

# Montague Consolidated School

## Parent Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember:

January 8<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School for 2023

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Islander Day (No School)

### PHYS ED NEWS:



After School Competitive  
Gymnastics

Grades 3-6

After School on Mondays  
and Wednesdays. The Zone  
meet date will be out soon.

### Badminton

Grade 5-6

Badminton is on Thursdays.



### MCS Wrestling 2024

Grades 3-6

Wrestling will not be  
happening until February  
more info will be out soon  
about dates and times.

### Library and Music News!



#### Lego Club

We are excited to announce that Lego Club will be happening in the library with Ms. Tara! Please listen to the announcements for when your grade level will meet. This club will meet during recess, and all students are welcome 😊 Do you have any old Legos at home that aren't getting the love they used to? Our Lego club is looking to grow, and will gladly accept any Lego donations to our group. Thanks for your consideration!

#### Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. This year's theme is "Let's have a family party!". We will be celebrating this day in-school on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, so please stay tuned for any special activities. 📖



#### Grade 3-4 Recorders

It's that time of the year! Our grade 3 and 4 classes will be starting their recorder units in music this month. Students are welcome to use recorders they may have at

home, or order forms will be sent home this week to order your own recorder. Recorders cost \$6 each, and forms must be signed and returned to Mr. Giddings or Ms. Tara by Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We do have a few extra recorders available to borrow from the school as well.

#### Winter Concert - Thank You

We would like to thank all our MCS friends and families for supporting your students as they performed in the Winter Concert. We are so proud of everyone's hard work! We had a great audience both evenings, and really appreciate your support of your child's music education.



#### Willy Wonka

The cast list has officially been posted, and we are very excited to begin rehearsals for this year's MCS Musical: Willy Wonka! Everyone who auditioned has received a part, and we are thankful to have such a large cast this year. Cast members: Our first rehearsal for **all cast members** will be Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after school from 2:45-4:15pm in the upstairs multi-purpose room. Cast members, we will soon be sending home permission forms that must be signed and returned in order for you to stay for the after-school rehearsals.



Now that winter is here parents, please make sure that students are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess with hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants. It would also be a good idea to have an extra pair of mittens and socks in your child's school bag as well as these items usually get wet – especially mittens.



Parents are reminded to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- You will be required to fill out a registration form. Bring two documents, which will verify your child's age are necessary (i.e. Birth Certificate, PEI Health Card).

## Home and School News, January 2024

### 2024 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 19, 2024**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

### Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at [www.peihsf.ca/resolutions](http://www.peihsf.ca/resolutions). Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2024**.

### Annual Reports

Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit your 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the Federation by **Feb. 29**. Annual reports are compiled in the Federation's Book of Reports posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

### 2024 School Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!

### 2024 Annual General Meeting Notice

Book your calendars! The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will

hold its 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. All member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is invited to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be posted in February at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

### WEATHER/SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AS PER PSB WEBSITE:

## Storm Closures

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. 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 am, 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 am.

## 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).

