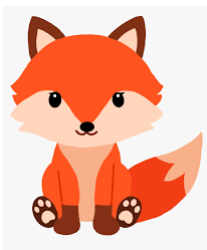


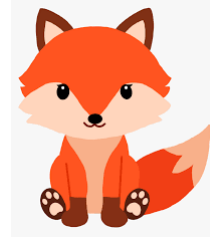
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LM MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 14 – School Photos
(K, Gr2, Gr4, Gr6)
- Sept 15 – School Photos
(Gr1, Gr3, Gr. 4/3Y, Gr5 & anyone who missed on the 14th)
- Sept 20 – LM's Terry Fox Run/Walk
- Sept 16-30 – Truth & Reconciliation Week
- Sept 29 – LM's Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30 – National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (NO SCHOOL)



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

It is hard to believe that we have left the dog days of summer and are back into the routines of what the school year entails! It has been a smooth start up and we are looking forward to getting to know all the students not only as learners, but individuals as well. We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff that will take the time to understand where the learner is and provide specific instruction to move them forward. All of our learners will learn at a rate and speed that is appropriate for them. Please make sure that you are in contact with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress so you can support the learning at home.

A WORD ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION

Newsletters will be **sent out electronically** and **only once a month** – usually by the first Friday. The newsletters are also located on our school website which is accessible at www.edu.princeedwardisland.ca/lmmontgomery.

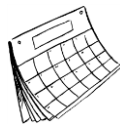
PowerSchool mass email system, the school handbook, our website, and teacher online platforms are ways we communicate events, expectations, and policies that affect our school community. The student handbook can be found on our website and if you wish to have a hard copy, please inform your child's teacher and one will be sent home.

Our website is constantly being updated and items being added. Please "follow" or subscribe to our site to get the most up to date information.

MEET THE STAFF EVENT

We are unable to host an in person, "Meet the Staff" event this fall due to the limited of individuals able to attend for an in person mass gathering. Please watch for the various ways that your child's teacher will introduce themselves. If you happened to miss this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND GOOGLE CALENDARS



Our school calendar was sent home with students this week. It is also posted on the LM website. The LM school calendar, along with the PSB calendar are also found as a Google Calendar which you can sync to your own device and have up-to-date information. This link can also be found on the school's web site. Please be conscientious that the events scheduled throughout the school year will be dependent on guidelines from CPHO.

SCHOOL DAY START TIME & END TIME

Instruction begins at 8:40 am each day so please ensure that if you're dropping your child(ren) off, that they are here by 8:25am as not to miss important information. Students are considered "late" when they arrive after O'Canada at 8:35am. Late arrivals will need to use the main doors and sign in at the office. The school day ends at 2:40 pm. **There is no supervision for students arriving prior to 8:00 am so please do not drop your child off before this time. If you arrive before 8:00, please keep your child with you until you see a staff member (wearing a red coat) on supervision.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE



These fees are now due. Students in kindergarten & grade 1 are required to submit \$45.00; grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 are to submit \$52.00 as this includes the cost of a school agenda and grade 6 are to submit \$7.00 to cover the cost for their agenda. If you haven't already done so, please send payment to the office as soon as possible or pay by etransfer at lmmontgomeryschool2020@gmail.com If paying electronically, please state child's full name and what the payment is for.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on Thursday, September 29th as a way to commemorate the thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools. We are proud to be a part of reconciliation and to participate in activities all week during Truth & Reconciliation Week, September 26-30th. For more information about Orange Shirt Day and how to continue the conversation at home, CBC kids is a great website: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day>



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is necessary in order to achieve success in school. Students who are frequently absent or late tend to become discouraged, often lose interest in their school work and, in general, fall behind in their studies. If a child is absent, parents are asked to:

1) Call the school **before 8:30am** to advise **why** your child is absent from school and when we can expect them to return. There is an answering machine, so please feel free to leave a message.

2) If you are requesting work to be sent home, please do so at the time of call as this will allow the teacher time to prepare and/or collect work from other teachers.

ON LINE LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEMS



We are continuing to partner with private vendors and the Province of Prince Edward Island to provide two on line lunch ordering programs. *Hotlunches.net* and www.peischoolfood.org will begin September 13th, 2021. Both of these systems require a small amount of setup time if you are planning on ordering lunches for your child. Once the initial setup process is complete, your lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple. A notification letter was sent home on Tuesday, September 7th with your child on how to register for each program.

If the student is not in school on the day their order comes in, there are a few choices available: we can give it to a sibling to take home or you can come and pick it up that day.

If your child forgets his/her lunch, we are able to provide them with a small snack but we will be calling home and asking you to bring them a lunch.

WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure that you send along a water bottle daily for your child. We do not have water bottles in the office to give out. Due to continued CPHO protocols, water fountain usage is not available at this time.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch School Portraits will be at our school on Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, September 15th to take student photos. Students enrolled in Kindergarten, Gr 2, 4 and 6 will have their photo taken on the 14th. Students enrolled in gr 1, 3, 4/3Y, 5 and anyone who was absent on the 14th will have their photo taken on the 15th. Any students who are absent during the school photo days, will have their pictures taken at a later date. After Picture Day, order pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day Order Form.

