

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

February 2026

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Dates to Remember:

February 3	Grade 9 Photos
February 5	Grade 8/9FI fieldtrip to Orwell Corner
February 5	Basketball home game against Immanuel Christian 4:00
February 6	Basketball home game against Grace Christian – 4:00 PM
February 12	Basketball home game against Francois Buote – 400 PM
February 13	Professional Learning Day – no classes
February 9 – 13	Staff Appreciation Week
February 16	Islander Day – no classes for students
February 25	Grade 3 parent meeting for grade 4 FI – 6:30 pm
February 25	Pink Shirt Day
February 26	Gulf Shore Science Fair (storm date: Feb. 27)
March 4	Report cards go home
March 5	Parent Teacher Conferences – pm only
March 6	Parent Teacher Conferences during day – no classes for students
March 5 & 6	Scholastic Book Fair
March 16 – 20	March Break – no classes



Early Closure (During the Day)

Please make sure that you, your child/children and their homeroom teacher know what the arrangements are in the event that school is closed during the day. Using the telephone to make contact is **not** to be part of your child's plans as we cannot accommodate students using the phone in the event of a closure. If there is a delay or closure for Family of Schools, please remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.

Students Please Check In

Students are reminded that if you are late arriving to school, or picked up early, you **must** sign in/out at the office before leaving or going down to class.

Phys Ed News:

Intramurals - This month, intramurals will be held daily at Noon for Grades 3-4 on Tue/Thu, and 7-9 on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Gymnastics- A big shoutout to all our Pre-Novice and Novice athletes who showed off their Floor and Vault skills at the Zone 3 PEISAA Gymnastics at West Royalty on January 21. Mrs. Covey and Ms. Crossman were both very proud of the hard work and dedication that our gymnasts showed in January. Also, a big Congratulations to our grade 7 students: Olivia Salvador McKenrick, Zoey LaBlanc, Jordyn McKinnon, Madalyn MacDonald, Lydia MacKay & Irelyn Clarke and Ozzy Porter who have qualified for the provincial gymnastics meet that will take place on Saturday, January 30 at Stonepark. Good Luck Sharks!

Basketball - Our Girls and boys co-ed basketball team have a busy month of basketball ahead of them with many regular scheduled games and make-up games still to play. Up-to-date schedules can be found on the PEISAA GoalLine App. A reminder to all players (and their parents/guardians) to always let our coaches know if there are any games or practices that you cannot attend. Good luck to the Basketball Sharks as you hit the homestretch of your regular seasons. The following are the regular season games that are remaining:

Thursday, February 5 – Home game at 4:00 pm against Immanuel Christian

Friday, February 6 – Home game vs. Grace Christian @ 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 12 – Home game at 4:00 pm against Francois Buote

Music News:

Early morning band for grade 7-9 continues every Tuesday morning at 7:50am. Please ensure that all students are here at least 5-10 minutes before rehearsal. In the event there is an hour delay on any Tuesday, early morning band is cancelled for that day.

Plans are well under way for our grade 7-9 band trip to Halifax. Students will be going on the band trip from April 29 to May 1.

Apologies for the delay in the payment being set up online for the band trip. We just need to hear from a few more parents before we set the payment feature for the band trip live. More info on that should be coming out in the next few days! I will be sending an email out to everyone once that is set up.

Once the online payment is set up, parents will be required to go in and set up their account. (Instructions have been given out on how to complete this task). Once this has been done, you will just have to click on the Band trip catalogue item, and you will have the option to pay in full or pay in 3 installments. If you pick the 3-installment option the first payment will automatically come out on the day that you set up your account, the second and third installment will come out March 1 & April 1.

Yearbook Sponsorship:

If you would like to sponsor our 2025/2026 yearbook and have not been contacted yet, please feel free to contact us. Sponsorship levels are as follows: Silver level - \$100.00 and Burgundy level is \$50.00. Please make cheques payable to Gulf Shore Consolidated School. Thank you for supporting our school.

Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026

If you've missed the deadline to register your child for kindergarten for the 2026 – 2027 school year, you can still do so by stopping in at the school to fill out a registration form.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2027, to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

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 does 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.

DID YOU KNOW? SUBWAY is now available WEDNESDAYS. to order check out

<https://gulfshore.hotlunches.net/admin/>

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 Ashley Ryder (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays breakfast items are still being offered from the school)

Following are

Ways to get involved!! We always need volunteers.

#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 are 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 it's once a month, or on a regular schedule in order to maintain this valuable program we NEED MORE HELP

Life of a Parent is 24/7 and we know life is busy however if you 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 as they happen or play the weekly COSPEI GOLD RUSH (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>).

Every time you play it helps create opportunities for students at the school(s) you choose to support. It would be great if you could take a moment to click on this link and Like or Share this morning's Facebook post (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130>).

Thanks for your support! Have a great day! Good luck!

News & Updates

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

February 8th-14th

The Home and School Board is organizing some special days throughout the week to help show appreciation for the staff at Gulf Shore. Please consider signing up to drop off some treats or making a monetary donation to help pay for a staff meal and some prizes throughout the week.

Please find the link to the Sign Up Genius on the Gulf Shore Home and School page if able to help. The Staff is always so appreciative for all the parents do during this week.

March Home and School Meeting date, TBD.

ALL caregivers of students are welcome to attend. We welcome and encourage you to get involved. And thank you to all those that help out, from sitting on the board, too 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 2025/26 school year.

President - Dorothy Wakelin

Past President - Marsha LeBlanc

Vice President - Ashley Ryder

Treasurer - Charmaine Campbell

Secretary - Martina Cole-Gallant(acting)

Fundraising- Raeona Macleod

Milk/School Food Program - Kristin LeClair

Breakfast Program - Kaitlin Cameron/Ashley Ryder

Food for Thought Cupboard - Heather Doucette

PEI Home & School Federation:

Say 'Thank You' to School Staff

PEI celebrates Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 8–14, 2026. Across the Island, Home and School Associations — together with parents and students — are expressing their gratitude and recognizing the dedication and hard work of school staff who make a difference every day. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming — every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due February 28 for inclusion in the 73rd Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. Read last year's 'Book of Reports 2025' for writing tips at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

If you need help, call Shirley at 902-620-3186 or Jeana at 902-620-3187.

Mark your calendars for AGM April 18th

Mark your calendars for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Make decisions to shape positive changes in PEI's school system

with delegates from across the Island. The Federation will mail AGM registration packages to presidents in February. Details will be posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Home and School Volunteer Award

Every school has that special someone who's always ready to lend a hand - organizing events, helping out in the school, fundraising or bringing people together. Do you know a volunteer who makes a real difference in your school community? Nominate them for the *Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award* and help us celebrate their contributions.

Deadline for nominations: March 6th. Learn more at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

 **Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 25, 2026.** This year's design for CKNW Kids' Fund Pink Shirt Day reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'. The artwork shows a child sharing an umbrella with friends as hearts fall like rain from the sky. A playful reminder that kindness grows when it is shared. For more information, go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

PSB School Trustee Messages

Charlottetown, Zone 5: As we look forward to February, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. In January, we had the pleasure of attending Home and School Association meetings at Donagh Regional, Sherwood Elementary, St. Jean's Elementary, West Kent Elementary, and West Royalty Elementary. Zone 5 association meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to connect with families, hear parents' concerns, and learn about the great ideas and initiatives being shared. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting.

kindest regards & Happy Islander Day to All!

Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield, Zone 4: I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of the Englewood and Bluefield Home and School Associations in January. We chatted about what's happening at each school, and I provided an update on my activities as their new School Board Trustee. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to meeting other Home and School Associations. I also welcome any questions or feedback.

Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Key 2026 February Holidays & Observances:

- Black History Month: February honours Black Canadian history and excellence.
- Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14
- National Flag of Canada Day: Sunday, February 15
- Islander Day: Prince Edward Island: Monday, Feb 16
- [International Mother Language Day](#): February 21
- [Pink Shirt Day](#): Last Wednesday of February

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