

GULF SHORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

- April 8 -** Provincial Science Fair
- April 9 -** Home & School Meeting – 7:00 pm
- April 11 -** Professional Learning Day – no classes
- April 15 -** Parent Viewing of Heritage Fair Projects- 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- April 16 -** Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
Gulf Shore Heritage Fair
- April 17 -** K-6 Spring Dance 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Evening with some activities for grades 7-9 from 7:30- 9:00pm
- April 18 -** Good Friday – No Classes
- April 21 -** Easter Monday – No classes
- April 22 -** 7-9 Intermediate band to College of Piping for Band Days
7-9 non-band students UPEI
- April 23 -** Tim Horton's Easter Tour – 1:30
- May 2 -** CUPE Convention – no classes
- May 12-23 -** Grade 6 Elementary Writing Provincial Assessment
- May 19 -** Victoria Day – No Classes
- May 21 -** Welcome to Kindergarten – 6:00
- May 23 -** Provincial Heritage Fair @ East Link Centre
- June 6 -** Kindergarten Orientation – 9:00 – 12:00
- June 20-** Grade 7-9 year end fieldtrip to Moncton
Grades K-3 – Shining Waters Fun Park
- June 23 -** Grade 4-6 fieldtrip to Sandspit
- June 25 -** Grade 9 closing 6:00 – 7:00
Gr. 7-9 Semi 7:30 – 9:30
- June 26** Celebration of Learning – 10:30 pm
- June 26 -** Last Day for Classes
- June 30 -** Last Day for Staff

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 22/2025** Grade 7,8,9 Intermediate band students will be participating in Band days held at the **College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts Centre** in Summerside. This is an adjudicated performance, and parents are invited to attend free of charge. Our students will be playing at **10:30 a.m.** The performance is a culmination of our work on 3 pieces – *Cardiff Castle*, *Manhattan Beach*, and *Analucia*. Extra practice between now and April 22/2025 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 9:00 a.m. and return by 2:10pm. We will need to bring a bagged lunch for this event.

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.

Welcome to Kindergarten

On **Wednesday, May 21 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 6th, 2025**, our upcoming Kindergarten students for 2025-2026 school year 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 2025 – 2026 school year on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. We encourage parents to attend this meeting.

Easter Seals Campaign

The Easter Seals Ambassador (Remi Dean) will be visiting our school on Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:30pm. Remi is a grade 3 student at Ellerslie Elementary. We will be doing a loonie/toonie drive in support of this fundraiser. Beginning on April 1st, classrooms can start collecting donations. For every \$100 raised, students will earn an extra 10 minutes outside at recess (in June, when the days are nicer). Also, Ms. Roberts has graciously offered to receive a pie in the face from the class that raises the most money!

Yearbook

Students at Gulf Shore Consolidated School have been working hard on the yearbook for the 2024-2025 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 online. Cost of a yearbook is \$20.00. The site is live so you can go to <https://plicbooks.com/go/B8MDRQ> and order online or you can scan the code on the flyer that went home. The deadline to order is May 9, 2025 and the yearbooks will be shipped to Gulf Shore mid-June.

Gulf Shore Home & School News:

Gulf Shore Home and School Board is a member of the PEI Home and School Federation, and they believe participation of parents and guardians in the education of children is vital. So, our goal as a Home and School Association is to offer support to the school and help by being liaisons between the school and parents.

Home and school do this in multiple ways.

The Gulf Shore Hot lunch program:

NOTE: this is not affiliated with the provinces Healthy Food Program.

Pizza and Milk is available for purchase via our <https://gulfshore.hotlunches.net>

Milk is available 5 days a week and Pizza from By the Bay is available for purchase on Fridays only. If you are new to the program, you can register your child (info on school website).

Ordering is now open. Kristin LeClair is the contact.

The Breakfast Program: Is running Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The students will be receiving a breakfast snack prepared and served by our Volunteers.

If this is something you would like to help with either by volunteering to prepare or serve, or would like to make a monetary donation to help maintain the program please reach out to anyone on the Home & School Board or Bracken Smith. (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays the breakfast bins provided by the school will still be in the available to kids that want it)

Bus Driver/Custodian Admin Breakfast - Home and School provided breakfast for those hard working to get our kids to school safe, keeping our school clean and organized. They are a vital part of our School Staff. Shout out to Parent Volunteer Jen Covello for once again planning and cooking for them.

As ALWAYS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! and these are the ways you can help...

#1 The Gulf Shore Home and School Breakfast Program.

The Program is up and running and has established a good routine and group of volunteers - But is always looking for more since sometimes our regular volunteers' schedules may change and we may need some additional coverage and help taking a shift. Whether its once a month, or on a regular schedule to maintain this valuable program we NEED MORE HELP
Life of a Parent is 24/7 and we know life is busy however if can spare some time, please reach out to myself Dorothy Wakelin, or Ashley Ryder, or Kaitlin Cameron

#2 Consider Joining the Home And School Board a place to share and foster ideas and ways we can help support the School.

