



Mount Stewart Consolidated

Home of the Eagles

EAGLES... Safety Ownership Acceptance Respect

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OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Home & School Meeting 6:30-7:30	8	9 Earth Rangers Assembly	10	11	12
13	14  NO CLASSES	15	16 Chocolate Bar Campaign Ends	17	18 Terry Fox Walk 	19
20	21	22	23 School Pictures 	24 Gr.6/7/8 Dance at Morell Cons 7:00-9:00pm	25	26
27	28 Gr.6 HPV Vaccine	29 Pumpkin Decorating Submissions 	30 Family Halloween Dance 6:00-7:30pm	31 	1 PD DAY NO CLASSES	

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. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Attendance

As we mentioned in our first newsletter of the year, schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let's continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic 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.

PLEASE NOTE The free milk for Kindergarten is now over

Breakfast/Lunch

We will continue with our breakfast program 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. At present, we have 107 students receiving breakfast everyday. 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.

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

The menu has also been revised for this fall! Please check out the website at 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 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.

Equity

For parents of students in grade 7 & 8, 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:

psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca

Busing/Student information will not be available until mid-late June 2023.

The Transportation Services department is available to assist even in the summer months.

Halloween Events

Oct. 24th - Students in **Grades 6, 7 & 8** have been invited to a **Halloween Dance at Morell Consolidated** from 7:00-9:00pm. Admission to the dance is \$7, pop and chips will be available for \$2 each. Students must be in attendance at school the day of the dance in order to attend. Students arriving after 7:20pm will have to make arrangements with administration prior to the dance as the doors will be locked. Students are to remain inside the school for the duration of the dance. If students leave early (without parental permission or pickup at the door) they will not be permitted to re-enter and parents will be notified. Drugs, alcohol, vapes etc. are not permitted on the school grounds or at the dance. Failure to comply will result in consequences and parents will be notified. Plans must be arranged prior to the dance as students will not be allowed to call home to make plans while at school.

Oct. 29th - **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** in support of our twin school in Africa. Submissions should be taken to the school on Tuesday, October 29th. (see poster below).

Oct. 30th - 6:00-7:30pm - **Halloween Family Dance**. This will be a costume dance for the whole family. (see poster below)

Oct. 31st - Students can dress up in their **Halloween Costume** for the day.

A poster for a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The background is a warm, orange-brown color with a blurred image of autumn leaves. In the center, three carved jack-o'-lanterns are displayed on a bed of leaves. The text is bold and white or yellow. At the bottom, there is a dark orange box with white text.

**PUMPKIN
Decorating
CONTEST**

PRIZES Awarded!

**OCT
29** \$2 Entry fee - All
proceeds go to our
twin school in Africa

**Pumpkins will go home on
Halloween!**

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Chocolate Bar Campaign

The chocolate bar campaign will end on Wednesday, October 16th. Please make sure all forms, money and any unsold bars are returned to the school on or before Oct. 16th. We still have bars to sell. If anyone would like to take more bars to sell, please contact the school. All proceeds from the chocolate bar campaign go to new gym equipment, musical instruments, bussing for our many trips, and events and activities throughout the school year.

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken Wednesday, October 23rd.

Battery Collection Contest

Do you have used batteries?

Mount Stewart Consolidated School would love to recycle them for you!

The Battery Blitz School Mission Contest will kick off on **Monday, September 30th** and ends on **Thursday, October 31st 2024**.

Batteries can be dropped off at the school office or Mount Stewart Irving.



We are looking for common, single-use batteries, as well as any battery less than 5kg (11 lbs) including those found in:


- Power tools
- Video game consoles
- Digital and video cameras
- Watches (with the exception of wet-cell batteries)

For safety reasons, please place batteries in a clear plastic bag or cover battery terminals with tape (electrical/duct/packing) before dropping them off.

We appreciate your support! Thank you!



Home & School

 **Register for Semi-Annual Meeting** The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 21, 2024, 6–8 pm at Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River. Topics & Speakers are:

STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY PLANS:

* Cody Davenport, *COMPASS* program surveys grades 7-12 students; will share survey results and plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS & FOOD SAFETY SUPPORTS:

* Courtney Shaffer, Inspector = What are Food Safety guidelines/supports for school food programs?

*Samantha Dougay, Dietitian = What's in a healthy breakfast menu?

* Heather Walker, Spring Park = This is how our breakfast program works.

*David Schult for Sterling Carruthers = Education and Early Years funding for school breakfast and snack programs

· Parents, educators, and students in your school community are welcome!

· Invite your school's breakfast program volunteers!

REGISTER by Oct. 16/24 at: <https://forms.gle/tbamHFkUu8ebi4fv9>

Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 4 – Ellerslie Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Nov. 5 – Eliot River Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Guidance for executive positions (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary); Bookkeeping tips for Treasurers and general information for all volunteers.

No cost. Register by emailing peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by **Oct. 30.**

Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due **Nov. 1**. Find the application at: <https://peihsf.ca/Crossing-Guard-Award>.

Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Student Well Being Teams, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: **Nov. 8**. PL Grant online: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

PSB Public meetings: Charlottetown Family of Schools study

The Board of Trustees is now engaging with the Charlottetown school community and stakeholders to receive feedback on the recommendations contained in the report. To review the report, [visit the Public Schools Branch's website](#). Share your feedback by emailing psb-schoolreview@edu.pe.ca using "Charlottetown Family of Schools" in the subject line by Oct. 18/24. Share input by attending a public meeting: Oct. 1, 6:30 pm, Spring Park Elementary; Oct. 8, 2024, 6:30 pm, Charlottetown Rural High School; Oct. 10, 2024, 6:30 pm, Birchwood Intermediate School.

PEI's Auditor General's Report: Healthiness of Food in Schools, Sept. 18/24

- READ: [The auditor general's full report on nutrition in P.E.I. schools](#)
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

Education and Economic Development: Public Schools Branch Staffing Presentation, Sept. 19/24

- READ: <https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/PSB Staffing>
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>