

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

September 2024

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Welcome:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. A special welcome to those of you who are new to our school.

This newsletter is the first of a monthly newsletter from Gulf Shore. We will be sending out a reminder to parents that the newsletter is ready to view and it will be posted on the website at www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore. Parents are asked to take the time to read it as it contains information about the upcoming month. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a very successful school year.

Dates to Remember:

September 5 – First Instructional Day 2023
September 9 – PEI School Food Program begins
September 18 – Home & School Meeting – 7:00-
September 19 - Meet the Staff- 7:00 pm
September 20 – Student Pictures
September 23 - Professional Learning Day (School goals) no classes
September 30 – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no classes)
October 4 - – Terry Fox Run/walk
October 9 – 11 – Tim’s Camp for students in grades 6 & 7
October 14 – Thanksgiving Day - (no classes)
October 30 – Student Picture retakes
October 31- Halloween

Visitors to the School:

Everyone who is visiting the school (dropping off children, picking up children or for any other reason) **must** stop in the office before going to any other part of the school. We ask that you do not park on the side of the road in front of the school, please use the parking lot. Also, please remember that we are a nut and scent free school.

Staffing:

We would like to welcome our new Gulf Shore Staff:

Danielle Roberts -	Resource
Jerica Devos -	Kindergarten
Tracey MacMillan -	Grade 2/3Y
Emily Youine -	5/6F
Sydney Cheverie -	Core French
Louise Gullander -	Gr. 9E
Cathy Pavik -	Band

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Student Fee

As in past years, we are collecting a school fee for students in grades 7-9. This fee is used to offset the cost of Home Ec., Industrial Arts. The fee for 2024 – 2025 school year is \$20.00. Please send this fee in with your son/daughter. Once we received the payment, a receipt will be issued and sent home.

Nut / Fragrance Free:

Gulf Shore is scent-free. Some members of our staff and students are highly allergic to strong scents. We ask that students refrain from using perfumes and strong scented deodorant of any kind. If you plan on visiting the school please abide by this policy.

We are also a Nut Free School. Please be mindful when packing your children's lunches, NO Peanut butter, soy butter, Nutella or products containing peanuts, pistachios or cashews and no WOW or imitation butter.

Early Arrival at School:

Parents are asked to respect our policy regarding students coming to school early in the morning. Students who walk or are dropped off are asked **not to arrive before 8:20**.

Free Milk: Dairy Farmers of PEI and ADL will be offering complimentary milk to kindergarten students during the weeks of September 9 through until September 27 (3 full weeks)!

School Photos:

Our school photos will be taken by Everest Solutions on September 20. Retakes for anyone who was missing on our original picture day is October 30.

Agendas: Student Agendas have been ordered for students in grades K-6 & 7/8F. It is expected that students use their agenda daily to record homework, assignments, and other important dates. It is also a useful place to communicate with homeroom teachers.

Meet The Staff Night: We will be having a Meet the staff night on Thursday, September 19.

Terry Fox News: Our school will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run/walk on Friday, October 4. More information will follow

School Busses: Because of the overcrowding on our school busses, we are unable to give a students a bus pass to go on another bus unless it has to do with a change of childcare.

Home & School News:

Welcome to all the new families joining the Gulf Shore community as well as all our returning members. We hope everyone had a great Summer. As a parent or guardian of a child enrolled

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at Gulf Shore, you are already a member of the Home and School. Thank you for taking an interest in our school and the important role that Home and School play.

Home and School exist for many reasons. Our primary purpose is to ensure that our children receive the best learning environment possible. We do this by maintaining open lines of communication with the staff so that parents understand the school and its workings, and so problems can be solved, and ideas can be heard. If you don't know about Home and School, this is your chance to get involved and be in the know!

Throughout the year, we will be looking to our members to get involved by volunteering to help when they can. We all have different strengths and interests and there is always a way to help. Everyone is always welcome. They are a great way to stay connected to what is happening in our school community.

Our Home and School takes care of the milk program along with the Food for Thought cupboard. Our milk program will not be up and running until the second week of school. This will give parents time to log on and register their child for this program. The Food for Thought Cupboard is stocked with healthy foods and snacks and is available to any of our students when in need. We also organize staff appreciation potlucks, healthy snacks, hair checks, a Terry Fox Day BBQ and a fundraising event during the school year.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday September 18th at 7pm at Gulf Shore School.

