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Dates to Remember:

- April 1 -** Provincial Science Fair
- April 3** Good Friday – no school
- April 6** Easter Monday – no school-
- April 8 -** Volleyball Tournament – 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- April 10 -** Professional Learning Day – no classes
- April 16 -** 2nd HPV needle for grade 6 students
Kindergarten Parent Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Band Day at UPEI for gr. 7-9 band students
- April 21 -** Bluefield Musical – K-9
- April 29 -1** Band Trip to Halifax
- April 29 -** Easter Seals Ambassador Tour Visit – 9:10 AM
- May 1 -** CUPE/PEITF Convention- no classes
- May 5 -** Home & School Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 18 -** Victoria Day – no school
- May 21 -** Welcome to kindergarten Session – 6:00 PM
- June 4 -** 7-9 Semi Formal Dance
- June 5 -** Kindergarten Orientation Day – 9:00 – 1130 AM
- June 17 -** Grade 9 Provincial Math Assessment
- June 18 & 19 -** Grade 9 year end trip to Moncton
- June 19 -** Grade 7 & 8 year-end field trip to Moncton
- June 19 -** Grade 1-3 year-end fieldtrip to Shining Waters
- June 22 -** Grade 4-6 year end field trip to Sandspit (rain date: June 23)
- June 23 -** Grade 9 Closing
- June 24 -** Celebration of Learning- 9:00 AM
- June 24 -** Gulf Shore Games – 12:45
- June 25 -** Last Instructional Day
- June 26 -** Professional Development Day – no classes
- June 29 -** Admin Day
- 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:

Happy spring! We are coming up to a busy season for the band. Upcoming dates:

April 16th - Band Days

The grade 7-9 band will be travelling to UPEI to perform at Band Days. This is an awesome day to get to perform for other schools (as well as people from the community if anyone is able to attend), as well as get to listen to other musicians from around the island. We perform at 10:30am at the Performing Arts Centre. This will be a full day activity for the students.

April 29th - May 1st - Band Trip!

Our band trip to Halifax is coming up at the end of this month. Please be sure to get your payments in. If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We will be having another meeting this month to go over the details of the trip.

Library News:

We want to thank students and parents for supporting our Spring Scholastic Book. We also would like to thank Mr. Perry for all his 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 **Thursday, 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 5th, 2026**, our upcoming Kindergarten students for 2026-2027 school year will be attending classes for the morning (9am-11:30am). 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 2026 – 2027 school year on Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 6:30 pm. We encourage parents to attend this meeting.

Easter Seals Campaign

The Easter Seals Ambassador Tour will be visiting our school on Wednesday, April 29th at 9:10 AM. The 2026 Ambassador is **Rowan MacDonald**. He is sixteen years old, in Grade Ten at Colonel Gray High School and lives in Charlottetown. We look forward to his visit.

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. Soon, we sent home yearbook flyers with all the information you will need to order a yearbook on-line. Cost of a yearbook is \$20.00. The site is live so you can go to <https://plicbooks.com/go/MJEDXM> and order online or you can scan the code on the flyer that went home. The deadline to order is May 8, 2026 and the yearbooks will be shipped to Gulf Shore mid-June. If you prefer, you may send in the 20.00 with your child and we can order a yearbook for you.

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 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 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 MEAL during Parent teacher Interviews in March

Thank you to all those that helped contribute to pay for the meal during the interviews for the teachers. Pizza and salads were provided.

ANNUAL BUS DRIVER BREAKFAST - Thank you to Parent Volunteer Jen Covello for taking the time to organize and cook the morning meal for our valuable bus drivers, custodians and the wonderful Donna on March 25th.

HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS

June 2nd our AGM will be held, location and time to be determined. A few positions will be vacant, based on the typical two-year term spots... Positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, and Secretary

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

We will have a table set up during the welcome to kindergarten night on April 16th to share information about the Home and School Board. We look forward to connecting with some parents.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming event to happen towards the end of May, that will be for our families of gulf shore. If this is something you'd like to help with planning or have any ideas to bring to this event, please reach out to one of the board members.

NEXT HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING: May 5th, 2026 at 7pm

ALL caregivers of students are welcome to attend. We welcome and encourage you to get involved. And thank you to all those that helped 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 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

PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, April 2026

It's time to register for 73rd AGM & Conference

Please register your school and ensure it is represented at this meeting.

Bullying is being addressed by guest speaker Alain Pelletier at the AGM.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 08:40 a.m. – 02:50 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

Conference Highlights: Theme: **“Stop Bullying. Start Belonging.”**

A.M. Keynote Speaker: Alain Pelletier “5 Faces of Bullying”

Workshop Topics:

1. Child Exploitation Unit
2. “5 Faces of Bullying”
3. Food, Finances & Fundamentals, etc.

Participation: This meeting is open to all parents and educators! While each school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, more than 5 people can register to attend from each school. *The greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.*

REGISTER by early deadline April 1st at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

PEI Home and School Federation contact information: 902-620-3186 | peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Review 2026 Proposed Resolutions before the AGM

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 18. Please ensure your voting delegates (parents and educators) review these resolutions in advance so they come to the meeting ready to vote.

