

GULF SHORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2026

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 1 Gr. 7-9 FI Orwell Corner
- Oct. 2 Terry Fox run/walk
- Oct. 8 Home & School Mtg. – Virtual
- Oct. 8 Pre-Novice & Novice Cross Country Meet at Elliot River
- Oct. 9 K-3 apple picking
- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving – no classes
- Oct. 15 Grade 6 Vaccines
- Oct. 16 Picture retakes
- Oct. 29 7-9 band student Bluefield High School
- Oct. 30 Family Halloween Dance – 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- Nov. 5 & 6 PEITF Convention – no classes
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – no classes
- Nov. 16 Teacher Admin Day – no classes
- Nov. 25 Report cards sent home
- Nov. 26 Parent Teacher Conference (PM)
- Nov. 27 Parent Teacher Conference – no classes
- Nov. 26 & 27 Scholastic Book Fair

Bus Transfers: A reminder that bus transfers are not permitted at Gulf Shore. We run with five buses and each bus is filled to capacity. Please make alternate transportation plans when necessary, that do not include bus transfers.

Terry Fox News: This is the 45th anniversary for the Annual Terry Fox Run /Walk and our school has raised \$157,185.00 in 25 years. That’s amazing! Our goal is to participate with heart and soul like we do every year. We will "Try Like Terry!" Our run/walk will take place on Friday, October 2. Please remember to keep these pledges coming so we can reach our goal of 7,000.00. We can do this!!!

Attendance and Engagement in the PSB

Schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. Let’s continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year.

Sports News:

Hello sports fans! Fall sports are certainly in full swing this year here at Gulf Shore!

Golf

Congratulations to the Gulf Shore Girls Golf team on their inspired performance at the Zone 3 Meet held st Countryview Golf Course. Kinley Doucette has qualified individually for Provincials taking place on Oct 7th at Avondale at 9AM. Good luck representing us on the course, Kinley! And congrats to Myla Doucette, Ella Sheeran, Krew Gallant, Cole Dickieson, and Knox Brumwell on the work they put into their golf games this season. A final special thank you to Rustico Resort for hosting us on their facility this season for tryouts and practices; the Gulf Shore Sharks really appreciate it!

Soccer

Int. A Boys Soccer
Due to low player turnout, there will not be a Gulf Shore Int. A team competing in the league this year. Huge thanks to coach Dwayne MacLeod for stepping up and trying to rally the team together. With an eager group of grade 6 boys ready to go, we are already looking forward to next season!

The girls soccer season got off to a quick start with their first game happening on Sept. 22. The team was happy to welcome some grade 6 players to round out their numbers. Everyone is practicing hard to improve skills and work together as a team! It will be a short but busy season, with 2 games a week for three weeks. Good luck, girls!

Cross-Country – our runners have been working hard at our noon practices with over the last couple of weeks. **Pre-Novice and Novice athletes** will be bussed to **Elliot River School** for their meet on Thursday **Oct 8th**. Students in grade 3-6 (who receive a letter of qualification by Friday, Oct. 2nd from Coach Roche) will arrive at school as usual on the day of the Zone Meet and will travel to Eliot River on a bus.

Those who are competing must return a signed permission form and \$10 to cover the cost of the bus.

Schedule for Pre-Novice and Novice Zone 3 Meet at Elliot River on Oct 8th:

10AM - Pre Novice Boys (grades 3/4)

10:15 - Pre Novice Girls (grades 3/4)

10:30- Novice Boys (grades 5/6)

10:45 - Novice Girls (grades 5/6)

Irelyn Clark will be representing the Gulf Shore Bantam/Intermediate XC team and will be going to the meet at **Charlottetown Rural** on Wed, **Oct 6th**. Runners in this category will be responsible for finding their own transportation and should plan to arrive at least 30 mins before their race begins.

The bantam girls race begins at 10:15 on Oct 6th.

