



# MORELL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

## September 2010 newsletter

### NEW BEGINNINGS

We are setting off on a new adventure! A new year at school is beginning and we hope it will be a wonderful one for all of us, especially the children. It is a wonderful time to discuss how to make sure that the year goes well and that it is a happy and successful time in our lives.



For the children, be rested and eat healthy snacks. Get lots of fresh air and exercise. Do your homework and remember your responsibilities to have books and other materials ready for class. Listen to your teachers

and follow the rules. Think about people's feelings and treat them with fairness and kindness.

For parents, spend time with your child and show an interest in what is going on at school. Find out what they are learning, what comes easily and what is a struggle for them. Encourage them to read, to think awhile when ideas and knowledge take a bit more time to obtain. Help them see the importance of being careful and caring. Support their special interests and talents but encourage them to be well-rounded by exposing them to a variety of experiences in life.

For teachers, be patient when the demands of your job seem ever-increasing because at the centre of it all is a child who looks to you to guide and teach them through the journey that is school so they will be prepared for the journey that is life. The child is the centre of all that you do and don't lose sight of that as more committees, more paperwork and more

programs come your way. Take care of yourself so that you may take care of others!

As you read this article, could you think of more ways to ensure that everyone has a great year at school? That is your first assignment of the year!

### WELCOME TO MORELL CONSOLIDATED

First of all we wish to welcome all of our new Kindergarten students and their teachers, Tracy Doran and Tammy MacKinnon. You are making history by being the first kindergarten class ever at Morell Consolidated School.



We also warmly welcome all of our new Grade 1 students. Hey, for the first time ever, you are not the littlest kids at school!



While some students have left our school over the summer, we welcome the following new and /or returning students:

Karlie Jennings, Grade 2  
Logan MacKinnon, Grade 2  
Cameron MacKinnon, Grade 4  
Adrianna Leis, Grade 5  
Grayson Roach, Grade 6  
Taylor Tremere, Grade 7  
Candace Garland, Grade 8

We also welcome teacher Amanda MacIntosh to the Grade 5 level and Educational Assistant, Anita Laybolt. Welcome back to Educational Assistant, Kathy Vail who is making her return to Morell Consolidated.

## LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

We will be offering prepared meals three days a week this year. On Mondays, we will serve a wrap, on Wednesdays there will be pizza and chicken burgers on Fridays. We will save hotdogs for special events. We will continue to sell white and chocolate milk, which is available right away (cash will be acceptable until the first coupon order) .

The meal program will begin on Wednesday, September 15. In order to receive a lunch item, students must purchase coupons as money will not be accepted. The coupon must be given to the teacher upon arrival at school in the morning. Late orders will not be filled as the providers require early notification of exact numbers. If your child will be late, call ahead or place your order the day before. If such arrangements are not made, you will need to send in a lunch from home.

If your child brings a lunch item to school which requires a fork or a spoon, please include those items when packing the lunch as we do not provide them at school.

Our Canteen will be open daily at lunch time. We will have chips (\$1.25), Ice Cream (\$1.00) and Apple & Orange Juice (\$1.00).

This year we are scheduling the day to allow children to play before their morning snack and their noon meal. Many schools have been doing it this way and they report that the children settle in at their work better after consuming food than they do after playing.

## ORDERING COUPONS

Coupons will be sold on the first Tuesday of each month. Your first opportunity to purchase coupons is September 14. In order for our Lunch Program to run smoothly, coupons must be purchased on Coupon Day as money will not be accepted on a daily basis. Beginning on Tuesday, September 14th and on the 1st Tuesday of each month Home & School volunteers will be at the school in the morning to sell coupons and to collect the money. Parents are asked to

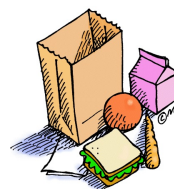
determine the amount of each item needed for the month and send in their order and payment. Please clip and use the order form for September which is attached to this newsletter. It is suggested that this come in an envelope which can then be used to place the coupons in to go home and that on the front of the envelope you indicate your child's name & grade. The most convenient method of payment for students and the school would be by cheque. Coupons will be usable all year so there is no problem carrying them over from one month to the next. If your child is out of school on the day the coupons are being sold (or forgets to take the order to school), please phone the secretary, Mrs. Geldert, with your order and the volunteers will make it up and your child can pick it up from Mrs. Geldert when he/she returns to school with payment. As Coupon Orders are done by Home & School Volunteers, orders must be sent to the school on the specified day as this is the only day the volunteers are available. Coupon Sales Day will always be on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH** unless it is a holiday or a storm day. Coupons would then be sold on the next school day.