The proposed resolutions include:

2026-01 = Integrating Playground Equipment into the Provincial Capital Budget

2026-02 = Increase Psycho-Educational Assessment Capacity for School-Aged Children in Prince Edward Island

2026-03 = Repeal Section 43 and Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children


2026-04 = Urging Compliance with PEI Teacher Librarian Directive (Md 2025-05) By Hiring A Provincial Teacher-

Librarian Leader

Find proposed resolutions online: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

School Bus Driver Award

The PEI Home and School Federation’s School Bus Driver of the Year Award celebrates the dedicated bus drivers who help keep PEI’s students safe every day as they travel to and from school. Nominations for the 2026 award are now open! [Submit your nomination by May 8, 2026.](#)

 **National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026. Ignite Volunteerism: A year-long, nation-building celebration.** We will celebrate how people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities to deepen our collective impact. Visit: <https://ivy26.ca/> for resources

PSB School Board Trustee Reports

Congratulations to the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees' new Chair, Andrew MacFarlane, and Vice-Chair, Karen Clare, who assumed their one-year roles on March 13, 2026.

Westisle (Zone 1)

Andrew Avery, Zone 1 Trustee for the PSB, has been working to meet all 9 schools in the Westisle Family of Schools since his Feb. 9 by-election win by acclamation. The primary concern across all schools is the need for more support staff, particularly teachers and educational assistants. The shortage of trained EAs is expected to worsen for the 2026-2027 school year, and Avery will advocate for addressing this in upcoming PSB budgets. On Feb 10, Hon. David Jenkins released a report on Student Safety in Island Schools with recommendations to ensure safe learning environments. Avery expressed concerns about the by-election process, which relied solely on mail-in ballots with a tight timeline, and plans to request a full review to establish the proper Election Day, in-person voting stations for 2028. He encourages community members to volunteer for school breakfast programs, noting that students who eat breakfast are more focused learners. Tignish Elementary Principal, Mike Ellsworth, received the 2026 Doug MacDougall Inspire Award for his dedication and positive impact on students and staff. *Andrew Avery (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)*

Bluefield (Zone 4)

I've been able to meet some Home and School Associations in my zone and will schedule more meetings soon! In the meantime, I encourage people to reach out to me with any concerns or questions. I'm also looking forward to attending the AGM on April 18 and having great conversations with Home and School Association members. I've attended this AGM several times and have always found these meetings to be both informative and an excellent opportunity to network. *Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)*

Charlottetown (Zone 5)

With the warmer days of April bringing energy and smiles to everyone, we're excited by the prospect of joining one of your upcoming Home and School Association Zone 5 meetings. We'd also be thrilled to lend a hand with any student events you have in the works for May. Supporting the fun and learning that make our schools so special is important to us. In March, we had the pleasure of attending the awarding of the "Extra Mile" award to Mrs. Jill Burry of Stonepark Intermediate School. The affection and respect the students and educators displayed for Mrs. Burry were truly inspiring. It was a privilege to be asked to participate in this ceremony, and congratulations again, Mrs. Burry! Public School Board meeting minutes are available in the Board of Trustees section of the Public Schools Branch website. Kindest regards & Happy Easter to All! *Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)*

 **73rd AGM & CONFERENCE**
Saturday April 18th, 2026

Stop Bullying, Start Belonging

WORKSHOPS

- Cpl. Robert Yaschuck, RCMP Child Exploitation Unit
- Alain Pelletier "5 Faces of Bullying"
- Home & School Information Sharing: Food, Finances and Fundamentals

 **3 WEEKS TO GO**
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COMMUNITY NEWS:

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

Delta Soccer Spring & Summer Outdoor Programs for Players 9 and Under.

Not all grassroots soccer programs are the same. Delta Soccer is designed for families who want more coaching engagement during practice time. Sessions are structured and high-energy, keeping children moving through small-sided games and skill activities that build confidence with the ball. Families can register for the 8-week Spring session (May–July), the 8-week summer session (July–August), or both. The outdoor season starts earlier and runs longer to provide more time for young players to develop and enjoy the game. Registration opens April 7th. Full details and registration at deltasoccer.ca.

Bluefield High School Carpentry Class has partnered up with North Rustico Home Hardware and Hunter River Lions Club for the 5th Annual Bobcats Build for Hope Fundraiser! We are selling tickets on a multi-purpose (10x12) building that is being built by Leo's Carpentry Students! Tickets are \$50 each, there are only 300 tickets so those are great odds! All proceeds will go to families that are dealing with a serious medical condition that requires financial support. If you are interested in buying a ticket you can e-transfer \$50 to bluefield@edu.pe.ca with your name, phone number and email for contact! The draw is on April 30th, 2026. There will also be early bird draws of Cash or Clow's meat pie so get your ticket fast! Also, Griffin's are donating \$200 towards towing if you use their company! We have been able to help 24 families in the last 4 years, and we are hoping to help more this year with your support!