


MORELL CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL newsletter
October 2010



WELCOME BACK

We welcome Jessica Vos, Grade 4, back to our school. She left us for a while last year to attend Glen Stewart School.

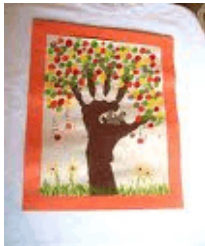
THANK-YOU

 We wish to express great appreciation to Pat Kelly, formerly of Morell, for providing free of charge, three season's passes to the Rockets hockey games. These passes are available to our students who will be able to really enjoy a night of great hockey, thanks to Mr. Kelly's thoughtfulness and generosity

Thank-you to MacPhee's Apple Orchard on the Launching Road. They ver kindly donated four boxes of apples to the school as a healthy sback for the children after last Friday's Terry Fox Walk,



ART FAIR



Planning has begun for the annual Morell Consolidated Art Fair to be held on November 2. This year we have moved the popular event to the fall so that we may take

advantage of this special time of year by incorporating autumn colours and celebrations.

If you would like to help us with this fair, we would appreciate hearing from you. Even setting up the displays can be a huge task.

We also look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to demonstrate their own artistic talent as artists in residence during the evening of the fair. And if you

have art to donate to a raffle, that would be most welcome as the money raised from the raffle helps to buy the special materials needed for the art projects and displays.

Watch for further information in the next newsletter and be sure to clear your calendar for Nov. 2.

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. Please let your child know that you have put coupons in their lunch because some children don't find them until they go for a snack and, by then, it is too late to order lunch!

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 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.

It is very important that you do not send food that requires longer than a minute in the microwave. Cook the food at home so that it only requires reheating.

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 next opportunity to purchase coupons is October 5. 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. 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 October 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.

OCTOBER COUPON ORDER

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

Student's name _____
Grade / Class _____

RICE AND CORN LUNCH

As many of you realize, our school has been twinned with Mwati School in Kenya for a number of years. Through fund-raising and correspondence our children have learned the value of global awareness and responsibility. Again this year, we will be offering a rice and corn lunch once a month for a cost of one coupon and the proceeds will go towards fuunding projects in our twin school. Students may order their first rice and corn lunch tomorrow, Thursday, September 30.

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



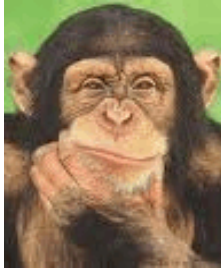
If your child feels sick before they leave for school in the morning, we ask that you keep him/her home for the day. If your child gets sick at school during the day, you or your child's emergency contact must be available to take your child home. We feel this is the only and best way for us to keep 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. When calling, please provide the reason for the absence as this information is a required part of the school's responsibility to report student absenteeism. Thanks!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

On October 1, there is no school for our students as teachers will be participating in professional development activities. Our staff will be working on our goals and strategies for "Mental Math". One session will deal with incorporating technology as we search for on-line resources to facilitate "Mental Math" capabilities. Time will also be spent planning and organizing a parents' evening to enhance parents' abilities to help their child with math.



I'll figure it out!

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, for the month 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.

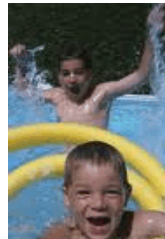
COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE SWIM

PEI CHAPTER OF THE CANADIAN HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY IS HAVING A "FREE SWIM BY DONATION AT THE CARI POOL".



The 'Swim For A Cure - A Bleeding Disorder Event' for families is set for Sat., November 6, 2010 from 5pm-7pm at the CARI POOL Aquatics Facility and will raise much needed funds to support Islanders struggling with a bleeding disorder.



THIS IS A FREE SWIM BY DONATION FOR FAMILIES. \$10 per family (any size) would be wonderful but any donation is appreciated to assist our Chapter.

