

## GULF SHORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Dates to Remember:

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| <b>April 1</b>    | Easter Monday – no classes   |
| <b>April 5</b>    | Grades 4-6 to Watermark Theatre 1:00                                 |
| <b>April 8</b>    | Solar Eclipse – School dismissing 2 hours early                      |
| <b>April 9</b>    | Provincial Science Fair at Eastlink Center                           |
| <b>April 10</b>   | Grades 7-9 to Bluefield Musical                                      |
| <b>April 11</b>   | Band students to UPEI  |
| <b>April 16</b>   | Kindergarten Parent Meeting (Storm date: April 17)                   |
| <b>April 17</b>   | Home & School Meeting @ 7:00 PM                                      |
| <b>April 24</b>   | Gr. 6-9 Band students to Bluefield for National Youth Band of Canada |
| <b>April 24</b>   | Easter Seals Ambassador Visit  |
| <b>April 30</b>   | Final band payment for band trip is due                              |
| <b>May 3</b>      | PEITF Area Association Day – No classes /CUPE Convention             |
| <b>May 20</b>     | Victoria Day – no classes  |
| <b>May 22</b>     | Welcome to Kindergarten – 6:00 pm                                    |
| <b>May 29 – 1</b> | Band Trip to Montreal  |
| <b>June 7</b>     | Kindergarten Orientation   |
| <b>June 18</b>    | Year End Field trip for Grades 4-6 – Sandspit                        |
| <b>June 20</b>    | Year End field trip for 1 – 3 – Shining Waters                       |
| <b>June 21</b>    | Year End field trip for 7-9 - Sandspit                               |
| <b>June 24</b>    | Grade 7-9 Semi Dance   |
| <b>June 25</b>    | Grade 9 closing  |
| <b>June 26</b>    | Last day for classes   |

### Thank You!

We want to express our sincere thank you to parents/guardians who provided supper, snacks & treats for our teachers during conferences. The food was delicious and very much appreciated.

### Music News:

- **April 11/2024** Grade 7,8,9 band students will be participating in Band days held at the new **UPEI Performing Arts Centre**. This is an adjudicated performance, and parents are invited to attend free of charge. Our students will be playing at **10:00 a.m.** The performance is a culmination of our work on 3 pieces - Silvergate Overture, After the Rain, and Dragon Lord. Extra practice between now and April 11/2024 will help us be the best we can be. **Students must pay \$5.00 for bussing for this event.** We will leave the school at 8:40 a.m. and return by 2:30. We will hopefully eat on campus (to be confirmed). Students can bring money to purchase lunch or they can bring a bagged lunch with them.
- **April 24/2024** Grade 6,7,8, and 9 students will be attending a concert at Bluefield by the National Youth Band of Canada. We will be leaving around 9:10 a.m. and will return before lunch. This is an exciting opportunity to hear the best of Canada's young musicians. **Students must pay \$5.00 for bussing for this event.**
- **April 30/2024** - The final band payment for our band trip is due

### Phys Ed News:

#### Basketball:

The Gulf Shore Sharks are Provincial PEISAA Girls "A" Intermediate Bronze medalists! The girls' beat Pierre Chaison by a score of 33 – 19, placing them 3<sup>rd</sup> among 21 teams! Congrats on a phenomenal season girls!

## **Badminton**

Badminton season is here! It is the shortest season in school sport so we are getting started right away. The teams are in the process of being selected and are set to begin preparing for zones that are happening April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, where we will find out which students will qualify for provincials. Provincial dates are TBD and will be held at various locations. Stay tuned for more details!

Grades 5-6 will have badminton intramurals this month every Tuesday and Thursday from 12-12:30.

## **Track and Field**

Following Badminton, the final school sports will be Track and Field for Novice-Intermediate, and Flag Football for Grades 7-9.

Good luck to all!

## **Solar Eclipse:**

Prince Edward Island will experience a full solar eclipse on April 8. Out of an abundance of caution for student and staff safety, the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing 2 hours early on Monday, April 8, 2024.

## **Library News:**

We want to thank students and parents for supporting our Spring Scholastic Book. We also would like to thank Ms. Toner for all her hard work in organizing this fundraiser for our school library. Thanks also to Katherine Morrow for volunteering in our school library and helping during our bookfair.

## **Science Fair:**

We want to give a big shout-out to everyone who participated in the Gulf Shore Science Fair on March 5. There were so many fantastic projects, and you should all give yourselves a huge pat on the back for a job well done. A big thank you goes out to all our amazing judges, our science teachers, and staff and students who helped to set up and tear down the gym.

The following is a list of students who will be continuing to represent Gulf Shore at the PEI Provincial Science Fair which will take place at the Eastlink Centre on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Junior Division (grades 5-6)**

Amma Arnold – Don't Runoff, Runoff  
Lydia MacKay – Energy Saving Paint  
Myla Doucette – Take a break from the wind

### **Alternates:**

Ella Sherren – Cover Crops  
Liam Harding – The Watering Race  
Leah MacDonald – Super Soil

### **Intermediate Division (Grade 7)**

Callum MacLaine – Organic vs. Chemical Pesticides  
Dora Majgaard &\* Samara Ellis – Water Works  
Aubryanna Kaminski – Fire Fair

### **Alternates:**

Rowan MacArthur- Manically Organic  
Allie Gallant- Saving the Earth One Sheet  
at a time

**Grade 4 Honorable Mentions:** Clara Chandler, Claire Hunting, Nate Matheson, Oliver Verhulst, Ethan Andrews & Kaden Kennedy.