This year's executive include:

President – Presently Vacant (Marsha Leblanc)

Past President – Marsha Leblanc

Vice President - Dorothy Wakelin

Secretary – Martina Cole-Gallant

Treasurer- Lindsay Gallant

Wishing all the Gulf Shore families a great 2024-25 school year. We hope to see you.

Band News

Welcome back! My name is Cathy Pavlik and I'm happy to be joining the staff at Gulf Shore to teach grades 7-9 music and band. I'm at school in the afternoons only, so band classes will be after lunch. We will have one after school and one early morning band rehearsal this year. All band members are expected to attend Wednesday after school 3:00 - 4:00 and Friday morning at 7:45 rehearsals. Shark Attack will continue as a popular music and jazz band, and I'll be

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starting a singing group. These are optional groups for all interested grades 7-9 students with practices at lunch. You can continue to look for news and updates on the "Gulf Shore Band" Facebook page - please join us if you haven't already done so! Email me anytime with questions cpavlik@edu.pe.ca

Phys Ed/Sports News:

Welcome back to our Gulf Shore athletes for the 2024/25 fall sports season! It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting autumn and tryouts for Intermediate Soccer and Golf, as well as Cross-Country for Pre-Novice, Novice, Bantam, and Intermediate has begun.

Intermediate Soccer (grade 7-9): We will be getting right into the swing of things with soccer tryouts for both girls and boys starting Monday, Sept 9th from 3PM until 4:30PM. Permission forms can be found beside the door of Coach Roche's office, and forms must be signed before your first tryout. Future practices and league games are TBD and will be sent out at a later date and can also be found on the Goalline App by following Girls and Boys Gulf Shore Intermediate Soccer.

Cross country (grade 3-9) will be offered once again for all students in grades 3-9 who submit a permission form. They can be found beside the door of Coach Roche's office. We encourage runners of **all skill levels** to come on out to practice and challenge themselves to improve their running, but we will be sending our fastest athletes to the Zone Meet for Novice Girls, Novice Boys, Bantam Girls, Bantam Boys, Intermediate Girls, and Intermediate Boys PEISAA Age Classifications. More info on the Zone Meet at a later date. Practices will be starting up in early September and will be run during lunch break on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting the second week back.

Intermediate Golf (grade 7-9) will also be offered this fall and will include after school practices at nearby practice facilities. Golfers who make the team will compete in a Zone Meet for a chance to qualify for the PEISAA Golf Provincials. More information on tryouts/practices will be announced next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.

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 Drive slowly! Watch for students on the road

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Another school year begins Sept. 5. Students will walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or in their family cars. This is a strategic time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education. Which school does your child attend? Can they ride a bus? Find out more on the Public Schools Branch's [School Bus Planner](#).

Update your Local Home and School Contacts

Are you still the President? Treasurer? If not, send current contact info to the Federation office. **Presidents** - Submit the local Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#). **Treasurers** - Submit 2024-2025 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by November 1st. Send e-transfers to peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail a cheque to PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

"Meet the Teacher"

"Meet the Teacher" evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child's teacher and teachers to meet parents at the beginning of the school year. It's an informal opportunity to chat, say hi, and become acquainted with your child's teacher. Find the date/time on your child's school website.

What is Home and School's role in education? Is there volunteer training available?

Experienced facilitators **Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould** will lead Volunteer Training Workshops as follows:

Monday, Nov. 4, Ellerslie Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, Eliot River Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Register by email: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca By: November 1st/2024

These sessions will equip you with practical knowledge of how volunteers can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students!

What's on your Home and School agenda?

- Meet with the principal in September and discuss setting goals for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **PEI Dept. of Education's updated Cell Phone Use Policy** - https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md_2024-06_responsible_use_agreement_cit.pdf
- **Inclusive Education Model Background Report** completed November 2023: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better_together_report.pdf

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- **Inclusive Education Action Plan:**
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/inclusive_education_action_plan_en.pdf
- Brainstorm collaborative ways to support the school
- Circulate PEI Home and School Federation monthly news articles
- Inform parents about provincial announcements applicable to student learning and supports
- Establish a purpose for fundraising initiatives. Finalize with a Motion and Vote to approve. Is there a need to fundraise this year?

REMEMBER: Everything parents and teachers do benefits PEI students' education and well-being!

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