One in every 100 Canadians is living with a bleeding disorder, many of whom do not even know it. The 'Swim For A Cure' on November 6th is one way that the PEI Chapter shows its commitment to reach out with information to every man, woman and child who is suffering from a bleeding disorder in PEI.

This event will be a success among children and parents alike as this event is aimed at raising awareness about bleeding disorders as well as a great Family Event!



Booths for the PEI Chapter of Canadian Hemophilia Society, CARI POOL, Canadian Blood Services, etc. will be in attendance with candy canes and donations given free to the public by our sponsors and booths.

THIS WILL BE A SIGNATURE EVENT!! What a great time to help a non-profit organization and help families struggling this time of year with Christmas approaching. Thank you to our major sponsor 'Bayer Healthcare'.

ADULT TUTOR PROGRAM

Adult Tutor Program: call 368-4695 or 800-348-7323 outside Charlottetown.

Tutors are free, work on what you need to know, and meet when you are available, one-to-one. This service is confidential. If you, or someone you know, wants to read better, call PEI Volunteers for Literacy for information.



GYMNASTICS

The Kings County Gymnastics Club is offering a 7 week GYMNASTICS PROGRAM at Ecole La-Belle-Cloche School (the old Fortune Consolidated School) in Fortune on Wednesday evenings starting October 6th, 2010. The program is offered to girls and boys ages 3 - 12. Head Coach is Darlene Grenier, a Level III Certified Gymnastics Coach. Registrations are taking place at the Main Street Mall in Souris on Friday, October 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 2nd from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$ 50.00 (1 hour class) + \$ 20.00 insurance fee. The insurance fee is a once a year (Sept. 1 - Aug. 31) fee. For more information please feel free to contact Darlene at 687-2221.



MORELL AREA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Hello from the Morell and Area Early Learning Centre. As I am sure you have all noticed our new centre is starting to take shape. It is a very exciting time for the staff and parent board to see all their hard work pay off. We are really looking forward to providing the community with this new early years centre. We are still accepting registration for the centre. Forms can be picked up at the St. Peter's Early Learning Centre or the Morell bakery. If you have any questions regarding the services provided please contact any of the staff at 961-3234. We look forward to hearing from you!
Sincerely,
The staff and Parent Board of Morell and Area Early Learning Centre

Shopping Opportunity!



Morell Consolidated will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the school library from Wednesday, October 27th until Friday, October 29th. Students will have the opportunity to view and / or purchase books at specific times during the school day on Oct. 27th and 28th. The book fair will also be open during Parent Teacher Interviews. (Oct.28 in the evening from 6 - 9 and on Oct. 30 in the morning from 9 - 11:30.)All students are encouraged to fill out a ballot for the chance to win \$25 of free books for yourself and \$25 for your classroom. If there are any questions regarding the book fair, feel free to contact Angela Coffin @ 961-7331. Let's get reading !!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 1	Professional Development (no classes)
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 14-15	PEI Teachers' Convention (no classes)
Oct. 21	School Dance, Grades 6-8
Oct. 22	Deadline for submissions to November newsletter
Oct. 23	Feeder School Soccer
Oct. 26	Picture retakes
Oct. 27-29	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 28	Parent Teacher Interviews, evening
Oct. 29	Parent Teacher Interviews, (no classes)
Nov. 2	Art Fair
Nov. 9	Home and School Meeting, 7pm

HOME AND SCHOOL

We had our first Home & School Meeting September 22nd and I would like to update parents on what took place.

First, we will be seeking out someone to fill the positions of Secretary (to take minutes at meetings) and a Treasurer (to keep track of account activity). Please call Marcella (961-2187) if you are able to help out in this area. We discussed ideas for fundraising and have come up with a couple of ideas that we will be doing from now until Christmas. One is selling tickets (prizes undetermined at the moment) for \$5 each and each family will be provided with a book of 5 to start and if need be they will be able to get more. We have roughly 150 cookbooks left to sell and I will be contacting the Co-op and Credit Union to see if they would mind having them on display to help us get them sold.