## SEPTEMBER COUPON ORDER

how many	coupon	total for this item
	meal coupons @ \$2.50 +	
	chocolate milk @ \$.65 +	
	white milk @ \$.45 +	
	=	
	<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED</b>	

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade / Class \_\_\_\_\_



**Nutritious lunches are an important part of your overall plan to be healthy and alert at school and at play.**

## SCENT FREE POLICY



The Eastern School District has a policy that all employees, students and visitors are asked to abstain from wearing products with fragrance while in an Eastern

School District facility.

Please send non scented deodorant for your child to use when changing before and/or after Phys. Ed. class.

## BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

We request that invitations to birthday parties not be circulated at school in order to be sensitive to the feelings of children who are not being asked to attend.

## INDOOR SNEAKERS

All students must have a pair of indoor sneakers for school.

## ANAPHYLACTIC INFORMATION

We have some students who have a severe life threatening allergy to peanuts, peanut butter, nut and peanut/nut products. Therefore, the school will be peanut/nut free. (Please read the special notice that was sent home today regarding this.)



## DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

We would like to remind parents when you are dropping off students in the mornings to please use the drop off area. If you feel you must accompany your child(ren) into the school, please leave your child at the front door and the teacher(s) on duty will make sure they get to their classrooms. We ask you not to bring your child(ren) to the classrooms as teachers are very busy and need this time to prepare for the day. Let us try to teach our children independence. If you need to pass on information to the teacher regarding your child for any particular day, you may let the teacher on duty know or leave this information at the office. We also ask parents who have to

come into the school not to leave your vehicle in front of the walkway to the school.

## PICKING YOUR CHILD UP DURING THE DAY

If you are picking up your child(ren) during the school day, we ask you to report to the office and we will inform the teacher that you are here to pick up your child. Please do not go to the classrooms as this can be disruptive to the class. (Please use the pickup/drop-off area to park as the school parking lot is for staff/bus parking only.)

## STUDENT ILLNESS

If your child feels sick before they leave for school in the morning, we ask that you keep him/her home for the day. If your child gets sick at school during the day, you or your child's emergency contact must be available to take your child home. We feel this is the only and best way for us to keep the spread of illnesses under control.

## CHILD LATE OR ABSENT

If your child is going to be late or absent from school on any day, please contact the school in the morning to let us know. Please state the reason for the absence when you call, as this information is required for the school's daily attendance reporting.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR & STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please find attached a copy of our 2010-2011 School Calendar. The Student Handbook will be sent home soon with Kindergarten and Grade 1 students and any new students to our school. Copies will be available upon request to anyone else who may need one.

## SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 20th . If the photographer doesn't get all the pictures done on Monday, he will return on

Tuesday, September 21st to finish them. Parents with preschoolers are asked to call the photographer at 961-3202 to set up a time

in order to avoid pre-school children all arriving at the same time. All pre-school children will be pre-booked. Three time slots will be available - one hour before school starts, one hour during dinner time and shortly after school. Retakes are only for students who were absent on picture day or had eye closure problems. These photos will be retaken free of charge. A \$5.00 retake charge will apply for students who choose to come back because they didn't smile, didn't like what they wore or didn't like their hair. If you have a retake done, you will not have the option to order from the first set of proofs as they are deleted when the retake is done.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

By Desi Doyle

As you may already be aware, staff at Morell Consolidated have been involved in an ongoing School Development plan for the last number of years. The most recent part of this plan focussed on Language Arts. Within this Language Arts goal we had two main focus areas; improving student's reading comprehension and the introduction of the 6+1 Traits of Writing, a new approach to writing that was enjoyable for students. We will be continuing to apply these strategies during the 2010-2011 school year. In addition to our existing Language Arts goal, we are excited to announce we will be including a Mathematics component to our School Development plan this year. It was decided among our staff that we would focus on the mastery of Mental Math skills from grades K-8. Although we are still in the planning stages of this new goal, we have some ideas to help engage parents and students and help build a strong mathematics foundation for all of our students. Continue to check our future newsletters for announcements regarding our School Development initiatives



## ARRIVAL OF DAY CARE

Work is going on at the school to prepare for the arrival of Day Care here on the school grounds. Over the coming days you will see the installation of mobiles at the east end of our parking area.

