

## GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Website: [www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore](http://www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore)

### Dates to Remember:

<b>March 3</b>	Home & School Mtg. – 7:00 PM
<b>March 4</b>	Report cards go home with students
<b>March 5</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences (PM only)
<b>March 6</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences (am & PM) – no classes
<b>March 5 &amp; 6</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>March 9</b>	Anti-bullying Presentation K-9
<b>March 11</b>	School Skate – K-3/4-6/7-9
<b>March 12</b>	Gr. 3A & 4E to Orwell Corner Historic Site
<b>March 13</b>	Watermark Theatre Presentation K-6
<b>March 16 – 20</b>	March Break- no classes
<b>March 25</b>	Bus Drivers Breakfast
<b>March 26</b>	Chocolate Bar Bingo
<b>April 1</b>	Provincial Science Fair
<b>April 3</b>	Good Friday – no Classes
<b>April 6</b>	Easter Monday – no classes
<b>April 10</b>	Professional Learning Day – no classes
<b>April 16</b>	Kindergarten Parent Meeting – 6:30.
<b>April 29 – May 1</b>	Grade 7-9 Band Trip to Halifax

**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 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents/Guardians can sign-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference using the on-line link that is posted on our website. Junior High conferences will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room and you do not have to sign up for these.

**Chocolate Bar Bingo:** ??????? This is a fundraiser for the Junior High year-end fieldtrip. It will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Doors open @ 5:30 and bingo will start at 6:00. Entry fee is \$5.00/player or \$15.00/family. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Each player must bring a chocolate bar (single size) to redeem a bingo card.

1 chocolate bar = 1 card (max. 4 chocolate bars/4 cards)

**Book Fair:** Our bookfair will be open during student-led conferences on March 5 & 6. 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 2026 – 2027 school year on Wednesday February 25. Please remember to return your forms by March 13. If you have any questions or concerns regarding mid-immersion, feel free to discuss this with your child's homeroom teacher during interviews.

### Reminder of Kindergarten Registration:

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026 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 2026-2027 kindergarten students.

**April 16** – Kindergarten Parent meeting @ 6:30

**May 21**– Welcome To Kindergarten @ 6:00

**June 5** – Half day kindergarten orientation 9:00 – 11:30.

### **Yearbook:**

Students at Gulf Shore Consolidated School have been working hard on the yearbook for the 2025-2026 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. Yearbooks are now ready for students to order. You can do this by going to

<https://plicbooks.com/go/MJEDXM> and placing your order on-line or you can send in your 20.00 with your son/daughter and we will do the ordering for you.

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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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:**

#### **Basketball**

Gulf Shore's Co-Ed basketball team had a great season! All athletes showed growth and improvement in their skills, playing better and better at every practice and game. They represented Gulf Shore well with their determination and sportsmanship! Thank you also to our athletes' parents for all their support of their athletes and the team - it is greatly appreciated!

Huge thanks go out to our amazing coaching staff - Beth Wainwright, Anna Lucassie, Noah McNeill and Brianna O'Connor. The level of commitment they showed to our teams/players was quite remarkable.

#### **Badminton Club**

After school Badminton club for grade 5-9 will begin after March Break. Our top singles players and doubles teams will represent Gulf Shore at the PEISAA Zone Meets later in April. Permission forms and practice schedules will go home with students after March Break.

#### **Volleyball**

After school volleyball will begin in March. Permission forms have been sent home with students who are interested in trying out for the volleyball team. Games will take place on **Tuesday or Wednesdays** and practices will take place after school from 3:00 – 5:00 on **Monday & Thursdays**. Thank you to Steve Arnold and Amanda MacBain for coaching.

#### **Intramurals**

For the month of March, Grades 7-9 will have intramurals from 12-12:30PM on Mon-Wed-Fri and K-3 will have intramurals on Tue+ Thu from 12-12:30PM.

### **Gulf Shore Home and 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. 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 province's 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)

***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 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 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 are able to 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 - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!!**

During the week of February 8th-14th the staff were treated to various treats.

Muffin Monday, and Coffee was provided in the staff room.

Treat Tuesday various treats showed up to spoil the staff many lasted throughout the week.

Winning Wednesday - all Staff won a small gift card or prize

Thankful Thursday - Staff were left with positive notes and thank-you's in their mailbox.

Gulf Shore is lucky to have amazing Teachers, Admins, Secretary, EA's, Bus Drivers and Custodians and I know they appreciated all of the parents who helped make the week a great success. The Home and School Board is happy to plan the week, but it wouldn't be possible without the support of everyone else.

ANNUAL BUS DRIVER BREAKFAST will be on March 25th hosted by Home and School and headed up by parent Volunteer Jen Covello.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS- once decided what the meal will be we will be reaching out for help and a sign-up genius will be posted on the Facebook page.

**HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS**

At the end of this school year, a few positions will be vacant, based on the typical two-year term spots.

The board usually meets once a month and has always had a great team effort approach to everything.

Please Consider coming to our next meeting to see what it is all about prior to our AGM which will be held closer to the end of the year. Positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, and Secretary

*NEXT HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING:* March 3rd, 2026, at 7pm

ALL caregivers of students are welcome to attend. We welcome and encourage you to get involved. 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 2026/26 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

**Music News:**

Thanks to the North Rustico Lions Club for hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 22 in support of Gulf Shore Band Trip.

**Band Trip:**

Band students in grades 7-9 will be taking part in a band trip to Halifax on April 29, 30 and returning on May 1. Parents are asked to sign up and make their payment online using our SchoolCash Online page found at <https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashionline.com/>. Payments are due February 1, March 1 & April 1 or you have the option to pay the full amount. Once you register your child using this on-line system and make your 1<sup>st</sup> payment, the system will automatically deduct the next 2 payments on their scheduled dates. If you have not already done so, we asked that you register your child and make this 1<sup>st</sup> payment as the next payment will be coming out on March 1. We thank you for your attention to this matter.