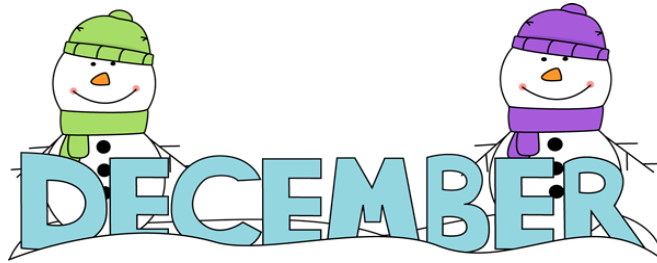


VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #7
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
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David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Student of the Month Awards for November: Congratulations to the following students who received student of the month awards for November:

Lexie McGuigan, Lauren Visser, Rilla Drake, Eli Shaw, Gage MacPherson, Nya MacLeod, Finley Doiron, May McQuillan, Callie Enman, Blake Smith, Bridgette Somers, Jack Morrison, Maeve Proctor, Ben McCabe, Gracie Dougan, Jacob Brothers, Leif White, Lucas McQuillan, Marley McDougall, Ryan Richard

Music: Nora McCabe
Band: Zoe Kelly, Emma McQuillan
French: Gracie Dougan
Phys. Ed.: Maeve Proctor



Theme Days in December: The following theme days are scheduled for the week of December 18th to 22nd. Participation in these days is optional and **no donations are being collected** – we just want to spread some holiday cheer at VRCS!

Monday, December 18th – Crazy Christmas Hat/Hair Day
Tuesday, December 19th – Ugly Christmas Sweater/Sock Day
Wednesday, December 20th – Red and Green Day
Thursday, December 21st – Winter Wonderland Day (White and Blue)
Friday, December 22nd - Christmas PJ Day/PJ Day



Public Schools Branch - Kindergarten Registration (2024-2025): Parents are reminded to please register their child for kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, if you have not already done so.

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.



**kindergarten
registration**

Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.

A registration form will be completed at the time of registration. Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of

child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport. Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2024.

For the **Early French Immersion Program** registration, please refer to the following:
Montague Family of Schools (Belfast, Cardigan, Georgetown, Montague Consolidated, Southern Kings and Vernon River), contact Montague Consolidated (902-838-0820).

Christmas Concert: The VRCS Christmas Concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 12th** (storm date will be **Wednesday, December 13th**). There will be two performances - **1:00pm** and **6:30pm** - everyone welcome!



Grade 9 students will be selling fudge, cookies and water at both the afternoon and evening performances, as a fundraiser for their end of year activities - all items will be \$2.00. Thank you for all your support with the grade 9 fundraising!



Student of the Month Assembly for December: Student of the month assembly for December will be held on Friday, December 22nd at 2:15pm.

Christmas Break: The last day of classes in 2023 is Friday, December 22nd - dismissal will be at regular time. The first day of classes in 2024 is **Monday, January 8th**.



From the PEI Home and School Federation-Home and School News, December 2023:

Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 19, 2024**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Affecting Change in PEI's School System

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing resolutions is available. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31, 2024**.

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> / [How to Write & Present a Resolution](#) / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

School Staff Appreciation Week 2024

School staff celebration, the week of **February 12-16, 2024**. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2023-2024

Presidents/Co-Chairs Annual Reports are due **Feb. 29**. To help you get started, we suggest that you record each month's activities in a bulleted form list, beginning in September. Add what will be happening to finish out the school year, March to June. Collectively, you are writing

the history of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. If you need help, contact us at 902-620-3186 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca. And, we have a google form to help. Go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOInb3_QViM3zNjpR2ZdyJnWDg98Po5s3WCKbRCexg/edit

Save the date...AGM, April 13, 2024

Book your calendars to attend the .P.E.I Home and School Federation's 71st Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 13, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details to come.

Federation Board Nominations

Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Directors for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague and Morell families of schools; all are two-year term positions. For more info, contact the Federation office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186.

ADD this to your agenda...

1. Social Emotional Learning - Ask a teacher to talk about SEL
2. COMPASS survey - Ask your principal for a brief overview
3. AI Chatbots - Ask a tech-skilled parent or staff person to talk about keeping up with AI technology in the home and the school.

Other Community News....

International Volunteer Day is on December 5, annually

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION

The P.E.I. Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions will take place in person in PEI on April 20, 2024. Every child will receive a participation certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category will receive cash prizes and trophies. The 1st place winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 26, 2024. Parents/guardians can register for the 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Competition at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration. All High school students 15 years and older are invited to be trained to be a Coach, Mentor or Tutor and gain community hours, while helping to make a difference in a child's life. They can email coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca for more information.

Note: Send community notices for next month's news by Dec. 18 to: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!

Island Gymnastics Academy: The Island Gymnastics Academy is once again offering gymnastics classes in January at Montague Consolidated School, for boys and girls from grades K-6. To register please use the following link

<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/IGA/shop/programs/96087>

Should the class you are interested in be full, please add your name to a waiting list as we may add other classes.

If you have any questions please contact : islandgymnasticsacademy@gmail.com