## **Welcome to Kindergarten**

On **Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.**, we will welcome the incoming Kindergarten students. This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet the teachers and other school staff. Learning activities will be held throughout the evening.

## **Kindergarten Orientation Day –**

On **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, our upcoming Kindergarten students for 2024-2025 will be attending classes for the morning (9am-12pm). Therefore, our present kindergarten students **will not** have classes on this day.

## Kindergarten Parent Meeting

We will be having a Parent Meeting for all parents of Kindergarten students for the 2024 – 2025 school year on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. We encourage parents to attend this meeting.

## Easter Seals Campaign

On Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Tim Hortons Easter Seals Ambassador will be at Gulf Shore. This year the 2024 Ambassador is Lucie Gallant, a 10 year old grade 5 student from Ecole-Sur-Mer. We will be having two fundraisers for this event. From now until April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a loonie/toonie drive. Students can bring their loonies/toonies to the office to help with the cause. We will also be selling freezies for \$1 for the next 3 weeks on the following days, Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds going to Easter Seals.

## 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. Soon, we will be sending home yearbook flyers with all the information you will need to order a yearbook on-line. Cost of a yearbook is \$20.00.

There is still 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.** 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.

## Gulf Shore Home & School News:

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful and safe March Break and Easter holiday.

A big thank you to everyone that signed up to bring food for the teacher potluck. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with us.

Thank you to the volunteers that came in to make blueberry smoothies and pancakes for lunch for the students during Winter Carnival. They were a big hit.

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is pleased to announce that its 71<sup>st</sup> 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

Our next Home and School meeting will be held April 17, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

## Provincial Home and School News, April 2024

### 1. Still time to register

**Please register your Home and School delegates by April 8 for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting & Convention. The Rodd Charlottetown Hotel and the Federation office preparations require our total attendance. Here are the details:**

AGM Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 08:45 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel (75 Kent St. Charlottetown)

\*\*\*Associations are urged to pay the registration fee, travel, and accommodation costs for their delegates to remove barriers to attending.

**Parents, educators and students are welcome to attend with each Home and School asked to designate up to five representatives as your association's voting delegates.**

**Register online** (<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>) or call 902-620-3186.

## **2. Reminder to review 2024 Resolutions before April 13**

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and **voted on at the AGM on April 13. Ensure your voting delegates (parents, guardians, educators and students) review these prior to the AGM. Proposed resolutions include:**

2024-1 Request inquiry into the indoor temperature of PEI schools

2024-2 Request PSB policy amendment for extreme hot weather

2024-3 Feasibility study of installing vaping detectors in schools

2024-4 Creation of a policy regarding screen use in primary schools

**2024-5 Late resolution:** Kindergarten Exemption from Split-Level Classroom Composition

All Resolutions can be viewed online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

## **3. School Bus Driver Award**

[School Bus Driver of the Year Award](#) recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 3, 2024.](#)

## **4. Solar Eclipse**

**On April 8 students will be dismissed two hours early due to the solar eclipse.** PEI will experience the effects of the eclipse between 3:26 p.m. and 5:44 p.m. "The solar eclipse offers a rare educational occasion, but prioritizing safety is crucial for all of us to fully embrace its wonder. Doing a system wide early dismissal ensures our bus drivers will be off the road before the eclipse begins, and students will be home safely." - Education and Early Years Minister Natalie Jameson. Look up: [Solar Eclipse](#)

## **5. Cyberbullying Awareness Day**

A private member's bill brought forward by Souris-Elmira MLA Robin Croucher proclaimed April 25, 2024, as Cyberbullying Awareness Day, marking the anniversary of islander Harry Burke's death.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941>

## **Other**

**~National Volunteer Week, April 14-20, 2024 is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 24 million volunteers.**

**The theme "Every Moment Matters" highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever.** Let's recognize and celebrate every volunteer and each contribution they're making to strengthen inclusivity and wellbeing in our communities. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters!

#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

**~Virtual LungNSPEI ‘Engaging Youth Stakeholders in Youth Vaping Cessation’ Workshop,**

**April 3, 2024, 10:00-11:30 am!** We need your voice and experience to help us better understand the opportunities and challenges organizations are facing in their work to support youth vaping cessation on P.E.I. This online workshop is FREE and open to anyone who works with youth. Please register and you will be sent a link to join the workshop before April 3: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-online-tickets-851673728047?aff=oddtcreator>

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

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

**Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club**

Registration is now Open!

U5, U7, U9, and U11 programs

U11 begins in May

U5-U9 begins in June

Find us and register at <https://centralqueensclippersoccerclub.ca/>

Registration closes April 15th