

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
MAY 2024

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Dates to Remember:

Friday, May 3 – PEITF/CUPE Convention – no classes

Monday May 6-10 – Food Drive

Thursday, May 16 – Grade 6 vaccines

Monday, May 20 - Victoria Day – NO CLASSES

Wednesday, May 22 – Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:00 PM

May 29 & June 1 – Band trip to Montreal

May 29 - Non band students grade 7-9 fieldtrip to Orwell Corner

May 30 – Non band students grade 7-9 fieldtrip – STEAM in Ch'town.

May 31 – non-band students grade 7-9 fieldtrip to UPEI Climate Centre in St. Peters.

Friday, June 7th – Kindergarten Orientation Day for incoming Kindergarten 2024-2025- No classes for our present Kindergarten students

Wednesday, June 12 – Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Beach

Wednesday, June 12 – 5/6F, 5E & 6E students to Orwell Corner

Tuesday, June 18 – G. 4 – 6 year-end fieldtrip to Sandspit. (raindate: June 19)

Thursday, June 20 – Gr. 1-3 Shining Waters (raindate: June 21)

Friday, June 21 – Grade 7-9 year end fieldtrip to Sandspit

Monday, June 24 – Grade 9 Closing- 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 25 - Grade 7-9 Semi

Tuesday, June 25 – Celebration of Learning @ 10:30 am

Wednesday, June 26 - Last Instructional Day

Friday, June 28 – Last Day for Staff

Welcome to Kindergarten:

The goal of Welcome to Kindergarten is to provide pre-school children with the resources and experiences to begin their formal education with a foundation of literacy nurtured in the home. At the event, families will receive early literacy resources and meet school staff. Strategies for how to use these resources with their child at home will be shared.

An evening of information and activities **for parents and our 2024-2025 kindergarten students** will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi- Purpose Room at Gulf Shore School.

Kindergarten Orientation Day:

On Friday, June 7th there will be **no classes for our current kindergarten students** as our 2024-2025 kindergarten students will attend Gulf Shore from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Students will need to be dropped off at the school at 9:00 and picked up at 12:00.

Sports News

Flag Football:

Moving forward into our final sports we have Flag Football and Track and Field starting up right away. Permission forms for those students who are interested in playing flag football have gone home and after school practice will begin the week of April 29. Game schedule will be released soon.

Track and Field:

Track and Field for grades 5-9 are also beginning and permission forms have been handed out. Practices will take place during school hours (cuts will be made as we can only take so many kids for each event), and during their zones day they will need to find drives to UPEI where the competition will take place on their outdoor track arena. Once kids have returned their permission forms, and the decisions have been made for who is in what event, we will send out more info for zones dates.

Students Walking/Biking from School:

Just a reminder to students and parents if students are biking or walking after school, they MUST have a note giving them permission. If they are biking, they must also be wearing a helmet.

Music News:

Band Trip News

We are getting close to our trip time. Please have the remainder of the \$560.00 paid by April 30/2024. Permission forms including behavior expectations will be sent home the first full week of May.

Year - End Concert

Our year end concert will take place Tuesday, May 28/2024 at 1:30 p.m. The students have worked hard, and it is going to be a lovely program. This concert will include our beginning grade 6 band and our concert band made up of our grade 7 to 9 students.

Congratulations:

A huge congratulations to all those who participated in the PEI Science Fair Tuesday, April 9 at the Eastlink Center. Our sharks walked away with over 20 specialty awards, hundreds of dollars in prize money and lots of memories. A special congrats goes out to Lydia MacKay, Myla Doucette, and Ella Sherren whose projects were awarded "Best in Fair" for their grade levels.

Gulf Shore Home & School:

With the end of the school year approaching our activities are beginning to wind down.

The PEI Home & School Federation (PEIHSF) held its AGM in person at the Rodd Charlottetown on Saturday, April 13th 2024. Marsha LeBlanc attended the meeting on behalf of our local Home & School Association. We have a new President for the PEI Home and School Federation, Shannon Bruyneel. Gulf Shore would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Shannon and a big thank you to Dion Tuplin for everything she has done as our new Past President.

We will also be holding our own AGM, on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00pm. This meeting is always a lot of fun and there will be some door prizes and snacks. Even if you haven't been to a meeting before, please come and check it out. It is a no pressure situation, and you won't leave with a position (unless of course you want one!). It will be our last meeting until September.

PEI Home and School Federation News for May:

Home and School News, May 2024

1. School Bus Driver Award

Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 10, 2024**. More at: <https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

2. Newly Elected Board

Congratulations to Shannon Bruyneel, the newly elected PEI Home and School Federation president and the incoming 2024-2025 board. Thank you to outgoing president Dionne Tuplin, board reps Matthew McNally and Elina John, and local Home and School delegates and guests for participating in the AGM on April 13. Vacant positions include Bluefield, Colonel Gray, Morell, and Souris. If you want to join the PEIHSF board, contact the Federation office at 902-620-3186 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca for details.

3. Provincial Science Fair Specialty Awards

The PEI Home and School Federation presented Specialty Awards at the 2024 Provincial Science Fair on April 9. Congratulations to **Mariella Walsh**, West Royalty, Grade 6, "Which Environment Affects Your Memory the Most?" and **Charlotte Beatty**, Donagh, Grade 5, "Hey Mold? Whatcha Eatin'?"

4. Public Schools Branch

The PSB Review of Schools Report for the Charlottetown Family of Schools (Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray) is available and can be found at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates>. PSB Board of Trustees meeting dates will be posted online at <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/board-meetings-and-minutes>

5. School Calendar

The Department of Education and Early Years released the 2024-2025 School Calendar on April 17. Find posted at [2023-2024 School Calendar | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

6. COMPASS Student Health Results 2023-24

The 2023-2024 COMPASS Student Health Survey results are posted at: (<https://www.livewellpei.ca/compass-project-0>).

7. The Guardian Home and School news column

President Shannon Bruyneel's first Home and School column will be published on May 3 and the ensuing first Fridays of the month during the school year. The Guardian columns are posted online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

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