

MONTAGUE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

September Newsletter | School Year 2026-2027

Shelly King Compton – Principal | Betty MacDonald – Vice Principal

Lauren Campbell – Admin Assistant | Melissa Maguire – Admin Assistant

A Message From Administration

Dear MCS Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are so excited to welcome our students back through the school doors. Our dedicated team of educators, educational assistants, and support staff have been working tirelessly to prepare an engaging, safe, and vibrant learning environment for your children.

As we embark on this new school year, clear communication between home and school is vital. This newsletter contains crucial updates regarding our daily schedule, mandatory safety protocols for student drop-off/pick-up, and key dates for the month of September. Please take a few moments to review these details carefully.

We look forward to partnering with you to make this a wonderful and successful year for all of our students!

Warm regards,

Shelly King Compton, Principal & Betty MacDonald, Vice Principal



Mark Your Calendars

- **Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:00 PM** – Meet the Teacher Night
- **Thursday, September 24** – School Photo Day (K-6 French Immersion classes)
- **Friday, September 25** – School Photo Day (K-6 English classes)
- **Tuesday, September 29** – Orange Shirt Day (We encourage everyone to wear orange)
- **Wednesday, September 30** – NO CLASSES (Statutory Holiday for Truth and Reconciliation Day)

The Daily Bell Schedule

Time	Event / Activity
8:15 AM	School Doors Open & Grab and Go Breakfast Begins
8:15 – 8:35 AM	Student Arrival (Buses unload, walkers & car drop-offs arrive)
8:35 AM	O'Canada, Morning Announcements, and Classes Officially Begin
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Morning Recess (Kindergarten to Grade 2 Only)
11:15 – 11:35 AM	K-2: Lunch Recess Grades 3-6: Eat Lunch in Classrooms
11:35 AM – 12:00 PM	K-2: Eat Lunch in Classrooms Grades 3-6: Lunch Recess
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Afternoon Recess (Grades 3 to 6 Only)
2:45 PM	School Dismissal
3:00 PM	Buses Depart School Grounds

Note: The School Office is open daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Essential Safety & Routine Notices

Morning Drop-Off & Afternoon Pick-Up Rules

- Drop-off Window: Doors open at 8:15 AM. Please do not drop your child off before this time, as there is no supervision.
- Stay In Your Vehicle: For both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, parents must remain inside their vehicles at all times.
- Do Not Cut the Line: Please wait patiently in the vehicle queue; do not pull out or cut around other cars.
- Staff Assistance: In the morning, staff will greet your child at your car. At 2:45 PM dismissal, a staff member wearing a blue vest will escort your child directly to your vehicle.
- Intersection Caution: Please drive with extreme caution near the Queens Road intersection. We have an exceptionally high volume of foot traffic and children walking to school.

After-School Routine & Bus Changes

- 1:30 PM Cut-Off: If your child's usual after-school routine is changing, you must notify the main office no later than 1:30 PM.
- Send a Note: Please write a physical note to your child's homeroom teacher in the morning. The teacher will forward it to the office so an official bus slip can be issued.
- Strict PSB Policy Restrictions: Per the Public School Branch (PSB) island-wide mandate, school bus notes are strictly restricted to certified childcare destinations and emergency situations only. Unfortunately, we are entirely unable to provide bus transportation for social arrangements, including play dates, sleepovers, dances, or birthday parties.

Around the Classrooms & School News

Meet the Teacher Night

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 PM. To accommodate families with multiple children, teachers will host two identical, back-to-back presentations. The first session starts at 6:00 PM and the second at 6:20 PM. Come meet your child's teacher and learn all about classroom routines!

Our Home & School (H&S) association is actively seeking parent volunteers to help support a variety of fantastic initiatives that directly benefit our students.

Water Bottles & Cutlery

Please remember to pack a reusable water bottle and the necessary eating utensils with your child's lunch every single day. Montague Consolidated does not supply plastic cutlery or disposable cups. Thank you for helping us minimize waste!

Cross Country

Cross-country running practices for students in Grades 3 to 6 are officially starting up during lunch recesses. Regular attendance at these practices is required in order for a student to receive an official permission form for the upcoming competitive meets:

- **Zone Meet** – October 8th at SKC
- **Provincials Meet** – October 17th at Mill River

Gym Class Reminder: All students in Grades 4 to 6 are strongly encouraged to bring an extra T-shirt and pair of athletic shorts to keep in their lockers for Phys Ed classes and sports events throughout the school year.

