



# Morris Academy

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE OFFICE

We take this opportunity to thank one of our grandparents, Wanda Tiller, for taking the time to reinforce the traffic rules of our parking lot in an effort to ensure our students' safety. Her dedication to our students and school is truly amazing. Yet, the safety of our students is everyone's responsibility. By using the lower parking lot when dropping off and picking up your children, you are reducing the traffic on the main lot when children are walking across it. Please remind your children to use the crosswalk when crossing the street (Roosevelt Ave) and when walking across the parking lot from the street. When walking up from the lower parking lot to their appropriate grade level entrances, students are encouraged to use the stairs and then walk close to the school, away from the vehicles. Also, please remind your children to NOT go on the snow banks at school because it's too dangerous with the traffic around the school zone. Please ensure that these traffic regulations are communicated to everyone who might be transporting your child to or from school. ***These precautions are in place to ensure the safety of all our students and we appreciate your anticipated cooperation!***

### PINK SHIRT DAY

**Pink Shirt/Stand Up Day is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.** We are encouraging students, parents and staff to wear pink to symbolize that we as a school community do not tolerate bullying. If students do not have pink clothing, they may choose to wear their Morris Academy school clothing. The teachers will be completing various anti-bullying activities at their grade level throughout this day.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**. We meet in the school library. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (PL) DAYS

We have three more Professional Learning (PL) days remaining this year. Our next PL day is scheduled for this **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** and we will focus on analyzing student assessment data and preparing report cards, while our fourth PL day is scheduled for **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Heart High School where we will learn more about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) with Dr. AnnMarie Churchill from Memorial University. Our final PL day is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** when we are hoping to engage in School Development planning for 2020-21.

### MORRIS ACADEMY'S POP-UP LUNCH FUNDRAISER (Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am)

We are proud to announce that we are hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Morris Academy Pop-Up Lunch Fundraiser in the school gym on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** to raise money for Morris Academy's Breakfast Club. Tickets cost **\$10** and can be purchased in advance from the school or at the door at the time of this event. One ticket entitles you to one chef's dish plus a soup appetizer, bottle of water and dessert. As you enter the gym you will select the chef dish you want and give that chef your ticket. Please remember to write your name and telephone number on your ticket for the door prize. **First come, first served; while quantities last.**

We are honored to have several amazing local chefs donating their time and expertise to support this fundraiser! We take this opportunity to thank **Gregory Bersinski, Roary MacPherson, Maurizio Modica, Yolande Modica and Terry Vere-Holloway** for participating in this fundraiser! We will also have live music as well as surprise guests and we look forward to you joining us for this fantastic event. A flyer is being sent home today with this Newsletter, please pass it along. Make it a whole family event and remember to tell your friends as well! We would love to see all of our Morris Academy school community attend. Please mark this date in your calendar!

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

Please visit [www.morrisacademynl.ca](http://www.morrisacademynl.ca) to complete the Family Survey on the front page of our website. There are also surveys for students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 as well as surveys for teachers and support staff. All input is important to us.

## **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY – MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** is World Down Syndrome Day, so we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. We are asking everyone to participate by wearing a pair of funky socks and bringing a donation to school for the NL Down Syndrome Society. These funds are being used towards therapy services for persons with Down Syndrome.

## **NLESD SECURE SCHOOLS/LOCKDOWN POLICY**

*Please remember to check in at the office if you come to pick up your children throughout the school day. As per the NLESD Secure Schools/Lockdown Policy, our school doors are locked from 8:45 to 3:00 and at no time should anyone be walking throughout the building without our knowledge. Parents/guardians are reminded to wait in the designated entrances when arriving to pick up students at 3:00.*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### ***Pink Shirt Day***

School Council Meeting

### **Professional Learning Day - No School**

Grade Two Field Trip (Fluvarium)

Morris Academy Pop-Up Lunch Fundraiser

Kindergarten Field Trip (Fluvarium)

### **Professional Learning Day - No School**

*District Holiday - No School*

Second Term Report Cards Go Home

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.)

KinderStart #3

Classes Conclude for Easter Break

Classes Commence after Easter Break

KinderStart #4

### **Professional Learning Day - No School**

*Victoria Day Holiday*

Kindergarten Concert

***Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>***

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (AM)

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (PM)

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>*

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)**

*Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>*

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.



***Please remember to bring your recyclables every Friday!!***

Thank You,

*Sandra Humphries & Lori Powell*

Morris Academy Administration