

## Montague Consolidated School



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### Upcoming Dates.....

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** – First day of classes for 2026

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – Professional Learning Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** – Islander Day (**NO SCHOOL**)

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** – Pink Shirt Day

## Phys Ed News.....

### Gymnastics

Zone 4 gymnastics meet for grades 3-6 is January 20th at MCS, storm date the 21st. Provincials are January 31st in Charlottetown. You must be able to attend provincials if you compete in the zone meet. Permission forms will be given to athletes who are competing.

### Wrestling

Wrestling is back at MCS. Practices will be for those who have a signed permission form, and it will be on Thursdays with pick up at 4:15. Due to scheduling conflicts, those who have already committed to the school musical will need honor that commitment and they will not be able to join both activities.

## Lego Club

We are excited to announce that Lego Club will be happening once again 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 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. This year's theme is "Make mealtime Family learning time!". We will be celebrating this day in-school on Monday, January 27th, with a Dress up as your Favorite Story Character Day as well as other in-school activities. Students are encouraged to bring a book featuring their costume character to school on this day or borrow a copy of their character's book from the school library.

## Finding Nemo

The cast list has officially been posted, and we are very excited to continue rehearsals for this year's MCS Musical: Finding Nemo! Everyone who auditioned has received a part, and we are thankful to have such a large cast this year. Cast members: We will be having rehearsals every Thursday after school, starting Thursday January 8th after school from 2:45-4:15pm upstairs in the multi-purpose room. Permission forms have been sent home and must be signed and returned for students to stay for the after-school rehearsals.

## Winter Concert

Congratulations to all our students who performed in this year's winter concerts! Thank you to all those who were able to make it and thank you for pivoting with us when all PSB afterschool activities were cancelled due to the weather. Due to this cancellation, we recorded the English concert, which can be accessed using your student's school username and password at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GUEft8u7U63UtQwzO6ARELOSx7T5tAX1?usp=sharing>

For assistance accessing the video, please watch [this video tutorial](#).

Thanks again, and congrats to all our performing students! We're very proud of all your hard work, and how well you represented MCS! 😊



We extend our deepest gratitude to the **Knights of Columbus** for their exceptional generosity of their donation of winter clothing and gift cards.



## PSB Kindergarten Registration for 2026-2027

**REMINDER** - Parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten as soon as possible!

\***Children must be 5 years old by Dec 31, 2026**, to be eligible for kindergarten.

\*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, such as a birth certificate, PEI Health card or passport.

\*Verification of home address must also be provided, such as the current utility bill.

\*Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at the schools in the spring of 2026.

# THE IMPACT OF POSITIVE STUDENT - STAFF RELATIONSHIPS IN SCHOOLS

## SAFE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Students thrive when they feel respected and understood. Staff who focus on individual needs, not just problem behaviour, create a positive environment that improves behaviour and academic progress.

## TRUST AND CONNECTION

Trust is essential for strong student - teacher relationships. When teachers look beyond behaviour to understand its causes and show empathy, they build rapport and foster trust. This ensures students feel supported and have a trusted staff member who care about their wellbeing.

## STRATEGIES USED IN PSB CLASSROOMS

- Active listening and understanding: learning what the student likes/interest are and asking questions and showing authentic interest
- Using de-escalation techniques when students are dysregulated: calm voice, offering reassurance, providing choices, validating feelings.
- Make personal connections with students

## IMPACTS OF THESE STRATEGIES

- Creates safe, supportive and caring environment
- Enhances student engagement
- Reduction in problem behaviour
- Increases staff and student wellbeing
- Increase academic motivation and progress

## PBIS & BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports is a preventative framework that focuses on teaching expected behaviours and recognizing students when they engage in these behaviours. When staff focus on positive interactions and clear expectations with students, along with reinforcing expected behaviours, it fosters an environment of personal growth and respect.

## FURTHER LEARNING

[Cultivating Positive Student Teacher Relationships](#)  
[The Power of Relationships in School](#)

