

# *Souris Consolidated School*

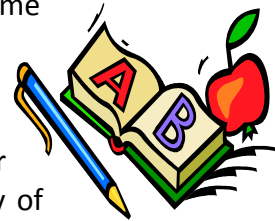
## Newsletter

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

[www.edu.pe.ca/souriscons](http://www.edu.pe.ca/souriscons)

### Welcome Back to School!

I hope everyone had a fun filled and restful summer break. Welcome back to returning students and our new kindergarten children. Teachers and support staff have been working very hard over the past few weeks to prepare for the arrival of students today. We are looking forward to getting to know and work with your son/daughter this school year. I have attached a school directory of returning and new staff members and their classroom location. As well, please take the time to read through your child's agenda to familiarize yourself with school policies and rules. The children will be arriving home today with several forms for you to complete. Please read and complete each form and return it to the school with your child.



Mrs. S. McIntosh, Principal

**Please call or visit the school when you have questions or concerns.**

***School phone numbers are:***

**Office: 687-7140, 687-7157, or 687-7142    Staff room: 687-7144**

**WE ARE ASKING ALL VISITORS AND PARENTS TO REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING. WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM AREAS OF THE BUILDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

### SCHOOL DAY

Our school day begins at **8:30 am** and dismissal is at **2:55 pm**. There will be teacher supervision at both the front and back entrances to the school from 8:20-8:30 am. and from 2:50 until 3:00 pm. **There is no playground supervision prior to or after these times.** If you are dropping off or picking up your child before or after school, grades K-4 use the back entrance and grades 5-7 at the front entrance. Bus students will enter and leave through the front door entrance. We will have 9 busses dropping off and picking up students. Please do not park in the No Parking areas or bus lanes. Thank you.

**Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day unless with a parent or designate.**

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Classroom school supplies have been purchased for all students in grades 1-4. The cost for supplies was: \$35.00/child or \$50.00/family. Please ensure that you pay the fees if you did not do so in June. Thank you.

Students will still need to purchase indoor footwear, lunch bag, and school bag.

Student agendas for grades 4-7 are available at the school. Cost : \$8.00

## **Open House**

An Open House for Parents and Caregivers will be held on Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:00-6:15 pm to meet with Parents to give some grade/class specific information. This will be followed by an informal gathering with all staff in the gym.

## **New K-12 School for the Community of Souris**

On August 29, an official announcement on the location of the new K-12 school for the community of Souris and area was made by Premier Robert Ghiz, Education Minister Doug Currie and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning Allan Campbell. The school will be located on the site of the former Souris Track and Exhibition Grounds and portions of the adjacent properties. The centralized site will utilize the town's water and sanitary infrastructure. The sports fields will be owned by the Eastern School District with the understanding that the fields will be shared with the community.

Funding for the new school was announced last fall in the capital budget. It will be built for 625 students at an estimated cost of \$20 million. Funding of \$1 million was allocated to support the first year of planning.

The Program and Construction Committee have been meeting regularly since May and are presently working on the space design for the new school. Suzanne Howlett, grade 4 teacher and myself, Sharon McIntosh, are members of this committee as well as Mrs. Anna Mackenzie, Principal SRHS and Chris MacAulay, teacher at SRHS. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2012 with completion in early 2014.

## **Playground Equipment**

We are very pleased to be able to announce that we will be constructing a new piece of playground equipment for the children to enjoy. The equipment is due to arrive within the next week. On behalf of the students of Souris

Consolidated, I would like to thank the Souris Harbour Authority for sponsoring this project. The equipment will not only be enjoyed by the children throughout the school day, but by children in the community after school hours and on the weekends.

Funding for this project was made possible through the Island Community Fund.



