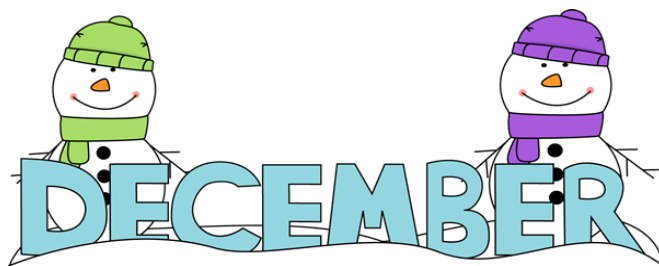


VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
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David Wood, Principal

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: Jackson Harris, Ruthie MacPherson, Eli Shaw, Davy Kuiper, Sybil White, Nya MacLeod, Archer Leard, Dante Clark, Ethan MacLeod, Alyson Demeulenaere, Tyson McIsaac, Lyric O'Brien, Robert Morrison, Carlie Dixon and Lauchie McCabe.

Music – Hunter Ansems, Jack Doyle, Ezekiel Tinton, James Redmond
Band – Ali Kenny
French – Sahib Singh
Phys. Ed. – Maridyth Francis, Drew MacDonald



October Award: Kase Enman

Book Fair - Thank You: Thank you to everyone who purchased items at our Fall Book Fair. Total sales were \$4,250, with \$1500 worth of books going back into our school library. Thank you for your support!



Badminton Club: Badminton club for grades 5-9 will take place on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:15 (except for Wednesday, December 11th). Please grab a permission slip and return to Mrs. Adams or the school office.

Futsal Program: We are excited for the return of our Futsal Program starting in January 2025. Mike Redmond and Matt Kenny will be running an 8-week session with a focus on skill development, game strategy, and teamwork. Sessions will take place on Monday nights from January 6th to March 10th. Grades K-3 will run from 6-7pm, followed by grades 4-6 from 7-8pm. The cost of the program will be \$35 and can be paid directly to Mrs. Adams or the school office. Please email smadams@edu.pe.ca to register and reserve your place!



Christmas Concert: VRCS presents a musical from the grades 1-5 classes, with additional performances by the kindergarten class, the grade 6 band and the grade 7/8/9 band! The concert will be held on **Thursday, December 12th**. There will be two performances - **1:00pm (afternoon matinee/dress rehearsal)** and **6:30pm** - everyone welcome! For K-5, there is no special clothing/costumes required – unless Ms. Ling has indicated otherwise, and students in grades 6-9 are to wear their band attire.

Grade 9 students will be selling fudge 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 supporting the grade 9 fundraising efforts!

Theme Days in December: The following theme days are scheduled for the week of December 16th to 20th. Participation in these days is optional and **no donations will be collected** – just spreading holiday cheer at VRCS!

Monday, December 16th – Christmas Hat Day
Tuesday, December 17th – Christmas Socks Day
Wednesday, December 18th – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Thursday, December 19th – Red and Green Day
Friday, December 20th - Christmas PJ Day



On Friday, December 20th there will be Christmas stations in the morning and Christmas movies in the afternoon. Grade 9 students will be selling popcorn for the movies, as part of their fundraising - \$1.00.




Student of the Month Assembly for December: Student of the month assembly for December will be held on Friday, December 20th at 2:15pm.

Christmas Break: The last day of classes in 2024 is Friday, December 20th - dismissal will be at regular time. The first day of classes in 2025 is **Monday, January 6th**.

From the PEI Home and School Federation-Home and School News, December 2024:

 **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. 17, 2025**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

 **How to Affect Change in P.E.I.'s School System**

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 2025 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 12. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions. [How to Write & Present a Resolution / Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

 **School Staff Appreciation Week 2025**

School staff celebration, the week of **February 10-14**. Set up a committee to brainstorm plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

 **President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2024-2025**

Presidents/Co-Chairs are reminded that their annual reports are due by February 21. Document monthly activities (1-2 pages) from September through June of this school year. You can write free style or use this Google Form at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gBJzforEMMC5BJp9jrr56NPc9FECgJDtKMVe0Vzh42k/edit?pli=1>

 **Federation Board Nominations**

Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and Directors for Bluefield, Kensington, Souris, Three Oaks and Westisle families of schools; all are two-year term positions. <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186.

Other Community News....

***** SPELLING BEE COMPETITION - REGISTER your child for PEI Competition**

Register your child for the P.E.I. Spelling Bee of Canada Competition on **April 5, 2025**.

Parents/guardians can register students at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration.

First Place Winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 25-26, 2025. **High school students 15+** can train as a Coach. For more info, e-mail Alanna at: coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca

*****International Volunteer Day is on December 5**

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

Attention Parents/Guardians:

Dental Preventative Clinic at Vernon River Consolidated School Starting January 6th, 2025:

Attention Parents/Guardians:

The School Oral Health Preventative Program will be operating at Vernon River Consolidated on January 6th, 2025 .

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 Provincial School Dental Care Program.

Further Information: Please note that only preventative 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 all ages who meet the eligibility requirements. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

Vaulting Classes - Reyna Gymnastics Academy: Reyna Gymnastics Academy is excited to announce a unique gymnastics program in Montague for children ages 7-12 & 13-18. RGA's Vaulting Classes are for boys & girls who like gymnastics and horses. At our indoor Fall & Winter classes your child will learn the foundations of gymnastics on mats and on our mechanical horse. In the Spring we will offer outdoor classes at our arena, where students will learn horsemanship, riding, and the sport of equestrian vaulting on horseback. Free tryouts are by appointment only at Montague Regional High School Mondays & Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm.

For more information and to make your child's tryout appointment call/text: (782) 377-6719 or email: reynagymnasticsacademy@gmail.com