Best of luck to all runners! Remember, first and foremost: it's all about enjoying your run! And second, we hope to qualify many of our runners to Provincials at Mill River on Oct 17th! Keep working hard and making us proud, Sharks!

Band News:

Our first concert of the year for grade 7-9 band students will be on October 29th at Bluefield High School. Our grade 7-9 band will be performing this evening alongside Bluefield, East Wiltshire, and Englewood.

We have had great attendance for early morning band. Thank you and keep it up!

A remind for students in grades 7-9 are to pay their band fee of \$52.50 for the 2026 – 2027 school year and students in grade 6 to pay a band fee of 26.50 if you have not already done so. This can be paid for through our School Cash online service. This fee helps pay for our consumables such as reeds, valve oil, cleaning cloths, and instrument repairs.

Gulf Shore Home and School News:

Next meeting: October 8th, 2026, at 6:30 VIRTUALLY. Please see our Facebook page for more information. All parents and guardians are welcome!

The Gulf Shore Home & School board is an elected group who work as a liaison between parents and the school. We are members of the PEI Home & School Federation and strive to advocate for the best possible education for our students and support them in many aspects.

Gulf Shore Hot lunch program:

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

Subs, 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 and subs are available on Wednesdays. If you are new to the program, you can register your child (info on school website). Ordering is now open.

Breakfast Program:

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.

COSPEI GOLD RUSH

(<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>)

Sign up for your chance to win half the pot while helping to create and enhance opportunities for students across PEI including at Gulf Shore School.

Family Halloween Dance

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 30th, 2025: 5:30- 7:00pm

Home and School will host our annual Halloween Dance. All ages welcome, all minors **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Admission by donation. Prizes for best costumes. Watch the Home and School Page for more details to come.

- We are looking for donations of cases of mini chip bags and cases of water for the kids.

Federated Home & School Semi-Annual Meeting

Parents, school staff, and community members are invited to the Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Rustico, PEI

TOPICS:

1. Compass Youth Health Survey Results 2025-26 by Cody Davenport

2. Home & School Networking = We want to hear from you! Local Home & Schools will lead discussions on topics:

A. Active Involvement & Relationship Building - Engagement, positive school culture, and strengthening the 'home' and the 'school' relationships

B. Breakfast & Snack Programs - Supporting students' well-being; engaging newcomers/volunteers

C. Fundraising & COSPEI - Effective strategies/alignment with COSPEI

REGISTER by Oct. 15, 2026. Use this Google Form link:

<https://forms.gle/DWTJ58p82CRNMZQ78>

Gulf Shore Home & School Executive Board and Parent Volunteers:

President: Martina Cole-Gallant

Vice President: Ashley Ryder

Past President: Dorothy Wakelin

Secretary: Raeona Macleod

Treasurer: Charmaine Campbell

Fundraising: Raeona Macleod

Hot Lunch: Kristin Leclair

School cancellations

The following is important information with respect to school delays, cancellations and early closures due to weather.

School Cancellations – If all schools are to be cancelled, you will be notified by radio announcements on our local radio stations that all schools in the Public Schools Branch are closed. It will also be posted on our school Facebook page. The first notice will be broadcast by 7:00 am. Sometimes it may be necessary to closure individual families of schools. Gulf Shore is in the Bluefield Family of schools.

One Hour Delay – In cases where a decision cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. This means that all schools and buses may operate one hour later than the usual time. A further announcement regarding delays and/or cancellations will take place by 8:00 am.

Late Bus Runs – In some instances (even in good weather), buses may be delayed. In these cases, parents will be notified by radio that a bus or buses will be delayed by a specific amount of time. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. For example, if a bus is delayed 30 minutes, students can expect to meet the bus 30 minutes later than would normally be the case.

