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## *October 2023 – Parent Newsletter*

### UPCOMING DATES:

<p><b>Oct 2</b> – No Classes (in lieu of Sep 30)  <b>Oct 3</b> – Deadline to return picture orders  <b>Oct 4</b> – Lockdown drill/review with students  <b>Oct 6</b> – Deadline for Donations to Terry Fox  <b>Oct 9</b> – No Classes (Thanksgiving)  <b>Oct 10</b> – Earth Rangers Presentation to Gr K-6 (10-11am) in the gym</p>	<p><b>Oct 12</b> – Cross Country Meet hosted by SKC  <b>Oct 13</b> – Cross Country Meet-Rain Date*  <b>Oct 16</b> – Picture Retakes (Morning only)  <b>Oct 16</b> – Gr 8 Bake Sale  <b>Oct 19</b> – Gr 7-9 Dance @ MIS  <b>Oct 27</b> – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)  <b>Oct 31</b> – Halloween – (costume optional)</p>
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### STAFFING UPDATES:

**EA's:** Welcome to Erica Wilkinson, who started here in late September.

**Bus Drivers:** Lorne MacDonald (404) is currently on leave. We would like to welcome and thank Karl Barth who is currently driving for him.

### ORDER OF THE DAY (CHANGES):

Starting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, lunch hour and recess for all grades will be combined.

<p><b>08:15 am</b> – Student drop off begins  <b>08:20 am</b> – Meet in Home Room Classrooms  <b>08:30 am</b> – O Canada &amp; Announcements, Morning Classes Begin  <b>11:30 am</b> – Noon Recess for Gr K-8  <b>11:53 am</b> – Lunch Break for Gr K-8  <b>12:15 pm</b> – Afternoon Classes Begin</p>	<p><b>01:15 pm</b> – Afternoon Recess for Gr K-8  <b>01:30 pm</b> – Afternoon Classes Resume  <b>02:25 pm</b> – Students being picked up are dismissed to the parking lot  <b>02:30 pm</b> – Dismissal (Busses are loaded)  <b>03:30 pm</b> – Final Pick up of Students for any after-school activities</p>
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### SKC HOME AND SCHOOL:

All parents/guardians are welcome! We encourage new membership, and it is never too late to join/attend meetings. Our next meeting date will be Mon, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the school staff room.

A wrapping paper fundraiser will take place from October 23-Nov 6. Catalogues will be sent home with students when they arrive. All proceeds will go towards ongoing fundraising for school playground improvements and school expenses. The top selling class will get an ice cream party (date to be determined with the teacher).

### WATER BOTTLES & CUTLERY:

**Please be reminded to send a water bottle with your child each day.** Fountains are no longer in use. We have bottle filling stations that students have access to. Please send your child with cutlery if they require this for their lunch. Our supply of plastic cutlery is very limited.

### DANCES FOR GRADES 7-9:

Montague Intermediate School hosts several dances over the course of the school year, which are open to SKC and Georgetown students to attend. Each dance has a theme and will be posted closer to the date. Admission is \$5 plus a canned good item (donations are made to the Food Bank). The first dance will be Thu, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm at MIS. A reminder that attendance at dances is a privilege, and it is contingent on student behavior at school.

### BUS NOTES, EARLY PICK-UP & COMMUNICATION:

Teaching happens every day until 2:25pm. Unless the student has an appointment, or another important reason to be picked up early, we would kindly ask that students be left in class until the end of the day when possible. If your child needs to be picked up early, or at the end of the day, **please call the school before 1:45/2:00pm if possible.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please be reminded that bus notes are limited to childcare destinations, and for emergency situations only. This is an island wide PSB directed request.

We would like to kindly remind all parents and guardians to please call our main phone line to report illness or absences. Non-urgent questions for teachers can be emailed directly to them. Staff email addresses are located on the school website. Facebook messaging and texting to staff members is not an appropriate method of communication, unless there are planned special circumstances in place for this to be the chosen method of contact between staff member and parent.

### COSPEI GOLD RUSH:

Southern Kings Consolidated School is excited to announce that we are joining the COSPEI Gold Rush. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. Proceeds will go towards school expenses, which can help with things like field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

We encourage you to click on this link (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support "Southern Kings Consolidated School" and play. A \$5.00 play gets you 3 numbers. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) per account per week.

Once you are assigned your numbers, they are yours forever/until you choose to stop and are entered into every weekly draw. If you activate your numbers (pay \$5.00) you have a chance to win half of the pot; if you do not activate your numbers (do not pay \$5.00) and your number is drawn, you are a "nonwinner" and the pot rolls-over. To ensure you never miss a draw, click on the gray circular button to the left of your numbers and activate "AutoPlay". Draws take place every Thursday at 1:00.

### **PHYS ED UPDATES:**

Intramurals will begin during recess, around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. Interested students are asked to listen to the announcements. Sign-up sheets will be distributed beforehand.

Gr 7-8 boys' soccer team are well underway. Coach is Mr. Bell and Mr. Myers. The team is joined with students from Georgetown school. Games and practices will be posted on the school Facebook group by Mr. Bell.

Gr 7-8 girls' volleyball team has begun, and Mrs. Cann has distributed a schedule to those girls. Mrs. Cann and Mrs. Revell are the coaches. Regular updates will also be added to the school Facebook group.

Mrs. Cann and Mrs. Revell are also leading a girls' volleyball club, which practice during recess times. This will be posted on morning announcements.

### **CROSS-COUNTRY:**

Cross country participants (Gr 3-8) will practice during recess. Practices will be announced in the morning.

Southern Kings Consolidated is hosting the Cross-Country meet on Thu, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is Fri, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. A cash canteen will be setup onsite, with proceeds going towards grade 8 travel. A porta-potty will also be on site. Visiting students/parents are not permitted inside the school. The schedule of events is not yet determined. This will be circulated soon. Provincials will be held on Sat, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Location to be determined.

### **PHOTOS:**

School photo proofs have arrived. We have a quick turnaround time due to the long weekend. I would ask that all orders be returned on Tues, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. For anyone who was absent on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, please return your orders on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. All orders will be mailed back to Lifetouch on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Photo retakes will take place on Mon, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 9:00am, and the photographer will depart once all are complete, therefore it is a short window. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please ensure you give the teacher a heads up if you feel your child will not remember. Retake day is targeted for students who were absent on the first photo day, and for anyone who wants/volunteers to go have another picture done. We do not automatically send every student to do a photo again.

### **CLOTHING:**

As we are coming into cooler temperatures, we would like to remind parents to send along sweaters and jackets each day. On wet days, please send along rubber boots and splash pants. Particularly for our younger students, a change a clothes and socks are helpful to have in their backpacks. Please ensure your child’s belongings are labeled.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Announcements are posted daily on the school website:  
<https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/>

There is also a page on the website called “extra-curricular” that we will update as best as possible. Most frequently, athletic related updates will be posted on the school Facebook group by team coaches and/or Mr. Bell.

### **HALLOWEEN (TUES, OCT 31):**

Costumes are welcomed (optional) on this day with the following guidelines:  
**No Masks ~ No scary or inappropriate costumes ~ No fake weapons**

Face paint is okay. Students bring costumes to school at their own risk, so please ensure you discuss this with your child. This will be a regular school day, so please ensure your child still dresses appropriately/comfortably for class/weather. We would also kindly ask that students keep candy to a minimum in lunches this week.

*Enjoy the fall weather and have a Happy Halloween!*

**Next parent newsletter will be circulated via email and posted to the school website during the first week of every month.**