We also will be requesting that each family pay \$5 towards Home & School Dues to help offset our dues to the Home & School Federation, this will hopefully give us some start up cash to take care of needs until fundraising gets underway. We will be sending envelopes home with the youngest child in each family for your dues.

With regards to Healthy Snack, I have applied for \$1000 from Healthy Eating Alliance and have not heard back yet as to exactly what we are getting but I am hoping to get this started soon. I really need a couple of parents to help out with this, it involves getting trays made up of fruits or vegetables for each class. Last year I did about 4 grades on each day because it was a bit much for one person to do.

As we get everything in place for the ticket draw I will let you know, but expect them relatively soon so we can make the draw at the Christmas Concert.

Sincerely,
Marcella Byrne
President, Morell
Home & School
Association



KIDS SPEAK OUT

On playing first and eating later...

"I like lunch better this year because before you would go outside to play after eating and you would be hungry all over again when you came back in to do your work."

~ Morgan Rogers, Grade 4

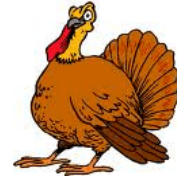


On going to kindergarten...

"I like kindergarten because I like playing outside on the playground

and I like playing with my friends and I like playing in the gym."

~ Madison Sheppard,
Kindergarten



On Thanksgiving...

"As we prepare o celebrate Thanksgiving, I am thankful for my family, my pets, the Internet and my school."

~Katlyn O'Brien, Grade 8

On Hallowe'en...

"Well, I like candy and I like getting the candy. When I get home I like eating the candy. I also like dressing up as a scary monster."

~Aiden Deagle, Grade 2



On the things I like...

"I like Barbies and we have Barbies here. I love Kraft dinner and I like painting and singing and my teachers."

~ Ella Joe MacCormac, Kindergarten



On being back at school...

"I am having a good school year because I like doing the French and I like being with my friends who I didn't see a lot over the summer."

~Allee Ryan, Grade 5



GET YOUR BRAIN WORKING

Amanda is carving pumpkins and selling them to her neighbors for Halloween. She is charging \$5.00 per pumpkin. On Saturday she sold 16 pumpkins. On Sunday Amanda sold 20 pumpkins.



How much Did Amanda earn on Saturday?

How much Did Amanda earn on Sunday?

How much money did Amanda earn in total?

Congratulations to Eddy MacKinnon, Grade 6, who was the first student to come with the correct answer to September's puzzle. It was a Grade 6 level puzzle and two Grade 5 students, Bethany Parkhouse, Rachel Gouthro-Bradley and Lindsay Sanderson, had the answer as well.

Mr. Doyle was the only teacher to solve the puzzle!?!?

SCHOOL DANCES



We have contracted a new DJ service for this year's dances. The name is DJ DWX.

Students really look forward to school dances. Please support these activities by being on time to pick up your son or daughter. The dance will be over promptly at 10 o'clock. If you have made these arrangements, there should be no need of your child needing to call home during or after the dance to arrange a ride!

SPORTS NEWS

From Andrew MacAdam

MIDGET SOCCER

The High School Midget boys and girls soccer teams are under way and several players from our school are involved.

Upcoming home games include the following:

Thursday, Sept. 23 - Gulf Shore @ Midget Girls - 5:00

Tuesday, Oct. 5th - Montague @ Midget Girls - 5:00

Thurs., Oct. 7 - Francois Buote @ Midget Boys - 4:30

Wed., Oct 13 - Souris @ Midget boys and girls - 5:00

Thurs., Oct. 14 - Gulf Shore @ Midget Boys - 3:00

All games are at the Morell Soccer Complex.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Zone Four Cross Country Championships are again being held at Southern Kings Consolidated School. There is a slight change to the date we sent out in our yearly schedule, the date for the Cross Country is now on Wednesday, the 13th of October. If the weather is not suitable for the meet on that day, it will be held on Monday, October 18th. The provincials will be held at Mill River on the following Saturday, October 23rd.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The last sports related activity in October is the Grades 7 and 8 Feeder School Soccer Tournament. This year we will be holding it at the Montague Soccer Complex. The format will be those who are interested in participating in a school based team from grades 7 and 8 will be having a few practices and then going as a team to represent our school.

