



# Mount Stewart Consolidated

Home of the Eagles

**EAGLES... Safety Ownership Acceptance Respect**

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 	6 Chocolate Bar Campaign Begins	7
8	9	10	11	12 6:00-7:00pm 	13	14
15	16 Early Bird Chocolate Bar Draw	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 	24 Truth and Reconciliation Activities	25 Truth and Reconciliation Activities	26 	27	28
29	30 No Classes NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION					

## Safe Arrival Line 902-676-7990

*At Mt. Stewart Consolidated School we have a Safe Arrival Line which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 am.am. If your child is going to be absent for the day, please call and leave a message.*

## Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic summer of rest and relaxation! We are excited to welcome many new families and staff to our school this year! We have plans for fun and educational activities for students and families - stay tuned! We are pleased to have Mr. Ellsworth as our new Vice- Principal and Mrs. Kendrick back with us.

## Meet the Staff

Next **Thursday, September 12th** we will be having a **Meet the Staff** event at the school from **6-7 pm**. To make it fun and engaging your child will take you on a scavenger hunt throughout the school that will enable you to meet the staff and home and school representatives of Mt. Stewart Consolidated. Ice cream treats will be given out to all who finish the hunt and we will be having a draw for door prizes as well!

## Chocolate Bar Campaign

So many programs in the school rely on the money from our Chocolate Bar Campaign. This year we are refreshing all our physical education equipment and buying some musical instruments. This fundraiser also provides money for bussing and projects throughout the school year. Bars this year are 3/\$5 or \$2 per bar. Students will be returning between \$100. - \$120. per box (if you sold \$2 bars). There are also some almond and specialty bars at the school which can be purchased for \$5. A student must have the yellow permission slip signed before given chocolate bars. Please call the school if you wish to receive bars. Our campaign started today, Sept. 6th and runs until Oct. 16th. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## Electronics & Toys

K-6 Students are not permitted to have electronics (including phones) and toys in the school. This includes stuffed animals. Grade 7 & 8 students have access to their phones and earbuds from 11:45-12:05 while they are eating lunch. There should never be phones or earbuds outside or in the classroom.

## School News

**Early pickups/changes to end of day plans:** When a student is being picked up early or not taking their normal transportation method at the end of the day, a parent **MUST** contact the office before 2:00 pm. If we do not receive a phone call we will assume the student is to go home as usual. Students will not be allowed to call home to arrange or confirm any after school plans.

### **End of day pickup**

If you are picking your student up at the end of the day please park in the lineup and wait until the buses have left. Students being picked up will be waiting at the gazebo across from the

schools main entrance and will walk to your vehicle in the order of the parent pickup line. **Please do not come into the school to pick up your child at or near dismissal. If you need to pick up your student before dismissal please call the office so we can make the teacher aware and so the student can be ready to leave before the buses arrive.**

**Attendance:** For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. In the 2023/2024 school year, 5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch schools have missed 10% or more of total school days, that's approximately 18 school days, and it can have a lasting impact on their academic success. To help understand how our school is doing, each month we'll include PSB data in our newsletter with hopes to see improvement throughout this school year.

## Milk orders

This year, we will be doing monthly milk orders. No late orders will be accepted. If your child will be absent on the day orders are due, please email your child's teacher so the order can be added to our list and send money/form ASAP when the student returns to school. Frozen treat Friday's have been added to the form in case you would like to pre-order these treats. We will also continue to accept payment for frozen treats on Fridays if you prefer to pay that way.

*Price List:*

White Milk - \$0.55

Chocolate Milk - \$0.80

Frozen Treats - \$1.00

- **Please note the cost of white milk is now \$0.55**

### Free Milk for Kindergarten Students from Dairy Farmers of PEI

Dairy Farmers of PEI, on behalf of the PEI School Milk Foundation, is extremely excited to provide new **kindergarten students** with free access to white milk for three straight weeks **beginning Monday, September 9th**. This initiative is designed to welcome students to school with easy access to nutritional products, educate new parents on the School Milk Foundation and its benefit to Island schools, and inform them on how they can purchase milk for their child at their respective school following the end of the initiative.