School Closures During the Day – Sometimes it may be necessary to close individual or families of schools during the day to get children home before weather conditions become too severe. In such cases, announcements will be made on all radio stations, the PSB website <https://psb.edu.pe.ca>, our school website <https://gulfshore.edu.pe.ca> and on our school Facebook page. Parents who will not be at home when children arrive should make alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. **Please notify the school of these changes as soon as possible.**

Suggestions for Parents

- Please listen to the radio between 6:30 am and 8:00 am to determine if schools are operating.
- Please do not call the PSB or local radio stations for information as this overloads the telephone lines that are often in emergency use.
- Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day.
- Please make arrangements for your children, in case of midday school closures.
- If schools are operating, the final decision to attend rests with you, the parent.

Helpful Links

- Environment Canada's Weather Forecast for [Charlottetown](#), [St. Peter's Bay](#), [East Point](#), [Maple Plains](#), [North Cape](#) and [Summerside](#)
- [PEI Road Conditions](#)
- [PEI Government Storm Closures or Delays](#) (A notification/link will appear on the Government home page when there are workplace closures.)
- [CBC PEI's Storm Centre](#)
- [Ocean 100](#) and [Hot 105.5](#) Storm Centres
- [CFCY](#) Storm Watch

COMMUNITY NEWS

Home & School News, October 2026

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Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Tues., Oct. 6 Alberton Elementary School 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Mon., Nov. 2 Spring Park Elementary School 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Tues., Nov. 3 Souris Regional School 6:00 – 7:30 pm

All volunteer parents and teachers in your school are welcome to attend and learn helpful tips for executive roles (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and general information for all volunteers. No cost. Refreshments provided. Register by contacting Shirley at: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186.

Register for Alberton by Oct. 2nd. / Register for Spring Park & Souris by Oct. 28th.

Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due Nov. 1. Find the application at: <https://peihsf.ca/crossing-guard-award/>

Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: Nov. 30. Grant Application and Speakers Resource:

<https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

📌 Update Local Home and School Contacts

Presidents: Use the Google Form to update this year's current Home & School executive contact details by Oct. 1st. (<https://forms.gle/TB4W9WJuUndDeLPd6>)

Treasurers: Submit 2026-2027 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15th.

E-transfers to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca Or mail a cheque to: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

📌 Cyberbullying Workshops

Community Legal Information offers cyberbullying workshops for youth and for parents and caregivers. The workshops are to help prevent cyberbullying and support youth who may be experiencing it. Now that school is back, local Home and Schools may be interested in hosting a youth (12-17) or a parent/caregiver workshop.

The workshops include info about:

- Building language and understanding,
- Spotting the signs of cyberbullying,
- Learning about Canadian youth's online experiences and online spaces they access,

Understanding luring and sexual extortion

- Understanding what the law says
- Supporting youth facing cyberbullying
- Using tools and resources for prevention and response

Book with Malak at: malak@legalinfopei.ca | 902-892-0853

Community News...

~ **Building Bridges Workshop** brings together individuals, organizations, community leaders, and service providers from across PEI to explore practical approaches to addressing hate, bias, and identity-based harm and to strengthen connections across our communities.

Workshop Details =

- **Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Charlottetown Central Library

Reply to antiracisminfo@gov.pe.ca with your name and names of other attendees from your organization. *Hosted by: Anti-Racism Office Executive Council Office Government of P.E.I.*

~ **Life after High School!** Sessions to be held in the Charlottetown area on Oct 18th & 26th. Everyone who attends will leave with a university application checklist and a networking guide for beginners. Parents, teens, and educators are welcome to register. Tickets: \$15 pp or \$25 for a family. All the information is available at <https://careerified.ca/life-after-high-school/>.

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Fall Indoor Soccer Programs - Delta Soccer's Fall Indoor Soccer programs start November 10th at the APM Centre Gym in Cornwall. Programs are available for kids ages 4 to 11. Each session blends fun play with age-appropriate learning, helping children build movement skills, confidence, and a love for the game. Registration opens October 13th. For more information please visit deltasoccer.ca or email joel@deltasoccer.ca.

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