Andrew MacAdam
Physical Education
Teacher
Morell Consolidated
School
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FAREWELL REFLECTIONS

From Beryl McLane

Life is ever evolving and though you know that big changes are on the horizon, it is still a bit of a surprise when the time actually comes. That is how I feel about retiring in October. As we often say, "Where does the time go? It seems only a few years ago that I came to Morell Consolidated School.

I arrived in Morell as a replacement for the French teacher and found only 10 students in Grades 7 and 8 were taking French. I saw many evolutions to the French program and was a part of several curriculum committees and pilot programs. I was here for the debates for and against Immersion and have, most recently, seen the introduction of an intensive /enhanced French curriculum. Here and there, I taught a bit of something else. I am finishing up by supporting some of the Grade 5 curriculum and in my class are children of children I have taught! Belinda and Craig's Emma, Nancy and Edward's Kate, Danny's Nathan, Kim's Jacob, Paul and Nicole's Lily and Robbie's Lindsay! This is a trend that has been going on for quite a few years now, I must admit!

I started out in Southern Kings, near where I grew up at the "River" and the "Harbour". How fitting that I now live at the "Bay"! In between, I spent 26 years living in Morell, where I was originally made to feel like, not only a member of the community but also, a member of the family by such loving families as those of Alice and Clarence McEwen and Kaye and Merlin MacDonald. And so I have told several boys and girls from St. Peter's, since you have to come to school in Morell, it is only right that a teacher who has been living in Morell should move to the Bay! Life is cyclical, it seems. After living all of those years in the warm embrace of the community of Morell, I find myself living in the scenic community of St. Peter's Bay where my maternal grandmother, Pearl Simons, was raised.

I came to this school in April of 1980 after Sandy Clark recruited me near the end of a contract at Southern Kings. I joined a staff which included, among others, the memorable Louis, Gordie, Ernie, Mary, Jean,

Glynnie, Linda, Alice, Lillian and Peggy. Over the decades, I have worked with so many interesting people, some for many years and some for a few months. I hope that, in some small way I carried the torch as each of them retired or moved on and now I pass it along to the new generation of teachers. And what a treasure these young teachers are! I have seen many of my own students become teachers. I have had the pleasure to work with several of them and to count them among my friends. As I retire, three of my former students are teaching here and one is an EA. They are Angela Coffin, Michaela Oliver, Jacqueline Robbins and Anita Laybolt.

One of my former students, Noreen (Laybolt) Landrigan even paid me the great honour of asking me to be Godmother to her first son. I will always feel immeasurably humbled.

I learned so much about children over the years. I learned that all anyone really needs is to feel understood and appreciated, to be given second and third chances, to really be "a part" and not "apart"! A smile you give a child, for no particular reason, will come back to you with the most delightful warmth and sincerity. I realize that it is cliché but it really is true that children remember how you make them feel much longer than they remember the subject(s) you teach them. A healthy blend of attention to the learner and the learning is imperative.

To all of the very supportive families I have had the pleasure to work with, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making all of the years of my career rewarding and pleasurable. From the depths of my soul, I pray for health and happiness for you, your children and your children's children.

It is a bittersweet time for me. I am excited to begin a new phase in my life but I am, as someone from Murray Harbour would say, "terrible sad", to walk out of this door for the last time! I will miss the daily contact with dear friends and sweet children who I have come to know so well. As I write this, it still seems more than a little surreal to me. You are bound to see my smile through my tears when we meet. I know that I will appreciate every contact and every account of how you all are doing. That will be my way of extending my love for all you on into the future.