CROSS COUNTY

Cross-country running is now taking place at recess time for students in grades 2-6. An after school soccer/cross country club permission slip was sent home with interested students in grades 4-6. Students from these practice groups will be selected to represent LM Montgomery at the Zone 3 Meet. The date for this meet has not been set yet.



BUS PASSES

We will not be able to provide bus passes for students at this time UNLESS it is for primary child care purposes only. We appreciate parents making their own arrangements for after-school plans. Just a reminder to parents that if there is a change in your child's after school arrangements, please call the office prior to 2:00pm.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES

Parents, please be sure to let your child's teacher know what the arrangements are for after school care. If these arrangements change, a note from you is expected.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

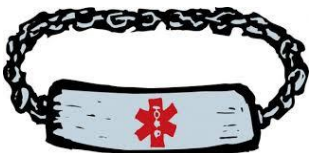
Students are kindly requested not to bring electronic items like iPods or cell phones to school. It is difficult to ensure their safe keeping during the school day and the school **will not be responsible** for these items. These items can also distract students from reaching their learning outcomes throughout the school day.

Students are not permitted to use these items at school or on the bus without consultation with administration and the bus driver.



REGULAR HAIR CHECKS AT HOME

We are asking parents to check their child(ren)'s hair on a regular basis for head lice. This is the most proactive way to control the spread of lice. Parents are reminded to contact the office if head lice are found. As per the PSB Head Lice Management Protocol, when a child is in a class where a case of head lice is detected, an email notification will be sent home to parents of all students so parents can check their child's hair at home and provide treatment if necessary. Information is available in our handbook and on our website regarding treatment and controlling the spread of head lice.



NO CHILD WITHOUT

Our school is involved in the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation's **No Child Without** program. Students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 and 14 can join Medic Alert through this program at no cost. If your child has a medical condition, disability, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A

child's Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. For further information, go to www.nochildwithout.ca. If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

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.



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 also means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.

LM HOME & SCHOOL NEWS – Join our Facebook page!

Home & School is a group of parents and staff that meet every other month to discuss issues and plan events. New members are always welcome. It is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the school. We look forward to hosting parents, guardians, and teachers at the following meetings:

- September 21, 2021
- November 23, 2021
- January 18, 2022
- March 22, 2022
- May 24, 2022 (Annual General Meeting)

The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings, at the school, beginning at 6:30 pm.

The following is a list of the 2021-2022 LM Home & School Association Executive:

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PEI SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Every student attending a PEI school is automatically insured by the PEI School Accident Insurance Program's basic student coverage. This program is provided without a deductible and at no cost to the student, parents/guardians or schools. Basic coverage is provided during school hours, school activities, community-based learning activities and travel to and from school and community-based learning activities. The student accident insurance information is on the Public Schools Branch website at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/psb/departments/corporate-services/school-accident-insurance-program/>

LM'S LITERACY LOWDOWN

LM Montgomery School continues to focus on improving the literacy levels of our students. Two main aspects of these are reading and writing. Everyday teachers work on essential skills such as *word work*, *conventions*, *comprehension* and *guided reading* to help students improve their literacy. Please feel free to chat with your child(ren)'s teachers about these and the many other areas of literacy being covered in class. Please look in the *Literacy Lowdown* section in each newsletter for ways that you can support these efforts with your child(ren).



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

PEI Home & School News, September 2021

Watch for Students on the Road - Another school year begins Sept. 7th. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to school and back home again safely.

Home & School Contact Info - Presidents: Fill out the Home & School contact information form and email to the Federation office at: peihsf@edu.pe.ca. Treasurers: Submit Home and School 2021-2022 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office online at: https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/ OR mail a cheque. Membership Fee Form can be downloaded at: https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/

Semi-Annual Meeting - The 2021 Semi-Annual will be an in-person meeting held Tuesday, October 21st, 6:00 PM, Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Rustico, PEI. [More details to follow.](#)

Back to School Plans - Following feedback from education stakeholders and a planning exercise, the Public Schools Branch (PSB) and La Commission scolaire de langue française (CSLF) are acting on the advice of the Chief Public Health Office and will implement policy to ensure compliance with masking to support a safe return to school this fall. More details at: <https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/>

PEI's Healthy School Lunch Program - It's a new school year and everyone is invited to sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. Register early here: <https://peischoolfood.org>

NuWelcom App - Download the NuWelcom App that translates PEI school and community news into twelve different languages.

Ringette - Calling all those interested in trying Ringette! We are hosting a FREE Come Try Ringette session on Sunday, September 12 at 11:15am at CARI Rink A Participants can register online at this link <https://www.cometryringette.ca/event-type/prince-edward-island/> Hope to see you there!!!

