

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter #11

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021

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School Newsletters:

School newsletters will now be issued every second Tuesday, instead of Monday.

Student of the Month Awards for January:

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

Micah Shaw
Brady Hakkers
Bo Visser
Gracie Meerburg
Mason Doughart
Lexi Anderson
Julianna Naddy
Marty Hakkers
Bryson MacPherson
Kohen Holmes
Maddison Wishart
Harrison Naddy
Mallory MacDonald
Nickolas Powers
Alia MacPherson
Taylor MacLean
Kate Campbell
Bridget Whalen
Jack Kouwenberg
Band: Madelyn Brothers
Music: Maddison Wishart
Lyric O'Brien
Athletes: Isabel Burns
Sophie Campbell



Reminder - Bus Passes:

As outlined in the "PSB Guidelines for Return to School September 2020", reminder that bus passes for students to get off at a location other than home/regular pick-up and drop-off location, **will be granted for child care only**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Thank You:

Thank you to McGuirk Bros Construction Ltd. for their generous donation of silverware for the lunch program at Vernon River School!

Thank you to the Montague Lions Club for their generous donation of water bottles for the students at Vernon River School!



Valentine's Day:

In consultation with CPHO, we have determined that it is appropriate for the exchange of valentines to continue. Students are permitted to bring in paper valentines. Prepackaged treat bags are permitted as well, however, we ask that students refrain from

bringing in baked goods. We also ask that any treats/valentines are sent in with your child in the morning during arrival time only. Due to visitor restrictions in schools, treats/valentines cannot be dropped off throughout the school day. Thank you for your understanding.

School Cancellation/One-Hour Delays/Early Closures:

A reminder to families to please listen to the radio by 7:00 am during the winter months. If there is a one hour delay, this means that your child will not be picked up by the buses until one hour later. When it is a one hour delay, please do not drop your child off early, there will not be any supervision at the school. Vernon River Consolidated is a part of the Montague Family of Schools.

Early Closure - Now is a good time to review your Early Closure Plan with your child. Please ensure that your child knows where they have to go to in the event of an early closure.

If you have any questions or changes to the plan you have in place, please call us at 902-651-8520 to make the necessary changes. Thank you.

Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022:

If you have a kindergarten aged child who you have not yet registered for kindergarten, please call the school to register him/her for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021 in order to be eligible for kindergarten.

Parent Support for Remote Learning:

There is a new parent support for remote learning webpage. It is linked here:

<https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/assistance/home>. This page provides "how to" information and videos for parents on Google account access, Google Sites, Google Classroom, Google Meet, Sora and other resources.

Toonies for Trayton:

This is year three for the Valentine's Campaign for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of PEI in memory of Trayton Acton. To support this campaign, we will have two spirit days in February:

Friday, February 5th – Crazy hair/hat day

Friday, February 12th – Wear red or pink day

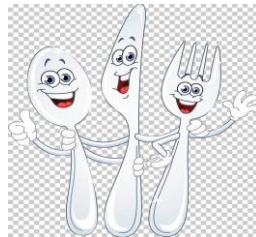
Students are encouraged to bring a toonie donation for Trayton on these days. Thank you.



Bring Your Own Cutlery to School:

The PEI Healthy School Food Program recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability; therefore they will be moving towards a 100% bring your own cutlery model.

Beginning the week of February 15th, students participating in the PEI Healthy School Food Program must bring their own cutlery to school. Please note that February 12th will be the last day that vendors will be providing cutlery with meals.



Also, students are asked to please bring their own spoons if they are purchasing sundae cups, on ice cream day.

No Classes:

Parents are reminded there will be no classes on:

Monday, February 15th – Islander Day

Friday, February 26th – Professional Learning Day



Pink Shirt Day:

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on Wednesday, February 24th to promote awareness, understanding and openness about the problem of bullying and that we will not tolerate bullying.



Connect with Us!

Families are invited to join the "Vernon River Home and School" Facebook group. This is a great way to connect with VRCS families and keep up-to-date on events and information.

PEI Home and School Federation News, February 2021:

1. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 14-20, 2021

Home and Schools are reminded to say thank you to school staff during this week of recognition. We have newly designed TSAW Posters.