## WALKING CLUB FOR STUDENTS

By Jacqueline Robbins

Last year walking club was a great success. There were students from every grade level who participated in the weekly club. It is my hope to continue Walking Club every Tuesday, beginning September 21st, for the months of September and October, as long as the weather co-operates with us. Permission slips will be sent home with those who are interested in participating by the end of the week. Parents are asked to have their children picked up by 4:00pm.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### RINGETTE REGISTRATION

Registration will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 9:00-12:00 at the Eastern Kings Sportsplex. Ringette is open to children ages 4 & up. For more info contact Judy (687-4003) or Jean (687-1550).

### RED CROSS FALL SWIMMING LESSONS

Red Cross Fall Swimming Lessons are starting at Atlantic Fitness East in Montague on September 11th for preschool and school-aged children. Get swimming lessons in before the hockey season starts. Visit us online at [www.fitnessseast.ca](http://www.fitnessseast.ca) or call us at 838-3047 to register.

Kids Night at the Gym is back on the last Friday of every month. Kids reign the pool. Email [programs@fitnessseast.ca](mailto:programs@fitnessseast.ca) or call Rebeccah at 838-3047 for more details.

KidFit (Ages 6 - 10 years) and Tumbling Tots (Ages 3 - 5 years) will be starting again at Atlantic Fitness East. Call 838-3047 to reserve your child's space.

## CATECHISM

St. Theresa, the Little Flower/ St. Lawrence  
O' Toole Parishes

Catechism classes will begin Monday September 27th at Morell High School at 6:30 p.m. Father Greg would like to have a meeting with all parents on Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the St Theresa, the Little Flower Church. Registration will follow immediately (Fee \$10/child;\$20/family). All parents must attend.

### Morell & Area Minor Hockey Registration

When: Wed Sept 8th 6:30 - 8:30

Sat Sept 11th 10:00 - 1:00

Where: Morell Consolidated School

Note: 50% (or more!) of fees are due at registration; remainder due November 1st (post-dated cheques for the Nov 1st balance are encouraged) Late fees will be added to those registering after Sept 11th. ALL potential AAA players must register and pay. For more info contact Rob Sanderson 961 2579

### Eat Well, Live Well

Please join us for....

**Eat Well, Live Well**

An 8 week healthy eating program for parents and care givers of children 0-17

We all know that nutrition is important but finding the time and the ideas for helping our families enjoy a healthy diet can be difficult.

Eat Well, Live Well is designed to give care givers some tips and ideas to promote nutrition for our kids.

Topics will include: healthy lunch ideas, recipe make overs, tips for the picky eater and healthy diets for teens.

Please call Gaylene at the Morell Region Community Learning Centre at 961-2642 for more information.

Registration deadline is September 24,2010. Program will be starting in early October

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7	First day for Grades 1-8
Sept. 9	First day for kindergarten
Sept 14	First coupon order day
Sept. 15	First day to order meal
Sept. 16	Meet the Teacher, 6:30 - 7:30
Sept. 20-21	School pictures
Sept. 24	Terry Fox Run
Oct. 1	Professional Development (no classes)



*It is sad to see the lovely  
summer days fade away but we  
hope this year brings you many  
reasons to wear a "happy face"!*

### GET YOUR BRAIN WORKING, KIDS

Uncle Henry was driving to Halifax when he spotted a big green gorilla on the side of the road. He screeched to a stop, jumped out of his car. He saw the outline of a number on the gorilla. He couldn't quite see the number, but he knew it was a 4 digit number. And:

- 1) He remembered seeing a number 1.
- 2) In the hundred's place he remembers the number is 3 times the number in the thousand's place.
- 3) He said the number in the one's place is 4 times the number in the ten's place.
- 4) Finally he said the number 2 is sitting in the thousand's place.

What is the number?

See Mrs. McLane if you think you know the answer!

