May, 2010

Upcoming Events:
May 6 - Grade 9 Girls receive HPV vaccinations
May 7 - Area Association Meeting (No school)
May 14 & 15 - Band Trip to Halifax
May 16 - Grads, Grans, and Card Games at 2:00 p.m.
May 18 & 19 - Drama Club presentation of “The Yearbook” at 7:00 pm
May 24 - Victoria Day (No school)
May 25 - Unit Track and Field Meet (UPEI)
May 26 - Sports Banquet at 4:30 p.m.
May 27 - Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.
May 28 - Yearbook Bingo
May 29 - Marlin Golf Tournament

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Visitors to our school are asked to check in at the school office upon arrival to sign in to the building and obtain a visitor pass. This process is part of the Eastern School District’s safe schools initiative. We thank you for your cooperation.

In our ongoing commitment to record student absence for parents to view on the Student Achieve website, it would be greatly appreciated if parents would call the school to report any student absence, or send a note with your student if they plan to leave the school during class time.

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**Athletic Events:**
The spring sport season is now in full swing with Rugby, Softball, and Track & Field taking center stage. Approximately 60 students attended rugby try-outs this spring and the teams have been working hard since late March in preparation for the month-long season that runs through May and the first week of June. Rugby and softball schedules can be found on the web at http://www.edu.pe.ca/morellhigh/athletics/ath_main.htm

The Women’s team is coached by Mary Jane Webster with assistants Amanda Trainor and Shauna-Lee Regular. The Men are coached by Madelon Cheverie with assistant coaches Wayne and Spencer Mosher. Mr. Cheverie & Mrs. Smith are the staff advisors for the program.

The Marlins also have Men’s and Women’s softball teams ready to begin their seasons on May 5th. The men’s team features a large number of veterans this year. Under the guidance of Randy Byrne and Mr. Gallant they are looking to improve on last years 3rd place provincial finish. The women’s team is a mix of rookies and veterans and will be coached by Mr. Laughlin and Matt Kelly.

The Track team, and coach Mrs. Minnis are ready to begin prep for this year’s Unit and Provincial Meets. For the first time, both major meets will be held at the new facility at UPEI. The Unit meet is scheduled for May 25th with winners advancing to provincials on Saturday June 5th.

The Badminton team and coach Mr. Crawford recently concluded its season with teams participating at Unit meets in three divisions. A number of players qualified for the provincial tournaments held at Slemon Park in Summerside.

Our annual All-Awards banquet is coming up on Wednesday May 26th beginning at 4:30 at the school cafeteria. Team members, coaches, staff, and student group representatives are eligible to attend this annual awards ceremony. The banquet is sponsored by our school cafeteria.

Our sport season for 2009 -10 will wrap up on June 5th with the Provincial Track meet. The season has involved a large percentage of our student body. A sincere thank you is extended to our school administration, and cafeteria staff for their tremendous support of Marlin Athletics. Also, a large debt of gratitude is owed to the volunteer coaching of our staff, which is amazing for a school our size.

The Morell High Athletics department extends thanks to our community volunteer coaches and to the parents of our student athletes who continue to support their children’s athletic pursuits and our program.

Ryan Laughlin/Randy Cheverie
Co-Athletic Directors
Morell High

**Parent Advisory Meeting is scheduled**
for Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
We encourage parents to attend.

**Graduation Dates & Information**
Please make note of these dates in your 2010 calendar:
Grade 12 Exams - June 10-14
Chem Free Activity - June 17
Banquet and Grand March - June 19
Church Service & Banquet - June 21
Graduation Ceremony - June 22

**Grads, Grans and Games** will take place on May 16 at 2 p.m. All graduates are encouraged to attend with a grandparent or close family relative. A variety of card and board games will be played for an opportunity to win a prize from a treasure chest and a lunch will be served. It is hoped that as many graduates as possible will attend as we are the only school on the Island to offer an opportunity for the grads to participate in this unique activity with their grandparents. It is a very easy and fun way to show your appreciation to your grandparents for all they have done for you.

**Grads are reminded to submit their**
Graduation fees by June, 1st so we may finalize the numbers of students attending the many grad activities we have planned.
Yearbook Bingo will take place on Friday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. As with past years, we are asking parents to donate a small item as a prize for our bingo. We look forward to your continued support.

A special thank you to all who donated, attended and helped out with our “Paris Trip 2011” Coffee House. Sandwiches and sweets were enjoyed by everyone as they were entertained by Emma Gallant who sang beautifully. Mary Lou Sinnott won the Travel Voucher. The winners of the baskets were Cathy MacDonald, Peg Logan, Olive Drake, and Mark Gilbert. We had a silent auction on a power of attorney and a will which went to Barb Bradley and Carolyn Pendergast.

Last call for Grad orders if students want them in time for Graduation! Wednesday, May 5th is the deadline to get orders in to Wayne Crouse. Pictures can still be ordered after this date, however there is no guarantee they will be completed before Graduation.

Community Events:

Please mark your calendars for the 40th Anniversary, Open House Celebration of the Morell Early Childhood Development Centre. It will be held on May 30th at the Peter Gordon Memorial Church in Morell. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. If you have any photos or memorabilia you would like to share for this special day, please drop them off at the centre to Wendy and Kathy. Also feel free to check out our Facebook page and join our group. Let us know where you are now and what you are up to. See you there!

Invite the World Home - Be A Host Family: Looking for an experience where the whole family can have fun and grow together? Eight Japanese children aged 12-16 are dreaming of spending a month this summer with an Island family. Host families are simply asked to welcome the exchangee into their home and treat him/her like one of the family. We provide lots of support for this volunteer opportunity. Develop a friendship that reaches around the world. For more information call: Michelle at 887-3299 or Nola at 859-3684

Camp Gencheff is now hiring for our respite season leading into the summer program. Camp Gencheff is a year round facility serving Islanders of all ages with disabilities. We are located in Bellevue Cove near Tea Hill Park in Stratford. We run 3 weekends per month from October to May and we are looking for energetic, enthusiastic students who like to have fun. Experience working with special needs is an asset but not a requirement. Please forward resume to:

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