## Breakfast/Lunch

We will continue with our breakfast program, starting Sept. 9th for those who did not have an opportunity to have breakfast or need nourishment after a long bus ride. Students are also encouraged to bring an extra snack to have off the bus if they choose. If you do not wish your child to participate in the breakfast program, please contact the homeroom teacher. We are always appreciative of any food or monetary donations to our breakfast program.

## School Food Program

The **PEI School Food Program** team is gearing up for another year of providing healthy, and affordable meal options to Island students.

Ordering will begin on Saturday, August 31st and close on **Thursday, September 5th at noon** for meals starting Monday, September 9th. The menu has also been revised for this fall! Please check out the website at [www.peischoolfood.ca](http://www.peischoolfood.ca) for more information on what's new.

The program will remain a pay-what-you-can program. As the cost of food and supplies continues to rise, the PEI School Food Program will be increasing the asking price for parents to \$5.75 per meal. We kindly ask school staff, families, and students to pay for their meal if they're able to, to help those who are not! **Please remember to bring your own cutlery!**

## Water Bottles

**Water bottle filling stations and fountains are open!** Please ensure your child comes each day with a clean, filled water bottle. The school is providing water bottles for every student again this year. Please continue to wash water bottles regularly.

## KidproofPEI

On September 23 KidproofPEI will be hosting an At Home Alone+First Aid Course located at 14 Campbell Rd. Charlottetown from 9am-1pm. Perfect timing to increase their knowledge and comfort while staying at home alone this year. Please visit <https://www.kidproofpei.com/kid-proof-pei> to Register. Hope to see you all there!

## Equity

For parents of students in grade 7 & 8, Equity will begin September 5th for our grade 8 students who will be going on days 1, 3, 5 and grade 7 students will be attending Equity on days 2, 4, 6.

## PSB - Bussing Update

### HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S BUS INFORMATION

To find your child's bus information for September please check online at the following website: [psbusing.princeedwardisland.ca](http://psbusing.princeedwardisland.ca)

## Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers for our breakfast and lunch programs. Please contact Katie MacDougall-Jay by email ( [krmacdougall-jay@edu.pe.ca](mailto:krmacdougall-jay@edu.pe.ca) ) if you are interested in helping with this program.

## Home and School News

 **Drive slowly! Watch for students on the road**

Another school year begins Sept. 5. Students will walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or in their family cars. This is a strategic time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education. Which school does your child attend? Can they ride a bus? Find out more on the Public Schools Branch's [School Bus Planner](#).

## **Update your Local Home and School Contacts**

Are you still the President? Treasurer? If not, send current contact info to the Federation office. **Presidents** - Submit the local Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#). **Treasurers** - Submit 2024-2025 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by November 1st. Send e-transfers to [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) OR mail a cheque to PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

## **"Meet the Teacher"**

"Meet the Teacher" evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child's teacher and teachers to meet parents at the beginning of the school year. It's an informal opportunity to chat, say hi, and become acquainted with your child's teacher. Find the date/time on your child's school website.

## **What is Home and School's role in education? Is there volunteer training available?**

Experienced facilitators **Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould** will lead Volunteer Training Workshops as follows:

Monday, Nov. 4, Ellerslie Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, Eliot River Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

**Register by email: [ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca) By: November 1st/2024**

These sessions will equip you with practical knowledge of how volunteers can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students!

## **What's on your Home and School agenda?**

- Meet with the principal in September and discuss setting goals for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **PEI Dept. of Education's updated Cell Phone Use Policy**  
-[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md\\_2024-06\\_responsible\\_use\\_agreement\\_cit.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md_2024-06_responsible_use_agreement_cit.pdf)
- **Inclusive Education Model Background Report** completed November 2023:  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better\\_together\\_report.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better_together_report.pdf)
- **Inclusive Education Action Plan:**  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/inclusive\\_education\\_action\\_plan\\_en.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/inclusive_education_action_plan_en.pdf)
- Brainstorm collaborative ways to support the school
- Circulate PEI Home and School Federation monthly news articles
- Inform parents about provincial announcements applicable to student learning and supports
- Establish a purpose for fundraising initiatives. Finalize with a Motion and Vote to approve. Is there a need to fundraise this year?

**REMEMBER:** Everything parents and teachers do benefits PEI students' education and well-being!