**Montague Regional High School Parent Newsletter**

**April 4, 2016**

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**Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, April 14, from 6:00 to 8:30pm and Friday April 15 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm.

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**Extra Help With Mr. Trainor:**

Extra help in Biology 521, Agriscience 801, and Science 421 is available from Mr. Charlie Trainor by request.

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**Extra Help With Ms. McNinnis:**

Ms. Glenda McNinnis offers extra help for Math 421A and Math 611B on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10 to 4:00 or by request. Parents and students can access her blog at glmcinnis.edublogs.org to follow along with daily work and assignments.

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**Extra Help With Mr. Evans:**

Mr. Carl Evans will be available for extra help in Welding after school from 3:25 to 4:15 on Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment only.

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**MRHS Environment Club:**

The MRHS Environment Club has gotten off to an excellent start this year. This is a new student group working under the direction of the South East Environmental Association. We have been working on several projects with the Boys and Girls Club of Montague, including starting wildflowers in the greenhouse for the SEA pollinator park and indoor vegetable production. For more information or to find out about future meetings, interested students can contact Mr. Charlie Trainor in Room 131.

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**Maple Leaf Exchange**

The Maple Leaf exchange involves ten students from MRHS and ten from Boston who sample history, culture, educational structures and government during a five-day visit to each location. Ms. Chantelle Beaton and Ms. Jennifer Victor will be accompanying our students to Boston from April 27 to May 3, and students from the Edward M. Kennedy Academy will be visiting PEI from May 27 to June 3. We look forward to participating in this unique opportunity.

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**Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Rose Henbest who was successful in the online semi-finals for Poetry in Voice. In April, she will represent PEI at the National Finals in Toronto.

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**SEVEC:**

Students recently returned from Edmonton where they participated in the first part of the SEVEC exchange co-ordinated by Mr. Matt Kelly and Mr. Ronnie Munn. We look forward to hosting the students from Alberta from May 16 to May 23, 2016. We would like to thank Ms. Victor, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Munn for all the time they have devoted and for the personal sacrifices they have made to provide these enriching opportunities to our students.

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**Student Council News:**

Student Council is participating in a clothing drive. Get a head start on your spring cleaning and bring in any used clothes or shoes. Clothing with small stains are also welcome as all items collected are distributed. The deadline for drop off is Friday, April 8. This is Spring Fling week (April 4 to April 8) with daily theme days and contests. See our daily announcements for further details. The Spring Fling Dance will be held on Friday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9:30. Cost for tickets is $8.00.

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**Library News:**

Scholastic Book orders for the month of April are available in the library from Mrs. Killeen. Deadline to order for this month is Friday, April 22. Cash or cheque (made payable to Scholastic Books Ltd) is accepted for payment.

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**Helping Fund Higher Education:**

You can now use loyalty points to fund higher education through HigherEdPoints.com. Parents, grandparents and friends can convert their Aeroplan Miles and/or TD Points into funds for tuition at over eighty institutions across Canada. For many institutions, funds can also help pay for meal plans and residence fees. Find out more at www.HigherEdPoints.com.

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**PEI Home & School News:**

- There is still time to register your school’s delegates for the PEI Home and School Federation’s Annual Meeting & Convention coming up on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. All members are welcome - any parent, guardian, teacher,
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administrator and staff person.
Each Association is asked to designate five of your attendees as your voting delegates. Delegates are asked to indicate which of the two afternoon workshops they wish to attend. The two options are: Workshopping Different Models For Education (Gerry Hopirk, Facilitator); Atlantic FabLab; Tour at UPEI. Complete registration details are online at: http://peihsf.ca/2016agm

• District Advisory Council Meeting Highlights: The mandate of the Family of Schools District Advisory Councils is to help shape an education system that is focused on and meets the needs of learners, by advising the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture on education matters. Check the department’s website for the list of current members, meeting highlights and upcoming meetings at: http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/DAC#agenda.

• The 2016-2017 School Calendar is available for downloading from the Education, Early Learning and Culture department’s website at: http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/eelccalendar16.pdf.

• School Bus Driver of the Year Award: This award recognizes school bus drivers on Prince Edward Island for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. Nominations are due: May 13, 2016. Find the nomination form: http://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/2016%20%20Bus%20Driver%20%20A%20ward%20Flyer.pdf and details at: http://peihsf.ca/bus

• School Crossing Guard of the Year Award: This award recognizes a school crossing guard on Prince Edward Island for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. Nominations are due: April 29, 2016. Find the nomination form at: http://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/NotificationForm-CrossingGuard-2016.pdf and details at: http://peihsf.ca/crossing-guard-award.

From the Student Graduation and Transition Planner:
What are my opportunities?
Support your child in using their time in school and in the community to explore options and areas of interests, make connections, and participate in community-based learning opportunities.

• Support your child while they are selecting their high school courses. Be curious. Ask them if their elective choices truly reflect their own interests.
• Encourage your child to get out and volunteer in their community.
• Connect them with resources and people from occupations they are interested in.
• Encourage your child to participate in a community-based learning opportunity.

The following activities can be found in My Plan (www.myplanpei.ca; password: myplan2015) and may encourage conversation at home about opportunities available to your child. Information Interview - Your child is in the driver's seat when they are doing information interviewing. They are asking the questions to collect information about a field of interest, an occupation, or job they want to find out more about. Information interviewing allows your child to practice communication skills, build contact with people who may be helpful in their future, and get first-hand information and a realistic view of the field. www.myplanpei.ca Newspaper Analysis- Labour Market information (LMI) is all around us! This activity allows your child to become more aware about events happening in the world and to gain current and relevant LMI. www.myplanpei.ca My Board of Directors - Encourage your child to build their network, people who they can turn to for support, advice, or to help them keep balance in their life. www.myplanpei.ca

Dates to consider:
Concours D'Art Oratoire - Deadline to enter is April 9, 2016 The Concours d'art oratoire is a public speaking event in held in French. Participating students choose a subject in which they are interested and prepare a presentation designed to inform, convince, or amuse the audience. For more information, visit http://pei.cpf.ca/activities/youthactivities/concours-dart-oratoire/

Summer 2016 - Student Employment Opportunities
http://www.gov.pe.ca/tourism/summer-employment-opportunities

April 20, 2016 - Talk With Our Kids About Money Day. The Canadian Federation for Economic Education (CFEE) has set April 20 as a day to “get conversations started” and bring attention to the importance of talking with our kids about money to help prepare them for the financial decisions and responsibilities ahead. Visit http://talkwithourkidsaboutmoney.com/home-program/ for a range of ideas and suggestions.

April 30 - Cavendish Tourism Job Fair Tourism Industry Association of Prince Edward Island (TIAPEI) Stanley Bridge

Cardigan Minor Ball:
Cardigan Minor Ball is looking for any U12 boys who would like to play minor softball in a boys’ softball league this summer. Softball PEI, in partnership with Island Minor Ball Associations, is promoting a ‘Boys Are Back” program to generate interest in re-starting minor softball for boys at the U12 level.

Cardigan Minor Ball is offering the opportunity for boys who are currently playing baseball or who have never played baseball or softball before, the opportunity to play this summer. In fact, any boys who register for baseball with Cardigan will qualify to play softball at no additional cost. The Cardigan Minor Ball Association will also make every effort to schedule home games and practices on different evenings to allow the boys who are interested to play both baseball and softball.

Anyone who is interested please contact Mark Quinn at quinmer32@hotmail.com or by phone at 902 969-6131

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