

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Newsletter #8

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

[www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs](http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs)



David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

**Welcome Back:** We would like to welcome everyone back. We hope you all had a lovely holiday season and wish all students and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year!



**Thank You:** We would like to thank parents, grandparents and the entire school community for their outpouring of love and support during the time of Ms. Roach's death. The support and kindness shown to all staff was overwhelming and very much appreciated!

**Staffing Update -**

**Kindergarten Teacher:** We would like to welcome Rachel Kitson to the Vernon River staff, in the position of kindergarten teacher. Ms. Kitson comes to Vernon River School with experience teaching at the kindergarten level at L.M. Montgomery and West Royalty schools.

**Student of the Month**

**Awards for December:**

Congratulations to the following students who

received student of the month awards for December:

London Brown  
Linden MacDonald  
Liza Thaxter  
Landon Drake  
Rosie McQuillan  
Miller Visser  
Paisley Drake  
Brady Hakkers  
Jorja Doiron  
Hudson Martin  
Brooklyn Compton  
Mason Doughart  
Ali Kenny  
Kenzi MacDonald  
Robert Morrison  
Andrew Doiron  
Grade 9 Class

French - Jaynie MacKinnon  
Ada Bruce

Phys. Ed. - Bo Visser  
Charlotte McDougall

Music - Jackson McLeod  
Jack Doyle  
Jack Morrison

Band - Seth Martin

**November Award:**  
Scarlett Demeulenaere  
(Phys. Ed.)



**Home and School Meeting:**

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



**"Triangle Rewards" Card:**

A Triangle Rewards card, in its original packaging (from Canadian Tire), was found in the front parking lot the day of the Christmas concert (December 12<sup>th</sup>). Please call the school if it belongs to you.



**Dental Preventative Clinic  
at Vernon River  
Consolidated School -  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

**Purpose of Dental Clinic:**

Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

**Screening:** All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher.

**Consent:** After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

**Fees:** There is no cost involved as the preventative services are covered by the School Dental Care Program.

**Contact:** If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 902-368-4918.

**Further Information:** Please note that only preventive services will be provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Provincial Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

**From the PEI Home and  
School Federation:  
Home and School News,  
January 2024**



**2024 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff**  
Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 19, 2024**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>



**Resolutions impact change**  
The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at [www.peihsf.ca/resolutions](http://www.peihsf.ca/resolutions). Discuss topics with local association, parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2024**.



**Annual Reports**  
Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit your 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the Federation by **Feb. 29, 2024**. Annual reports are compiled in the Federation's Book of Reports posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.



**2024 School Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024**  
School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff:

teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!



**2024 Annual General Meeting Notice**  
Book your calendars! The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. All member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is invited to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be posted in February at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>



**Home and School and You**  
Dionne Tuplin, PEI Home and School Federation president writes a monthly column for The Guardian. Her January 2024 news column will be published in The Guardian and posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/> on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

