

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER #5
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2020
www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs
902-651-8520



David Wood, Principal
Shylo Burke, Vice-Principal

Student of the Month Awards for

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

Blake Smith
Jaxon Martens
Jorja Doiron
Maeve Proctor
Kase Enman
Brooklyn Compton
Ronan Lee
Jayden MacDonald
Jacob Brothers
Lenlee McCabe
Kenzi MacDonald
Zoe Kelly
Andrew Doiron
Cadence MacDonald
Lily MacLean
Sophie Campbell
Ciara Whalen
Hannah Whalen
Kara MacRae



Music: Samuel Chiasson-Drake
Band: Emmalee Drew
French: Alexandria Wishart
Athletes: Kate Campbell, Ella MacPhee

Theme Days Fundraiser: A very special thank you from the grade 9 class, to everyone who supported the theme day fundraisers in October - a total of \$224.20 was raised!



Grade 9 Silent Auction: Thanks to Paige Richards for organizing this fundraiser. The auction is now open on Facebook for bidding. You can check it out by searching the group *Vernon River Grade Nine Online Silent Auction* on Facebook.

FlipGive Home & School Fundraiser:

FLIPGIVE is an App or website that you log into BEFORE you do your online shopping, and VERNON RIVER SCHOOL gets a certain % of the money back. This can be actual purchases, or online gift cards.

Simply join our team on FlipGive and start shopping through the app or team page and we'll earn money every time you shop with popular brands like Amazon, Starbucks, Indigo, Sportchek and Esso....etc. Perfect for COVID online shopping, and Christmas is just around the corner!

Join our team through the following link:

https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Tawnia%20Enman&joincode=R4BMPK

If you are prompted for a join code, enter this code R4BMPK

Remember to sign in to FlipGive BEFORE you shop online so we'll earn cash back - make a purchase within the first 14 days of joining and we'll receive an additional bonus!

Hardest part is remembering to go to Flipgive BEFORE shopping!

Reminder - Bus Passes: As outlined in the "PSB Guidelines for Return to School September, 2020", to mitigate the risks of Covid-19, PSB Transportation Services has implemented the following strategy: **Impose restrictions regarding bus passes - PSB buses will only consider pick-ups and drop-offs of students at the collection point associated with their primary place of residence/child care.**

Elementary Student Learning Reports and Intermediate Student Learning Progress

Reports: Student learning reports for kindergarten to grade 6 students will be sent home with students on Monday, November 16th. Grade 7 to 9 students will receive **progress reports** on that date.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, November 19th and Friday, November 20th during the day. The link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews will be 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.

*Parents will only be allowed to enter the building at this time. **Up to two parents/guardians (per student) are permitted to enter the building to attend interviews.**

*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.

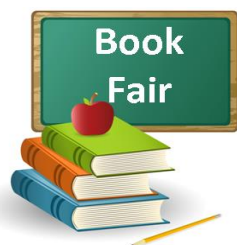
*Parents may arrive 5 minutes before their scheduled interview time but they must leave the building upon completion of their interview(s).

*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 and bus door entrances but are expected 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.

Book Fair: Due to Covid-19 we will be doing our school book fair a little different this year. During the week of November 23rd to the 27th we will be having an in-person fair for the students, the students will be able to purchase books as normal during scheduled class times and recess. For parents wanting to purchase books we will be having a virtual fair through an online link, more information to follow.



No Classes: Reminder of no classes on:

November 11th – Remembrance Day
November 12th & 13th – PEITF Convention/
CUPE Conventions
November 20th – Parent-Teacher Interviews
November 27th – Joint Staff Professional Learning Day

Dressing for Colder Weather: Students are expected to go outside for both the noon and afternoon recesses (weather permitting), and now that the colder weather is here, parents are asked to please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens and footwear...thank you!



Public Schools Branch - Kindergarten Registration 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.**



Supporting Island students and their families to be the best they can be.

Provincial Highlights - A new single 1-800 number will be introduced in the coming weeks making it easier to contact your student well-being team.

Montague Family of Schools: Student Well-being Team (SWT) News:

The team have been busy offering individual service to students and their families, as well as offering several presentations and groups as requested by school staff. Some topics offered include hand hygiene, healthy relationships, friendships and healthy lifestyle choices.

Did You Know?

Our team accepts individual referrals to service. To request more information on the types of services we offer, you can email our team using MontagueSWTReferrals@edu.pe.ca or call 902-838-0835 ext 241.

For more information on our team and service we offer, check out the following link:
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/montague-family-schools-student-well-being-team>

Parenting Information:

Each newsletter we will be offering some helpful take home messages to parents of children aged 0-12, and Teen. Check out the information for parents of Children (0-12years) in this newsletter.

Raising Resilient Children Take Home Messages:

- Coping with emotions is important for happiness, well-being and success in life.
- Help your child recognize, understand and accept feelings.
- Encourage your child to express feelings in appropriate ways.
- Help your child develop a positive outlook.
- Teach your child coping skills.
- Help your child learn to deal with negative feelings and cope with stressful life events.

Want more information, check out the next program offer, and/or visit the link
<https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island/>

Public Schools Branch Storm Closure Information for Parents:



SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools.

ONE HOUR DELAY

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.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch, or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

Please Note:

Vernon River Consolidated School is in the Montague Family of Schools.

MONTAGUE FAMILY

Montague Regional High
Belfast Consolidated
Cardigan Consolidated
Georgetown Elementary
Montague Intermediate
Montague Consolidated
Southern Kings Consolidated
Vernon River Consolidated

Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.