[Click here for TSAW School Poster – Print and Post in your school](#)

[Click here for TSAW Student Colouring Poster – Print, colour and give to a school staff person](#)

2. President's 2020-2021 Annual Reports

President's Home and School Association Annual Reports are due in the Federation office **by Feb. 28th**. It's been an unusual year with COVID-19. However, it provides an opportunity to talk about how education happened during the pandemic. Write about parent, student

and school community's experiences with home learning, parent-teacher interviews, fundraising, school celebrations, parent leadership projects, etc. Your Home and School Association's report will be included in the 2021 Annual Book of Reports.

To help get you started, [click here for a template.](#)

3. Volunteer Award

Home and School's volunteer award is about recognizing the significant contributions that volunteers makes to help people in their school communities. Associations are asked to consider nominating a Home and School member for this year's award(s). The submission deadline is **March 12th**

[Click here for Nomination form.](#)

4. 68th Annual Meeting

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be held virtually in April; date TBA.....More information to follow.

5. Responses to Last Year's Resolutions

You can review Education Minister Brad Trivers' response to 2020 Home and School resolutions.

[Click here for Resolutions/Responses](#)

6. Parent Leadership Grants

The new grant application deadline is Feb. 28th. Click here to find ideas about Parent Leadership Grants: **and submit to:** peihsf@edu.pe.ca **or mail to:** **PEI Home and School Federation PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PEI C1A 7M4.**

Other Community news....

~ The Great Big Crunch, March 11, 2021 - Students, teachers, parents and others who are passionate about food are invited to share their enthusiasm in a national moment of anti-silence [Register to munch before crunch day.](#) **Sign up yourself, your class,**

your school or your whole school district! You will receive a [Great Big Crunch Toolkit](#), with lots of fun curriculum linked class activities, and recommend some fresh local produce for you to snack on. Get all your friends together and take a **synchronized bite at 2:30 pm EST.** Don't forget to share your crunch photos with us using [#GreatBigCrunch.](#)

~Pink Shirt day - Together we can make a difference! Wear something pink on Feb. 26th to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long. More at:

<http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

~ Canada's Food Guide – [Subscribe to get the latest healthy updates, recipes and more](#)
[Learn to be healthy infogrades1-12.](#)

~ 2021 Census, May 2021 - Statistics Canada will be [hiring approximately 32,000 people](#) across the country to assist in census data collection activities. Contact: [statcan.censusoutreach.atlantic-rayonnementdurec.atlantique.statcan@canada.ca.](mailto:statcan.censusoutreach.atlantic-rayonnementdurec.atlantique.statcan@canada.ca)



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

The team has been busy offering individual service to students and their families, as well as offering presentations as requested by school staff. Some topics offered include introduction to wellness, mental health and stress, and healthy coping strategies for exam readiness. The team looks forward to offering more presentations this month, including topics on healthy relationships, coping strategies and parenting support.

Team Update: The team welcomes two third year nursing students (UPEI) Tessa Steele and Jessica Vos to our team for the next two months. Tessa and Jessica will be offering presentations to classes on wellness topics, and helping the nursing SWT members offer the elementary coping skills group this winter.

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 teens in this newsletter.

Raising Responsible Teenagers Take Home Messages:

Help your teenager to become more responsible by encouraging them to:

- Take part in family decision making
- Be respectful and considerate
- Be involved in family activities
- Develop a healthy lifestyle
- Be reliable
- Be assertive

Want more information, check out the next program offer, and/or visit the link

<https://www.tripleparenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island/>

Montague Library - February Programs and Teen Photo Contest:

Please see the attached list of February programs at the Montague Library.

The Montague Rotary Library is hosting a contest for students in grade 7-12. It is a photo contest with the theme of 'love'. Snap a picture of anything that you love, that illustrates love, or that makes you think of love...I LOVE a new pair of socks and when my pet rabbit wants a snuggle!

Send in your picture, along with 1-2 sentences explaining how it ties into the theme and be entered into the prize draw! Submit your entry by emailing it to: montague@gov.pe.ca (be sure to include your name, school, grade, photo and explanation).

Here is a link to a Google Form that can be used for submitting an entry:

<https://forms.gle/6S7gP11VnWf6gswi9>

Contest closes on Monday, February 15th.

