

**VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**  
**PARENT NEWSLETTER #8**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**  
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**David Wood,**  
**Principal**

**Sandra Walker,**  
**Vice-Principal**

**Student of the Month Awards:**

Congratulations to the following students who received student of the month awards for November:

Ali Kenny  
Eireann Whalen  
Grace MacPherson  
Sadie MacDonald  
Averie Drake  
Ryan Richard  
Jack Bastedo  
Emma McQuillan  
Lily Prosper  
Payton MacFarlane  
Marshall Lea  
Gaby Sioen  
Kai Conyard  
Hayden Campbell  
Hannah Kouwenberg  
Tara Campbell  
Athletes - Julia Lea  
                  Thomas Wood  
Music - Aislyn Trainor  
Band - Ben O'Brien  
French - Evan Doherty

**Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Contest Winners:**

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in the Eldon Legion Branch No. 7 Remembrance Day poster/essay contest:

Charley-Joe Christoffersen  
Nash McQuillan  
Meisha Kilbride  
Maddison Wishart  
Mielle Compton  
Grace Matheson  
Alexa Currie  
Darby Lea  
Richard Chandler  
Cohen Murphy  
Chloe Chappell  
Sean Whalen  
Leo Czank

**VRCS Food Drive:**

Students are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item for the VRCS Food Drive organized by the Gr.6 class. The Food Drive will take place from December 11 - 15. The Gr. 6 class will also be hosting a bake sale on Wednesday, December 13th with all proceeds going towards our local food banks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Morning Sports:**

Please note that morning sports on Tuesdays and Thursdays is finished for December. It will start up again on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Christmas Concert:**

This year we will once again have two Christmas concerts on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – one at **1:30pm** and one at 7:00pm. If the afternoon is more convenient for you or any of your family members, please join us for the **1:30** performance. Please note: storm date for the concert is Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Please note change in time for the afternoon concert (was originally scheduled for 12:45pm).**

Fudge and water will be on sale at the evening concert.

No particular clothing or costumes are required for students in kindergarten to grade 5.

Band students are reminded to wear their concert attire – black bottoms, white tops.

**Field Trip on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Students in kindergarten to grade 9 will travel to the Cineplex Cinemas in Charlottetown on Wednesday, December

20<sup>th</sup> for the movie “The Star”. Information regarding the field trip will be sent home on a separate notice.

### **“Twin Day” (Grade 9 Fundraiser):**

Twin day will be on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participation is by donation (any amount would be appreciated). Thank you for supporting the Grade 9 class!

### **Student of the Month Assembly for December:**

Student of the month assembly for December will be held on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:15pm.

### **Christmas Gift Ideas:**

Looking for Christmas gifts ideas for your children? Here are some ideas that are not only great for a child’s development, but also fun for all ages!!

#### **Gift ideas for kindergarten to grade 2:**

- Bed Bugs Game (hand strength)
- Snakes and Ladders (math skills)
- Connect 4 (problem solving)
- Memory Games and Matching Games (memory skills)
- Playdoh and accessories (hand strength and imagination)
- Baseball Glove and Ball (hand eye coordination)
- Legos (fine motor and imagination)
- Puzzles (Great for all areas!!)
- Dot to Dot, Mazes and Colour by Number workbooks (pencil skills)

#### **Gift Ideas for grades 3 to 6:**

- Battleship (hand eye coordination)
- Rush Hour (problem solving)
- Lite Brite (fine motor)
- Monopoly (counting and math skills)
- Legos (fine motor and imagination)
- Twister (coordination; understanding left and right)
- Nerf Gun (hand eye coordination)
- Perfection (fine motor)

### **From the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation:**

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#### **2018 Recognition Awards**

Nominate a deserving individual such as school staff, Home and School volunteer, school bus driver or school crossing guard for provincial recognition in 2018. Award nomination deadlines are:

[Extra Mile Award of the Year](#)

January 12, 2018

[Volunteer of the Year](#)

March 9, 2018

[Life Membership](#)

March 9, 2018

[School Crossing Guard of the Year](#)

April 27, 2018

[School Bus Driver of the Year](#)

May 11, 2018

#### **School Staff Appreciation Week 2018**

School staff will be celebrated across Canada **February 12 - 16, 2018** during Staff Appreciation Week. Home and School groups are encouraged to show appreciation to school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education.

#### **Resolutions**

Deadline to submit a resolution for consideration at the 2018 AGM is **January 31, 2018.**

Consider issues needing change in PEI’s education system and write a resolution on that issue by referring to our [guide to writing and presenting resolutions](#) and to the [slides from the Leadership Training Workshop session on resolutions.](#)

Review previous resolutions and responses from government departments at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>  
Contact us for assistance: 902-620-3186 /1-800-916-0664 or [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

#### **Membership Fees**

Send your Home and School’s membership fee to the Federation office by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Click here [Membership Fee Form](#) to download the form.

#### **65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention**

**Mark your 2018 calendars....** PEI Home and School Federation’s 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference, **Saturday, April 14, 2018**, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI.

#### **Food Education Grants**

Congratulations to schools and community groups who received [Community Food Security and Food Education projects](#) including East Wiltshire, Charlottetown Rural, Morell High, Morell Consolidated, Westisle, and Tignish.

#### **Report on State of Public Health in Canada**

Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer Public Health Agency of Canada released her [Report on the State of Public Health in Canada, 2017: Designing Healthy Living](#) on Oct. 26, 2017.

#### **The Global Alliance for the Future of Food**

Webinar: Unravelling the Food-Health Nexus: Building a Healthier Food System. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-unravelling-the-food-health-nexus-building-a-healthier-food-system-tickets-39999601886?invite=&err=29&referrer=&discount=&affiliate=&eventpassword=>

*Best wishes of the holiday season  
to you and your family!*

