

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER #6
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Book Fair: Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place from **November 23rd to 27th**. When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using the following link:



<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5147317>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:
***SAVE** it to your browser
***WATCH** videos of popular new titles
***PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Items ordered on the **Virtual Book Fair** will be shipped directly to your home address.

An **In-Person Book Fair** will be held for students only, during the week of November 23rd to 26th, at scheduled class times – cash and cheque will be accepted for purchases.

Home and School: Thank you to everyone who supported the coupon book fundraiser. It was a great success, with approximately \$2,600 being raised. The top seller was Isaiah Drake in Kindergarten!

Grade 9 Online Auction

Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who supported the grade 9 online auction, either by donating items or purchasing items. Approximately \$3,300 was raised!!



Blue Shirt Day for Type 1 Diabetes

Awareness: November is Diabetes Awareness Month and VRCS will be encouraging our students to participate in Blue Shirt Day this Thursday, November 19th by wearing a blue t-shirt, sweater, top, or jersey to school.

Parents/Guardians/Students who use social media are welcome to share photos of their own kids and themselves wearing blue using the official hashtag #EndDiabetes

Heelys: We are asking parents not to send your child to school with Heelys (skate shoes/shoes with wheels) due to safety reasons - one wrong move on a slick tile surface, such as those in the school can result in injuries.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, November 19th and Friday, November 20th. The link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews was emailed to parents and posted to the school's website.

Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be restrictions in place and procedures that need to be followed in order for us to have safe and successful parent-teacher interviews.

***Only one parent/guardian per child is permitted to enter the building to attend interviews.** (Please note change from previous newsletter, upon direction from the Public Schools Branch).
No students or other children should be in attendance.

*Parents will be required to wear a mask while in the hallways; they may remove their mask in the interview provided they are seated 6 feet from the teacher.

*Parents may arrive 5 minutes before their scheduled interview time but they must leave the building upon completion of their interview(s).



*We will be using separate entrances/exits depending on the child's grade level. If your initial (or only) appointment is for a student in K, Grade 6, 7, 8 or 9, music/band or French – **please use the bus door entrance and exit.** If your initial (or only) appointment is for a student in grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, resource, phys. ed. or guidance – **please use the main entrance and exit.**

Parents are not required to sign in at the main/bus door entrances but are required to sign in with every teacher they meet.

Parents may request a phone or online interview if they do not feel comfortable coming into the school for an in-person interview.

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Public Schools Branch - Kindergarten

Registration for 2021-2022: Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten *prior* to or during the week of November 16-20, 2020.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age.
 - Birth Certificate
 - PEI Health Card
 - Passport
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2021.

Please keep in mind that:

- Parents are reminded to wear a mask at the school when registering their child.
- Only one parent should visit the school to complete the registration.
- Parents will have to sign in upon arrival.
- Parents should only visit the school if feeling well and are not required to self-isolate.

For the **Early French Immersion Program** registration, please refer to the following:

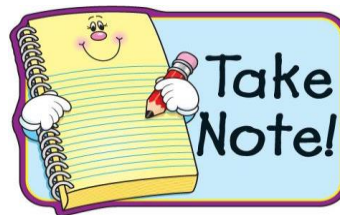
Montague Family (Belfast, Cardigan, Georgetown, Montague Consolidated, Southern Kings and Vernon River), **contact Montague Consolidated.**

Free Milk Day: The PEI School Milk Foundation Ltd. is offering schools one free milk day this year – every student in the school will be offered a free small white or small chocolate milk on **Wednesday, November 25th.**



Student of the Month Awards for November:

Student of the month awards for November will be handed out on Thursday, November 26th, 2020, in individual classrooms. Parents of students who will be receiving awards this month will be informed.



Upcoming Dates to Note:

- November 19 – Parent Teacher Interviews (Evening)
- November 20 – Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes)
- November 23-27 – Book Fair
- November 25 – Free Milk Day
- November 26 – Student of the Month Awards
- November 27 – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
- December 9 - Grade 9 Graduation Photos
- December 18 - Grade 7-9 Student Learning Reports
- December 18 - Last Day of Classes, 2020
- January 4 - First day of Classes, 2021

