

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
Parent Newsletter #9
Tuesday, January 30th, 2024
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David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Student of the Month Awards for

January: Congratulations to the following students who received student of the month awards for January:

Noah Jackson
Lincoln Ansems
Davy Kuiper
Denver MacRae
Ben Edgar
Jack Lee
James Redmond
Rowan Kelly
Ellie Valley
Cullen Young
Jaynie MacKinnon
Marty Hakkers
Lyric O'Brien
Grace MacPherson
Maggie Valley
Molly Visser



French: Molly Visser
Phys Ed: Charlotte Doughart, Brennan Visser
Band: Liam Roche
Music: Lexi Anderson, Micah Shaw

Eireann Whalen (December award)
Cadence MacDonald (November award)

Home and School Hot Lunch Program

(Pizza - Wednesdays):

Hot Lunch is Back!

Vernon River Home And School is bringing back the HotLunches.Net lunch program! Domino's Pizza will be available every Wednesday (started on January 24th). Each slice will be \$2.75 with the option of pepperoni or cheese (gluten free option also available).

All orders must be placed the Sunday before the scheduled delivery date - cut-off time is 11:59 PM.

PayPal is the only payment option at this time.
The website is:

<https://vernonriver.hotlunches.net>

You will need to register.

The Access Code is VRHL

Next you will add each student and select their class. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Black History Month: February is Black History Month and students at VRCS will be engaging with many stories and a variety of learning experiences that will help them to explore and celebrate this aspect of Canadian and Island culture.



Valentine's Dance: Vernon River Home and School is hosting a Valentine's dance for all students on Saturday, February 10th from 5-7pm at St. Joachim's Hall in Vernon River. Details are as follows:

When: Saturday February 10th from 5 - 7pm

Where: St Joachim's Hall

Admission: \$5 per child

Who's Invited: K to Grade 9

Food: We will be selling pizza for \$2 per slice. We will also have some snacks provided for free.

Activities: Besides the dance there will also be cookie decorating, a photo booth and a few fun games.

Proceeds: All proceeds will go to the legacy garden.

Tickets: Will be sold at the door.



Legacy Garden & Outdoor Classroom:

With an exciting new project on the horizon, we are reaching out to our wider school community looking for volunteers. We have accessed support from the School Health Grant to begin the process of creating a community Legacy Garden and restoring our Outdoor Classroom.

This project aims to develop and enhance children's connection with nature through a "two-eyed seeing approach" that develops respect for, and appreciation of nature in order to leave the world a better place for future generations. Students will be learning about sustainability and environmental stewardship along with developing the knowledge and skills of planting, tending, and harvesting from our community garden.

As a tribute to Ms. Roach, a fierce advocate for outdoor education, each of our classes will create something for the Outdoor Classroom. Bird and bat houses, insect hotels, shelters, windchimes and a mud kitchen are all ideas being considered. By having each class involved in the construction of the Outdoor Classroom and resources within it, we hope to provide some time and space for everyone to reflect and celebrate our amazing Kindergarten teacher. The Outdoor Classroom will be dedicated to her, ensuring her legacy and love of the outdoors will remain at the heart of Vernon River.

Vernon River parents and supporters, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers with a knack for gardening, tree planting, basic carpentry and project design skills to join our project team. You will work alongside school staff, Knowledge Keepers, community members, and students to help with the design and creation of the Legacy Garden and Outdoor Classroom. By drawing on the collective strengths of our VRCS community, we hope to provide meaningful opportunities for students to develop a conscious connection with the environment and everything that lives within it.

If you are interested in helping with this exciting project or would like to hear more, please contact the school and a member of the planning committee will be in touch.

Theme Days/Bake Sale: The following fundraisers are scheduled for the week of February 12th to 16th, with proceeds going towards the grade 9 end of year activities.

Theme Days - \$1.00 for each theme day, or whatever donation you can make would be greatly appreciated!

February 12th – Hat Day
February 13th – Jersey Day
February 14th – Red and Pink Day
February 15th – Twin Day
February 16th – P.J. Day

Bake Sale – On Wednesday, February 14th the grade 9 class will be holding a bake sale.

Thank you for supporting the grade 9 class in their fundraising efforts!

Valentine's Day: Students may bring in valentines to exchange, and we ask that any treats/valentines be sent in with your child in the morning during arrival time – thank you.



Winter Wellness Day: On Friday, February 16th VRCS will participate in Winter Wellness Day where students will enjoy additional outdoor physical activity time.

Please ensure your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the outdoor weather – with warm boots, snow pants, winter coat, hat and mittens/gloves – thank you!



No Classes - February 19th: There will be no classes on Monday, February 19th (Islander Day).

Pink Shirt Day: Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on Wednesday, February 28th to promote awareness, understanding and openness about the problem of bullying, and that we will not tolerate bullying.



From the PEI Home and School

Federation:

Home and School News, February 2024



Presidents' Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due **February 29**. All reports **will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports**. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year's [2023 Book of Reports](https://www.peihsf.ca/agm/) at: <https://www.peihsf.ca/agm/>. Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation's new [President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form](https://www.peihsf.ca/agm/). If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.



Home and School Volunteer Awards

The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March. 3**. Criteria and Form are online at: <https://www.peihsf.ca/awards/>



SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 13, 2024**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be posted at: <https://www.peihsf.ca/agm/> Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?

Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and

overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It's a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child's education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students. <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

~Pink Shirt Day Canada 2024 is on February 28th Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness! A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

~Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course - provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm 212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30; Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm. Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwcpei@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.

