

Cardigan Consolidated School News

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Cardigan

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25th Anniversary Rick Hansen Relay



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Meet the Staff
- ◆ Rick Hansen
- ◆ Family Night

Rick Hansen Coming to Cardigan!

Just in case you missed it, **RICK HANSEN IS COMING TO CARDIGAN SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 11:44 A.M.** Yes, it is true, we are one of only a couple of Island Schools that Rick Hansen will be visiting while here and **everyone is invited** to come out and cheer on Rick and the Relay Team. And just to add to the excitement, our very own Emma Stewart, a Grade 6 student at Cardigan School, will be a medal bearer in the Relay. Emma was featured on the front page of Saturday's Guardian in a feature story on the upcoming Relay. Also taking part in the Relay and representing the Village of Cardigan,

Dianne Nabuurs, a teacher at Cardigan School, so we are doubly honored to have both of these ladies taking part in the 25th Anniversary Rick Hansen Relay. **This is an outdoor event and it goes, rain or shine, with celebrations slated for 11:44 a.m. on Thursday, September 22nd.** Come early as we are expecting lots of media, RCMP and 2 separate convoys of vehicles associated with the Relay. **Public Parking will be on the road only.** You don't want to miss this opportunity to cheer on "The Man in Motion" and the ideals that he stands for. Hope to see you here!

Meet the Staff Night

Our Meet the Staff Night will take place in the School Gym on **Tuesday evening, September 20th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments and a chance to mingle and chat with the staff will follow. Following is a list of our staff at Cardigan for this 2011-2012 school year.

Principal: Noreen Lisi
Vice-Principal: Emily Waye
Grade K: Rena Gallant
Grade 1: Jennifer Stewart
Grade 2A: Noreen Lisi (am)
 Sherri Boutilier(pm)
Grade 2B: Dianne Nabuurs (am)
 Sherri Boutilier (pm)
Grade 3: Madelaine Venart
Grade 4A: Blathnaid Foley
 Elizabeth Morais
Grade 4B: Dawn Nelson
Grade 5/6: Emily Waye
Grade 6: Olivia Milligan
Resource: Pamela MacLeod
Core French: Elizabeth Morais

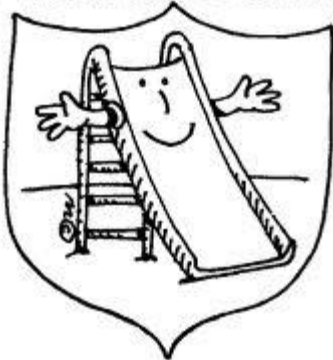
Music: Leah Brown
Phys.Ed: Dianne Nabuurs
School Counsellor: Mike Sirois
Librarian: Sherri Boutilier
EAs: Donna Crane, Melanie Creed, Janice MacIntyre, Henrietta McAree, Shawna Quinn, Tanya McCarron, Judith Eckford
Custodian: Mary Miller
Admin. Assistant: Joan McDougall

Bus Drivers: Maxine MacLennan (Bus #414), Paul Morrison (Bus #464), Heber Ross (Bus #454), Lorraine Taylor (Bus #428) and Stephen MacLean (Bus #470).



Home & School Information

PLAYGROUND



PATROL

Playground Update!

I am pleased to say that, without any unexpected delays, the new playground equipment will be installed October 1-2. We are hoping to provide refreshments to the volunteers who come out on those days. If you are able to help out in any way, either by being a volunteer builder or providing refreshments, please call Philippa Gordan at 583-2819. Please note, that due to safety concerns, the company providing the playground equipment has requested that no children be on site during installation.

Ticket Sales Update!

By now each family will have received 2 books of tickets to sell with proceeds to go towards the new playground equipment. Please note, the playground committee is looking for volunteers to sell tickets at either the Downeast Mall or the Superstore on Saturday, September 24th. The sale of these tickets should bring us to our goal to pay for the playground. Please return all ticket stubs and money by September 26th. *Philippa Gordon.*

Home and School Meeting

The first Home & School Meeting of this school year will take place on Wed., October 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the school. It will be decided at that time dates and times for future meetings. We will also be electing a new executive at this time. All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend. In the past the Home & School has assisted the school and students with many things, such as field trips, donations to library, pancake breakfasts, BBQ's, end of the year closing, staff appreciation week and of course the new playground. Please come out and help support your school. Many hands make light work!

Family Night

All parents, guardians and students are invited to attend the Family Night on Tuesday, September 27th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a couple of games inside the gym and this will be followed by hot dogs and ice cream. Hope to see you there!



Canteen Update

By now you will have noticed that a few more items have been added to our weekly canteen order form (salmon colored) which goes home with your child every Thursday. We have added a pasta with tomato sauce which is available on Thursdays for \$1.25 and also Pizza has been added for Fridays at \$1.25 a slice. That makes 3 days (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) with a special lunch item available. As well, milk is available every day and ice cream sandwiches & fudge Sticks are available on Thursdays.

Fire Drills/ Lockdown Drills

To date this year we have had three fire drills and everyone has done really well with them. We have one more required fire drill to carry out before teachers will begin training and practicing lockdown procedures with their classes.