## **Student Accident Insurance**

The Dept. of Education has purchased basic accident coverage for all students in grades K-12. Coverage is provided for students at school, at community based learning activities (school sports events, co-op placement, field trips) and while travelling to and from school and community based-based school activities. Parents are responsible for completing a claim form. All claims must be made within 30 days of the incident. These forms are available at: [www.edu.pe.ca/esd/main/sai\\_program.htm](http://www.edu.pe.ca/esd/main/sai_program.htm)

## **Pedunculosis**

We will be checking all students in grades K-7 for pedunculosis (head lice) on Wednesday, September 7. This year, we are pleased to have a team of parent volunteers, who have been trained by Public Health, to check the students' heads. They will be checking the children in an area away from the classrooms and are aware of confidentiality. Please check your child's head on a regular basis at home. Parents will be contacted if a case has been found. Children must be treated and checked by Public Health before returning to school. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help with head checks, please call the Public Health office, April MacIntyre. Thank you.

## **Home and School Committee (School Council)**

The Home and School Committee is made up of volunteer members from our parent community. We meet 5-6 times throughout the school year.

Members from last school year who will be continuing on are:

- Shelley Baker                      Red Point
- Paula Paquet-Lutz                Souris West
- Melanie Matheson                Albion Cross/ Little Pond
- Sheri MacKinnon                 Souris West
- Joan Clinton                        Souris River
- Kim MacPhee                        Town of Souris

If you are interested in being a member of the Home and School, we need members to represent the Fortune area, Town of Souris, and the Eastern Kings area. Please call the school if interested. Thank you to Teri Hall for her membership and acting as Chairperson on our H & S Committee for the past 2 years and to Suzanne McMahon and Louise Doiron who were also members of our Council.

Our meetings are always open for interested parents to attend as part of the audience. Items for discussion would have to be submitted prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda. Agenda items can be submitted by calling any of the H & S members.

**First Meeting, Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 pm**

## School Board Meeting

The official monthly School Board meeting will be held at Souris Consolidated School on Wednesday, Sept. 14 beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

## Hot Lunch Program

All students eat lunch in their classrooms supervised by a teacher. In the past, we have been able to offer a hot lunch daily for students to purchase at school. The lunches are prepared at local venues and delivered to the school. Volunteers would be responsible for serving the boxed lunches to students in their classrooms during the following time: 11:15 to 12:15 pm. If you would be available to help for one day/week or /month, please call the school. (687-7140 or 687-7157).

We will not be offering a hot lunch program until we have sufficient volunteers in place. Until that time, students will be expected to bring a lunch to school. Milk and juice will be available to purchase. (**white milk 50 cents, chocolate milk 75 cents and canned juice \$1.00**) At present we have a limited number of microwaves for classroom use. We will be purchasing more in the near future. Please consider sending a lunch that does not require heating in a microwave. Thank you.

## Community Bulletins:

- Ringette Registration Sept 10th Eastern Kings Sportsplex, 10 AM - 12 noon  
Sept 24th Main Street Mall, Souris 10 AM - 12 noon  
Details at [www.sourisringette.com](http://www.sourisringette.com) <<http://www.sourisringette.com/>>  
Contact Danielle Mill 687-1535  
Table(s) set up at the Sports Fair on Sept. 10/11 to buy and sell used gear.
- The Children's Wish Foundation Wishmaker Walk for Wishes  
Join us, Saturday, October 15, 2011 at any of the five locations across Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown, Summerside, Tignish, North Rustico & Montague. A short walk designed for families, schools and people of all ages to participate in, Walk for Wishes is a national event that takes place in over 100 communities throughout Canada. Proceeds will help grant wishes to Island children between the ages of 3 and 17 diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Contact us today for your pledge sheet or for more information please call The Children's Wish Foundation – Prince Edward Island Chapter today at (902) 566-5526 or email at [pei@childrenswish.ca](mailto:pei@childrenswish.ca) [www.wishmaker.ca](http://www.wishmaker.ca)

**Girl Guides of Canada** – Guides du Canada would like to extend an invitation to your daughter to register for Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders and experience everything that Guiding has to offer.

A registration evening will be held on:

Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> at Fortune Community Centre 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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**Final Minor Hockey Registration:** Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M. – 12 Noon at the Sportsplex. \$50.00 late fee will be applied after this date. (NO postdated cheques accepted!)