#3 Support Fundraisers. Currently Home and School is working towards the purchase of a Heat Pump for the Multi-Purpose Room. The unit we are looking to purchase and install in the multi-Purpose Room is a 18,000BTU unit. If you have the means, contacts Or connections via a business that may sell these units or can help towards these efforts through a donation or sponsorship please reach out. Stay tuned and support our future fundraisers.

SPRING IS HERE!!

We hope Everyone had a great March Break as we enter into SPRING, we are planning a few things!!

Spring Fling: April 17th. There will be a FAMILY dance for grades k-6 from 5:30- 7:00 pm and then an evening with some activities for grades 7-9 from 7:30- 9:00pm. We will be looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with this so PLEASE watch for Facebook posts.

SPRING-CLEANING YARD SALE FUNDRAISERS:
DATE TBA - people will be invited rent table!

The next meeting will be is April 9th at 7pm and will be held in the Staff room at GSCS.

ALL caregivers of students are welcomed to attend. We welcome and encourage you to get involved. And thank you to all those that help out, from sitting on the board, to volunteering for jobs, contributing to bake sales or staff appreciation meals : IT ALL helps and supports our School Family. Without the help of many, we wouldn't be able to contribute as we do.

Gulf Shore Home and School Association
Executives and Volunteers for the 2024/25 school year.

President - Dorothy Wakelin
Past President - Marsha LeBlanc
Vice President - Ashley Ryder
Treasurer - Charmaine Campbell
Secretary - Martina Cole-Gallant
Fundraising- Raeona Macleod
Milk/School Food Program - Kristin LeClair
Breakfast Program - Kaitlin Cameron/Ashley Ryder
Food for Thought Cupboard - Heather Doucette

Provincial Home and School News, April 2024-

 **Ensure that your school is registered**

REGISTER NOW for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting & Convention...

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 08:45 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

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

Conference Highlights:

Theme: Focus on the impact of technology on children's development and education.

- **Keynote Speaker:** Carl H. Burke, R.N., will share his personal story about the loss of his son to online sextortion and advocate for stronger online protections through the Online Harms Act.
- **Workshops:**
 - Artificial Intelligence in Education
 - Gaming Addictions
 - Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
 - Communications & Volunteers
 - Home & School Finances
 - School Food Programs

Participation:

- Open to parents, teachers, principals, school staff, and students.
- While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, there is *no limit* to the number of attendees otherwise from @ school: the greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.

Registration:

- Register by April 4th Click here [2025 AGM Registration Link](https://peihsf.ca/agm/) or go to <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Contact Information:

For inquiries, call 902-620-3186 or email peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Review 2025 Resolutions before April 12

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the AGM on April 12. Ensure your voting delegates (parents, guardians, educators and students) review these prior to the AGM. Proposed resolutions are:

2025-01 = [Add Milk Products to PEI School Food Program](#)

2025-02 = [Behaviour Resource Support in Island Schools](#)

2025-03 = [Support for Canada's Online Harms Act to Protect Children in Digital Spaces](#)

2025-04 = [Protecting Student, Parent, and Teacher Personal Data](#)

View resolutions online: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Cyberbullying Awareness Day / Online Harms Act

A private member's bill brought forward by Souris-Elmira MLA, now education minister, Robin Croucher proclaimed April 25, 2025 as Cyberbullying Awareness Day, marking the anniversary of islander Harry Burke's death. Carl Burke, father of Harry, will speak about the Online Harms Act on April 12th at the PEI Home and Schools Federation's AGM. More info at

www.peihsf.ca/agm

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 2, 2025.](#)

Other community news...

~**National Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 2025** 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

~**Island Trails** is thrilled to introduce the **Island Trails Scholarship**, established in 2024 through the Community Foundation of PEI! This scholarship is designed to support the next generation of environmental stewards who are passionate about trails, conservation, and the great

outdoors. Learn more and [Apply Here](#). Applications close on **April 18** — don't miss this opportunity!

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

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

Kids only pickup/shinny hockey group for kids ages 15 and under. There's 3 ice times back-to-back in a row (almost) every Saturday, usually starting around 1pm for 3 groups. Group 1 ages 7-9, Group 2 ages 10-12, and Group 3 ages 13-15.

First skate is April 11 and runs until the end of August. Some dates/times vary. \$20 insurance/registration fee required for all participants. No commitment, come to as many or few skates as you like.

Please feel free to join or share the group with anyone that might be interested.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/9703322489699449>

Lots of space currently for ages 7-9, over half full for ages 13-15, and ages 10-12 has a few spots left.