"It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts ... it is to teach them to think."

Robert Hutchins



Bussing Information for Cardigan School

The Transportation Department at the Eastern School District has made changes the present bus route for this School Year to shorten the routes and to avoid drivers travelling over the same routes. As well, it was to alleviate the congestion and for safety reasons for the students in the Montague Schools. Therefore we have our drop off time at 8:10 a.m. with the first class beginning at 8:25 a.m. **Please do not drop off your child before 8:10 a.m.** as there is no supervision until then. The dismissal time in the afternoon is at 2:10 p.m. In the afternoon we have only our 5 buses while in the morning we have 8 buses dropping students off here at Cardigan and then moving on to the Montague Schools.

We will be holding a Bus Safety Assembly in the school gym on **Thursday, September 29th** in the afternoon prior to dismissal. At this time our Vice-Principal in charge of bussing, Ms. Waye, will speak about bus safety with our students and then all students will go outdoors for a practice Bus Evacuation. Parents are asked to please discuss the importance of bus safety with your child. If you have any concerns with regards to bussing issues, please feel free to contact Ms. Waye at the school at 583-8575.



*Bus Assembly
Thursday, Sept. 29th*



*"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."
Anonymous*

Community Notes

- **Down East Dance** has a new studio at the Down East Mall, offering classes in Hip Hop for Boys and Jazz/Hip Hop combo classes taught by Marie Lavergne. For full schedule and prices visit www.downeastdance.ca or call Marie at 838-3241. Beginners Welcome!
- **Gymnastic Classes** at Montague Consolidated with Island Gymnastics Academy beginning Tues., Sept. 20th. with class times as follows:
4:30-5:30 (6-8 yrs)/ 5:30-6:30 (9 yr.+)
6:30-7:30 (TBA). Cost is \$102 for a 10 week term. To register call Nancy at 902-566-3935 or for more info.
- Come join Scouting for fun and safe activities for the following age groups: Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-10; Scouts 11-14. Registration will be held at various locations throughout PEI. Also if you would like to get involved as a helper or leader and be involved with the youth of our community or are interested in starting a group, call the scouting office at 566-9152.

- Get your table rental application for the Montague Christmas Craft Fair, Dec. 2nd and 3rd hosted by the Montague Skating Club. To get your application or for further info contact Laurie Godfrey at 583-2811.
- Montague skating Club Winter registration Monday, Sept. 19th 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Montague Wellness Centre.
- Charlottetown Naiads Synchronized Swimming club registration at CARI Aquatics Centre, Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 5-6 pm and Saturday, Sept. 24th 9-10 am in the lobby. For more info call Kim Hennessey at 892-2720 or email peisynchro@live.ca
- Join us Saturday, October 15th in Montague for the Children's Wish Foundation Wishmaker Walk for Wishes. It is a short walk designed for families, schools and people of all ages to participate in. Proceeds will help grant wishes to Island children between the ages of 3 and 17 diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Call today for a pledge sheet at 566-5526.

Peanut Free!

Please remember, we are a Peanut Free School - that means no peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunch. We want to do everything possible to keep our students in a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your cooperation!!!



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a safe and caring
environment”

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Literacy Bit

What can I do to help my child with a new Book?

You can use the C.A.T.S. strategy?

C: Discuss the front and back covers and think about what this information tells you.

A: Think about and discuss what is known about the author and other books he or she may have written.

T: Think about and discuss the title and what the title might suggest the book may be about.

S: Skim the text. Look at any pictures, charts, drawings and maps. Make predictions and discuss these predictions after the story is read.

IMPORTANT!!! PEANUT ALLERGY INFORMATION

Cardigan Consolidated School has students enrolled that have severe **life threatening allergies** to peanuts, peanut butter, nut, and peanut/nut products; therefore, the school will be continuing to adhere to its Peanut and Nut Free Policies. It is important for all parents to know that exposure to even a small amount of these food substances could cause anaphylactic shock, and without immediate medical assistance, could cause loss of consciousness and death. Each time these students are exposed their reaction will get worse and may change from not only ingesting the food but to the smell or feel of it. These students **CAN NOT SMELL, TASTE, TOUCH, OR HAVE ANY PEANUT and or NUT PRODUCTS NEAR them. This means that absolutely no peanut/nut products of any form can be taken to school.**

In order to remain completely peanut/nut free we are requesting that parents:

1. Help your child to understand that he/she should never share food with other children.
2. Brush your child's teeth and wash your child's hands and face well before leaving for school each morning to ensure that no peanut butter, or peanut products remain on him/her from breakfast.
3. Ensure that there is no peanut butter or peanut/nut products on your child's clothing after breakfast.
4. Do not use sunscreens or fly sprays that contain peanut/nut oils.
5. Do not use creams which may contain peanut or nut oil. A pharmacist can check the non-medical ingredients for you.
6. Notify other family members and babysitters, who may be getting your child ready for school each day or on occasional mornings, of these very important procedures.
7. Do not send any lunch or snack treats with your child that may contain peanut or nut products.