

# Montague Consolidated School

## Parent Newsletter

January, 2023

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### Dates to Remember:

January 4<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School for 2023

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Islander Day (No School)

February 21-24 Canada Games (No School)

Feb 27 – March 3 Mid Term Break (No School)

### Counsellor News

Happy 2023 Everyone! I had a wonderful Winter break but I'm glad to be back with our students and staff, it's like a little (large) family here at MCS. I really hope that you all had a wonderful time with friends and loved ones and that you're as excited as I am about what 2023 can bring. Attached is a link to my counselling website and you can also find it alongside my name on our school website. It's a work in progress but there's some lovely tools and links that could be beneficial to you and/or your child(ren). All the best!

Counsellor Nadia :)

: <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/nadiaschenk/home>



### Parent Drop off/Pick up

Parents please do not drop off or pick up on Princess Drive, it is a safety hazard. Please pull into the proper pick up/drop off lanes to ensure everyone's

safety. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### PHYS ED NEWS:



#### After School Competitive Gymnastics

##### Grades 3-6

On Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> MCS will be hosting the zone meet for school gymnastics. This is for Pre-Novice (3&4) and Novice (5&6) aged students. As well as class time and lunch practise, I will be offering after school practise on Wednesday and Thursdays in the month of January beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> to help prepare and compete for a spot on the team. Attending this after school program is for students who are serious in trying out for the competitive gymnastics team. Attending after school is not mandatory but just an extra time to practice your skills. We will have class time and lunch to practise as well if you cannot attend. This will run from after school until 4:00. Students would be expected to wear athletic attire. Permission forms have been sent home for this.



#### MCS Wrestling 2023

##### Grades 3-6

Tim Murphy will be offering after school wrestling that will be held on **Tuesday's from 3:00-4:30**. This is for students in grades 3-6 who would like to learn more about wrestling and want to have a chance at competing. By joining the program, you are expected to abide by school rules and follow the directions set out by Tim, Mr. Farrell, or any other helpers with us. **First practise will be Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>. This program should run until April and any changes with the schedule will be communicated beforehand.**

Permission forms for this have been set home as well.

### Cool Kids Care Charity club



Grades 3 to 6 student representatives will operate a charity club starting this month. This group will meet to discuss and learn about the work charities do to improve our world. Each month, they will vote for one of three 'charities of choice' that could receive the profits from a monthly ice cream sandwich sale. We will be selling Chapmans ice cream sandwiches for \$2 cash only. There will be dairy and gluten free options. The first sale will be held in January. We will also have guest speakers from certain charities that will present their needs and work. Feel free to contact MCS teacher Mr. Arsenault if you have questions and/or suggestions.



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.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holiday dinner such a great success. We served over 500 meals and everyone left with a full belly. Some of the students said it was their most favourite day of the year. It takes a lot of preparation and a lot of volunteers but it is such a wonderful way to celebrate together, the many blessings from our community.



Parents are reminded to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023, 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 2023

### 1. 2023 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 **Fri. Jan. 20**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

### 2. Resolutions are about change

Do you see a need for change in PEI's education system? The PEI Home and School Federation supports equal opportunity for all students in PEI's education system and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at Annual General Meetings and then forwarding these to the appropriate decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Consider important issues that pertain to education, safety, health, and total well-being. Members are encouraged to call the Federation office for assistance and refer to our [writing and presenting resolutions](#) guide. You can review the Guide and Federation resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> 2023 resolutions are due in the Federation office by **Tues. Jan. 31**.

### 3. School Staff Appreciation Week - February 13-17, 2023

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents/students to recognize the dedication and

hard work of school staff: teachers, admin support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Remember to keep plans simple!

### 4. 2023 Annual General Meeting

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will celebrate its 70th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**. All Home and School Associations are invited and welcome to attend, with each Association designating up to five as their voting delegates. AGM meeting details and registration documents will be circulated to presidents.

### 5. Annual President's Reports

Presidents are to write their 2022-2023 Annual Report and submit to the Federation by **Tues. Feb. 28**. You can view annual reports online in the Annual Book of Reports at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

### 6. Home and School Guardian Column

The PEI Home and School Federation's monthly Home and School news column is written by Dionne Tuplin, President for The Guardian newspaper. The next column will be posted on Jan. 6 on our website <https://peihsf.ca/news/> and social media platforms.

### Down East Dance

Dance classes in Montague - offering hip hop, Acro, musical theatre, jazz, tap, ballet and more  
\$5 trial classes  
Register online

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