

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Student of the Month Awards for

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

Freya Jones
Steph Wilken
Dylan Wilson
Hunter Ansems
Emerson MacLeod
Marshall Beamish
Charlotte Doughart
Brinley O'Brien
L.J. Wilken
Samuel Chiasson Drake
Lydia Matheson
Liam Douse
Avery McCabe
Ronan Lee
Gary Singh
Ada Bruce
Arash Singh
Emma McQuillan
French - Brennan Visser
Phys. Ed. - Everleigh MacPherson
Lenlee McCabe
Band - Ronan Lee
Music - Jace MacDonald

September Award: Caleb Foote



Theme Days Fundraiser: A very special thank you from the grade 9 class, to everyone who participated in the theme days fundraiser!



SWT Parent Presentation: The Student Well-being Team for the Montague family of schools will be providing a presentation for parents on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00pm. The focus of the presentation is helping parents support their children with anxiety. It will be co-facilitated by Donna McGuigan (RN) & Lynn Anne James (SW). Montague Regional High School has kindly agreed to host the presentation, but it is open to all families.

Remembrance Day Assembly: The school's Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday, November 10th at 11:00am in the school gym – all are welcome!



Grade 9 Graduation

Pictures: Grade 9 graduation pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 8:45am.



Practice Lockdown Drill: We will be holding a practice lockdown drill on Wednesday, November 15th at 10:45am.

School Picture Retakes: School picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th, following the grade 9 pictures.

Please note: Class pictures are provided free of charge if you are ordering a picture package for your child, but you must still order the class picture. If you would like to order a class picture only (no package), please see the information attached.

No Classes: Reminder that there will be no classes on:

Monday, November 13th -
Statutory Holiday (In Lieu of Remembrance Day)

Thursday and Friday, November 16th & 17th -
PEITF Convention/CUPE Meetings

Friday, November 24th -
Parent-Teacher Interviews

Student Learning Reports: Student learning reports will be sent home with students on Monday, November 20th.

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, November 23rd from 4:30 to 8:15pm and Friday, November 24th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews will be emailed to parents and posted to the school's website.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Dressing for Colder Weather:

Students are expected to go outside for both the noon and afternoon recesses (weather permitting) and now that the colder weather is here, parents are reminded to please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with winter coats, snow pants, mitts and footwear – thank you!

Public Schools Branch - Kindergarten Registration (2024-2025):

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten prior to or during the period of November 20-24, 2023.

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

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).

Remembrance Day Service @ Uigg

Community Centre: Come and participate in the annual Remembrance Day service at the Uigg Community Center on Murray Harbour Rd. The service will be indoors at 3:00 pm on November 11th with a short program and refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

Public Schools Branch Storm Closure Information for Parents:
School Cancellations

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a family of schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools.

One-hour Delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am.

Late Buses

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

School Closures During the Day

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible. Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

Extreme Weather During the School Day

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess, lunch, or remain outside upon morning arrival.

Suggestions for parents

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.

Helpful Links

- Environment Canada's Weather Forecast for [Charlottetown](#), [St. Peter's Bay](#), [East Point](#), [Maple Plains](#), [North Cape](#) and [Summerside](#)
- [PEI Road Conditions](#)
- [PEI Government Storm Closures or Delays](#) (A notification/link will appear on the Government home page when there are workplace closures.)
- [CBC PEI's Storm Centre](#)
- [Ocean 100](#) and [Hot 105.5](#) Storm Centres
- [CFCY](#) Storm Watch

Reminder:

Vernon River Consolidated School is in the *Montague Family of Schools*.