistant, custodian) for the PEI Home and School Federation's *Extra Mile Award*. Submission deadline is: Jan. 11, 2019. More details are online at <https://peihsf.ca/extramile.ca>



### Annual Reports

Presidents of Home and School Associations are asked to submit an annual 1-2 page report outlining your Home and School Association's activities for the 2018-2019 school year. Reports will be inserted into the Federation's 2018-2019 Annual Book of Reports. If you need assistance, call 620-3186 | 1-800-916-0664 | [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca). Please submit your report to the Federation office by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Coalition For Healthy School Food

Canada is the only G7 country without a national school food program. Help us ensure every child in Canada has access to healthy food at school. [Sign the E-1957 \(Food Policy\) Petition to the House of Commons](#) For more info contact Debbie Field at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/> | 416 537-6856

### 2019 Great Big Crunch

The next "official" Great Big Crunch will take place on March 28th at 2:30 p.m. EST. [Click here to register](#) your School/Home and School! Find out more here: <https://foodshare.net/program/crunch/>

"What a fantastic way to celebrate nutrition, raise awareness of various food discussions, and encourage a sense of both school and national unity!" - Salem Elementary School in New Brunswick

## Grand Tracadie News

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



The January monthly meeting for the Rural Municipality of North Shore is Wednesday, January 9th at 7pm, at The North Shore Community Centre. Everyone welcome!

## Confederation Centre Children's Library Programs 2019

**StoryTime**- Tuesdays at 3:30 & Wednesdays at 11:00 am  
**Toddler Time** – Thursdays at 10:30 am  
**Wiggle, Giggle, Read on** Thursdays at 1:30 pm  
**Comic Club** on Saturdays at 12:30 pm  
**Lego Club** on Sundays at 2:00 pm  
**Craft Club** on Tuesday, Jan 8 at 6:00 pm  
**Bedtime Stories** Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 5:30 pm  
**Valentines for Vets** – Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 11:30 am and Saturday, Jan. 19 (Drop In)  
**Puppet Play** – Wednesday, Jan. 23 @ 11:00 am  
**Keep Calm and Colour** on Friday, Jan. 25

