

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

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Best Wishes to you and your family for this Christmas Season and in the New Year!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 1	MADD Presentation for grades 8 & 9
December 1	Red & Green Day
December 6 -	Band Christmas Concert 1:00 PM
December 13 -	K – 6 Skate (K-3 @ 9:00/4-6 @ 10:30)
December 19 -	School Christmas Concert – 7:30 pm
December 22 -	7 – 9 School Skate – 1:30
December 22 -	Last instructional Day 2023
January 8/2024	1 st instructional day 2024
January 17 -	Home & School Meeting



Conferences:

Thank you to all parents who participated in parent teacher conferences.

Thank You:

We want to express our sincere thank you to everyone who dropped off delicious food/goodies for the staff during parent teacher Conferences. They were very much appreciated.

Music News:

Band Concert

Our grade 6-9 band students will be showcasing the great music they learned this fall at our band Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 6/2023 at 1:00 pm here at the school.

K-6 Concert-

Our Gulf Shore Christmas Concert will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 19/2023 with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The students are excited to share their learning and our variety concert will have something for everyone. We can't wait to see you.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped at the fundraiser in November. With your help, we were able to raise \$615.00. Well done, sharks!

Physical Education News:

Gym Reminder: Please make sure your child has two pairs of shoes (indoors and outdoors) so that salt is not being tracked into the gymnasium and damaging it. As the winter season rolls in, there are many students who claim they only have rubber boots which are not gym appropriate and this will result in them having to sit out.

Scholastic Book Fair:

Thank you to all students and parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair during our Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Because of your generous support, our book fair was once again a huge success. Stay tuned to see how your support helps build our library collection! Thank you to Mrs. Toner and all volunteer/staff who helped keep the fair running smoothly.

Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025

Kindergarten registration took place during the week of November 20 – 24. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 and you did not come in to register, please contact the school.

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, 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 at 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:

Bluefield Family: Central Queens, Englewood, Gulf Shore, and Westwood: [Contact Westwood Primary](#)

Closures/Delays/Early Closure

All school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 A.M. If all schools are closed, it will be announced that all Public Schools Branch schools in the province are closed for the day. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". **Please remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.**

There may be times when it is necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and school board websites. Please ensure that your child's homeroom teacher knows what your **Early Closure Plan** is for your child. If there is an early closure during the school day, please stick to your child's plan.

Gulf Shore Home and School:

A big thank you to everyone who made our annual fundraiser a success once again. We will have our total numbers sold for you in the next newsletter. An extra thank you goes to Smith's Tree Farm for their continued support of our school. Tree tickets went home with students the week of Nov 27 and can be redeemed at Smith's Tree Farm in Mayfield or the Canadian Tire lot in Charlottetown.

Poinsettias were late getting started this year but can still be purchased from Van Kampens until mid-December. They are great for gifts as well.

We would also like to thank everyone that contributed to the potluck for the teachers during the student conferences. The teachers always appreciate a quick, warm meal during such a busy time.

There will be no Home and School meeting during the month of December. Our next meeting will take place January 17, 2024.

Happy Holidays to all our Gulf Shore families. We hope you enjoy your time with loved ones.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or PSB.

Home and School News, December 2023

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. 19, 2024**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Affecting Change in PEI'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 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing resolutions is available.

Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31, 2024**.

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> / [How to Write & Present a Resolution](#) / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

School Staff Appreciation Week 2024

School staff celebration, the week of **February 12-16**. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to

make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2023-2024

Presidents/Co-Chairs Annual Reports are due **Feb. 29**. To help you get started, we suggest that you record each month's activities in a bulleted form list, beginning in September. Add what will be happening to finish out the school year, March to June. Collectively, you are writing the history of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. If you need help, contact us at: 902-620-3186 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca. And, we have a google form to help. Go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOInb3_QViM3zNjpR2ZdyjlnWDg98Po5s3WCkBRcexg/edit

Save the date...AGM, April 13, 2024

Book your calendars to attend the P.E.I Home and School Federation's 71st Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 13, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details to come.

Federation Board Nominations

Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Directors for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague and Morell families of schools; all are two-year term positions. For more info, contact the Federation office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186.

ADD this to your agenda...

1. Social Emotional Learning - Ask a teacher to talk about SEL
2. COMPASS survey - Ask your principal for a brief overview
3. AI Chatbots - Ask a tech-skilled parent or staff person to talk about keeping up with AI technology in the home and the school.

Other Community News....

International Volunteer Day is on December 5, annually

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

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SPELLING BEE REGISTRATION

The P.E.I. Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions will take place in person in PEI on April 20, 2024. Every child will receive a participation certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category will receive cash prizes and trophies. The 1st place winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 26, 2024. Parents/guardians can register for the 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Competition at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration. All High school students 15 years and older are invited to be trained to be a Coach, Mentor or Tutor and gain community hours, while helping to make a difference in a child's life. They can email coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca for more information.

Note: Send community notices for next month's news by Dec. 18 to: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!