Support MCS!

Want an easy way to support our school's student programs? Consider playing the weekly COSPEI Gold Rush lottery fundraiser!

Instructions: How to play:

- Visit cospei.goldrush.causable.io to register an account.
- Choose 'Montague Consolidated School' as your preferred cause.
- A \$5.00 play assigns you 3 unique numbers that are yours to keep forever. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) a week.
- Draws happen every Tuesday at 1:00 PM. If your active number is pulled, you take home half the weekly cash pot! If an unactivated number is pulled, the pot rolls over.
- Tip: Click the gray circle button next to your numbers to turn on 'AutoPlay' so you never miss a week.

School Directory Index

Staff Directory

Administration & Front Office

Principal: Shelly King Compton, Vice Principal: Betty MacDonald, Administrative Assistants: Lauren Campbell, Melissa Maguire

Kindergarten Homerooms

Alisha Clory (KA), Sydney Cheverie (KB), Marin Jay (KF), Lisa Moore (KG)

Grade 1

Jenny Mutch / Sara Drew (1F), Ryleigh Spence (1A), Jerica Devos (1B), Kristin Harding (1/2Z)

Grade 2 & 3 Homerooms

Lauryn McAdam (2A), Bailey Webster / Jennifer Peters (2B), Amanda Cusack (2G), Angela Brothers (3F), Megan Burns (3A), Kelsey Duffy (3/4Y) (Grade 3/4 Y)

Grade 4 & 5 Homerooms

Robert Fitzpatrick (4A), Stephanie Guindon (4F), Makayla Bastedo (4G), Sarah Christensen (5A), Lila Good (5B), Jessica Snowdon (5F), Jeremie Brisson (5G)

Grade 6 Homerooms

Annie Hendricken (6A), Taylor Gillis (6B), Corey Gaston (6F), Emily Walker (6G)

Specialist Teachers & Student Support Services

Guidance Counselors: Nadia Schenk, Michelle Palmer, Resource Teachers: Angela Coffin, Crissy Czank, Jackie Lawlor, Dawn Nelson, Sharon Giroux, Behavior Resource: Rachael Johnston, Physical Education: JD Farrell, Bailey Webster, Music & Library: Tara Llewellyn, Diana Ihnatovych, Core French: Angie MacDonald, Youth Service Worker (YSW): Bob Campbell, A+ Team: Ryan Nicholson, Donna Atiken, Nidhi Thomas

PBIS

Abbey Fisher

Educational Assistants (EAs)

Ashley Llewellyn, Jacob Harding, Lori Matheson, Sarah Clark, Brooklyn McCarthy, Marie McKenna, Shawna Quinn, Nena Matheson, Kim MacKenzie, Courtney Jackson, Eden Runighan, Angela Palmer, Tracy MacDonald, Melanie London, Sarah Perry, Gillian Laird, Megan Venoit, Grace Campbell, Julie Anne MacDonald, Meghan Stewart, Laura Brothers, Kamaljeet Kaur, Amber Mermuys, Dana Hancock

Custodians

Marion Jenkins, Connie Morris, Cindy Steele, Steve MacLean

School Bus Routes & Drivers

Please find your child's designated bus number below to identify their route driver:

- **Bus #80** – Driven by Larry Sullivan
- **Bus #412** – Driven by Kenny MacEachern
- **Bus #413** – Driven by Dianne MacKinnon
- **Bus #421** – Driven by Coady McCormack
- **Bus #30** – Driven by Lisa Harcourt
- **Bus #413** – Driven by Dianne MacKinnon (Next Step and Brilliant Me)
- **Bus #434** – Driven by Angela Parsons
- **Bus #435** – Driven by Jodi MacKenzie (Appleseed Daycare)
- **Bus #436** – Driven by Monique Bisson
- **Bus #461** – Driven by Juanita Graham
- **Bus #465** – Driven by Wendy MacRae
- **Bus #466** – Driven by Pat Morrison
- **Bus #467** – Driven by Michelle Myers
- **Bus #471** – Driven by Kenny MacFarlane
- **Bus #472** – Driven by Ken Hume
- **Bus #473** – Driven by George MacKay
- **Bus #476** – Driven by John Simpson
- **Bus #478** – Driven by Trevor Campbell
- **Bus #479** – Driven by Dee Flemming
- **Bus #492** – Driven by Lori Beal (Walter Shaw)
- **Bus #672** – Driven by Lucas Peters