

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2024

Website: www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore

Dates to Remember:

March 1	Science Fair good copy due
March 4	Science Fair – oral in-class presentations
March 5	School Science Fair (Storm Date: March 6)
March 5	Report cards sent home
March 7	Student Led Conferences (after school and evening)
March 8	Student Led Conferences (no classes)
March 7 & 8	Scholastic Book Fair
March 11	Grade 2/3W & 3A to Eastlink Centre
March 12	Grade 9 picture retakes (storm date: March 15)
March 18 – 21	Winter Carnival
March 19	Islanders Presentation K-3 & 4-6
March 20	School Skate – K-3 @ 9:30 – 10:30/405 @ 10:45 – 11:45/7-9 @ 1:15 – 2:15.
March 29	Good Friday – no school
April 1	Easter Monday – no school
April 16	Kindergarten Parent Meeting – next year’s kindergarten students
April 17	Home & School Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Thank You: A sincere thank you to Home & School and all the parents who supported Staff Appreciation week here at Gulf Shore School. We certainly have a very generous and supportive school community.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: There are no classes for students on Friday, March 8th. Parents/Guardians can sign-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference using the on-line link that will be posted on our website.

Book Fair: Our bookfair will be open during student-led conferences on March 7 & 8. Look for flyers coming home soon and be sure to drop into the library to check it out. Any purchase you make helps us make additional purchases for the school!

Mid Immersion (Grade 4): We had our Grade 3 parent meeting for parents/guardians of students who wish to enter Mid-French Immersion in Grade 4 for the 2024 – 2025 school year on Tuesday, February 27. If you have any questions or concerns regarding mid-immersion, feel free to discuss this with your child’s homeroom teacher during interviews.

Grade 9 Picture retake: Everest Solutions will be here on Tuesday, March 12 to retake the grade 9 pictures. When they were here before, the wrong color robe was used so now they are coming back on March 12 with a burgundy robe.

Reminder of Kindergarten Registration:

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965. A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.

Parents are reminded to bring two pieces of information which verify proof of child's age:
Birth certificate & PEI Health Card
Verification of home address must also be provided, such as current utility bill.
Below are upcoming dates for our 2023-2024 kindergarten students.

April 16 – Kindergarten Parent meeting

May 22 – Welcome To Kindergarten

June 7 – Half day kindergarten orientation 9:00 – 12:00.

Yearbook:

Students at Gulf Shore Consolidated School have been working hard on the yearbook for the 2023-2024 year. The finished product will be a 48-page, hardcover, full color book which will include photos and memories of all classes from Kindergarten through Grade 9. As we are creating such a detailed, high-quality project, we are working with Everest Solutions to help print and produce these yearbooks. Our goal is to keep the books within a reasonable price range for sales in the spring; this is where we hope you can help us out.

We are selling space in our yearbook for advertisements of businesses, recognition of personal donations, and contributions from the community at large. We hope you can provide a donation and help us keep the cost-per-book at a price that all students can afford. In order to meet deadlines, donations need to be collected no later than March 31st. Cheques can be made payable to Gulf Shore Consolidated School and receipts will be provided. Thank you in advance for any contributions you can provide. Our school and yearbook committee truly appreciate your assistance. Please contact our yearbook advisors (Mme. MacNevin or Mrs. Driscoll) for more details.

Phys. Ed. News:

After capping off an impressive 10-1 regular season record, it's officially playoff time for the Girls basketball team! The Sharks hosted their playoff semi-final game on Thursday, Feb 29th @ Gulf Shore and were victorious over Souris Spartan's with a 35 – 18. Next up is Hernwood next Tuesday (March 5). The winner of this game will play for provincial gold. A huge shoutout to coaches Erin Macrae-Forrest, and Anna Lucassie for all they do for our girls Sharks!

Next up - badminton season! Tryouts will begin the week after March Break for grades 6-9 so keep an eye out for that as we will be aiming to have singles and doubles teams for both girls and boys picked quickly the first week back. You must be at the tryouts to be considered for the team as this sport is one, we normally do make cuts for.

Gulf Shore Home and School News:

Home and School would like to thank everyone that brought food and treats throughout the Staff Appreciation Week. We heard from many staff members that the treats were delicious and very much appreciated.

Our next Home and School meeting will be held Wednesday April 17, 2024 @ 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. We will not be having a meeting in March due to March break.

We hope that everyone has a safe and fun March break.

Music News:

Thank you for the amazing support at our pancake fundraiser on Saturday, February 24. It was amazing sharing breakfast with our community to help out our young musicians.

There have been a few glitches in our Anne Chocolates fundraiser. More information will come soon.

A reminder to bring in your payments for our trip to Montreal from May 29 to June 1. It's not too far away!

I am loving my early morning band time with the grade 6's. Keep up the great work.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Provincial Home and School News, March 2024

School Calendar 2024-2025

To help families and school staff plan for the year ahead, the province has released the 2024-2025 school year calendar, which includes 182 instructional days. Find the school calendar online at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>

Mark your calendar --- 71st AGM & Conference

The **P.E.I. Home and School Federation** is pleased to announce that its A.G.M. &

Conference 2024 will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER online at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

By the early registration deadline, **March 21**.

Ensure your school is represented.

Speakers will include Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Early Years, Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I., and round table experts, who will present on Suicide Prevention, Dept. Education's Inclusion Report, COMPASS 2023-24 Youth Survey results, what is the role of an E.A.? What is Foundations? and Youth & Sports Nutrition.

2024 Resolutions

Proposed 2024 resolutions have been circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. 2024 resolutions are online at <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> For further information, call 902-620-3186.

Volunteer Awards

Do you know an amazing Home and School volunteer in your school? You can nominate this person for the Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Submit nominations to the Federation office by March 8. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Board of Directors Nominations

You can allow your name to stand for a provincial Home and School Federation two-year term? Vacant positions include President, Vice President, and Directors for the Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague, and Morell Families of Schools. The Federation is the



umbrella organization of Home and Schools across Prince Edward Island and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the A.G.M. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Find the 2024 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>


Parental Involvement

In children's education, parental involvement is a broad term that can take many forms inside and outside school. So, what role do parents play in education? Depending on schedules, parents can help **their children by participating in school functions or obligations, advocating for the school, and improving their children's schoolwork. Examples of getting involved at home include** helping with homework, modelling desired behavior, providing ongoing encouragement, monitoring homework completion, and creating a time and space for study.

Parents **can be more involved in their child's school by:**

- Communicating with teachers regularly
- Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews
- Helping with the governance of a Home and School

 **Great Big Crunch!** Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 7, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](#). Crunch to celebrate healthy school food. Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

 **Youth Vaping Workshop Opportunity on March 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at the Charlottetown Library. This session is open to parents/staff who work with youth. Participants will gain knowledge from local findings, share their own experiences, discuss opportunities to reduce youth vaping, and learn about mental health and addiction connections. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037>.