Gulf Shore Consolidated

November 2026

Dates to Remember

November 5	**PEITF Convention – No Classes**
November 6	**PEITF Convention – No Classes**
November 10	**Remembrance Day Assembly- 11:15 AM**
November 11	**Remembrance Day – No Classes**
November 12	**Home & School Meeting – 6:30 PM**
November 16	**Teacher Admin Day – No Classes**
November 25	**Report cards sent home**
November 26	**Parent Teacher Conference (PM only)**
November 27	**Parent Teacher Conference – no classes for students**
November 26-27	**Scholastic Book Fair**
December 2	**Band Concert 6:30 PM**
December 3	**MADD Presentation for Gr. 7-9**
December 9	**Christmas Concert- 1:30 & 6:30**
December 18	**Last Instructional Day 2026**
December 21	**Professional Learning Day – no classes**
January 4	**First instructional day 2027**

Safe School Policy:

We are now equipped with a doorbell system. All doors will be locked at 8:40 am. If you arrive after this time, you will need to ring the buzzer and we will let you in. You will enter through the side door in the main lobby.

We ask that all parents/visitors and guests coming to the school or the Early Years Centre, please check in at the office when you enter the school. At no time are you permitted to walk through the school without checking in at the office and getting a visitor badge. At end of day, if students are being picked up, we ask that you please remain in your vehicle and your child(ren) will meet you at their designated area outside. Parents are not permitted to go down to your child's classroom to retrieve them after school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The parking spaces in front of the school and in the back parking lot are for visitors and staff. **Please do not park on the side of the road or on the grass near the school. When our buses are parked in front of the school, at the end of the day for dismissal, please do not drive past the buses.**

Parent Teacher Conferences:

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you, parents and guardians, for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

On Nov. 26 & 27 our first set of Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at Gulf Shore. Please make every effort to attend these important sessions with your child's teacher. As in the past, you will be able to sign-up online for a preferred time with your child's teacher.

Grade 7-9 Fundraiser:

Students in grade 7-9 will be selling tickets on gift baskets during Parent Teacher Conferences. Tickets will be 5.00/ticket. All funds raised will go towards the year end fieldtrip.

Book Fair:

Our Annual Book Fair will be held from November 26 & 27. It will be open during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 26 & 27. This is always a very important fundraiser for our school library. By supporting this fundraiser, you will be helping our school as well as getting some great books and maybe a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Student Learning Reports: will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 25, 2026.

Phys. Ed News

GYM REMINDER: TBU

A reminder to all students that as the weather changes outside it is important to **only wear your indoors** in the gym. Please ensure you have both indoors and outdoors each day in case we decide to go out or stay in.

Soccer:

While they didn't get the results they wanted, the girls' soccer team played hard all season, and showed improvement in every game they played. Their perseverance and good attitudes made it a fun season! They wrapped things up with their traditional after-school pizza party, where they also honored the grade 9 graduating players. Thanks also go to all the parents/guardians who make it possible for their athletes to participate!

A big thank you to Ms. Beth for taking on the coaching position this year.

Next Up – Boys & Girls A Basketball

Information will be sent home on November 13.

Music News:

As part of our school's Remembrance Day observance, our students will view a slideshow featuring photos of Gulf Shore School family members who are currently serving or have previously served. This adds meaningful context for all our students. If you have submitted photos in the past, those will be included again this year. If you have a new photo to share, please send a scanned copy with the following details: the individual's name, rank, and years of service. Please send this information to Mr. Perry at cpperry@edu.pe.ca by November 3rd. Thank you!

There are still band fees for grades 6-9 band students that have not been paid for this school year. Our School Cash Online page can be found at: https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashonline.com/. Please log on and pay these fees asap. If you are unsure if you paid this fee, feel free to call the office and we can let you know if it has been paid or not.

Band Trip Fundraising:

Grade 7-9 Band parents should have received an email about our fundraiser with Anne's Chocolates for the upcoming band trip. If you did not receive that, please let Mr. Perry know. The link to the page is https://www.efundrs.com/fundraiser/mgwbllh9095mfy8ekv8c8ne5

The fundraiser closes on November 15th. There will be a prize for the top fundraiser!

Band Rehearsal:

Early morning band each Tuesday at 7:50am. Please make sure students are here early so they are ready to start at 7:50am.

Band Concert Congratulations to our grade 7/8/9 band student for their performance at Bluefield on Thursday, October 29. You did a wonderful job!

Grade 6-9 Band students and their families are asked to reserve Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 pm for our Christmas Band Concert.

School Christmas Concert

This year's elementary Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 9th at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration 2027-2028

- Parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 23 – 27, 2026.
- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2027, to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to come to the school to register their child
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government issued ID verifying proof of child's age such as a birth Certificate, PEI health card or passport.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the spring of 2027.

Early French Immersion Registration

If you are in the Gulf Shore zone for school but want your child to be enrolled in a French Immersion program, you will call Westwood to register.

Terry Fox Fundraiser:

We want to congratulate students, staff and parents on a wonderful fundraiser. We were able to raise $7,518.45 in support of Terry Fox. Our top winner is Graccie Booker. Graccie will get to go out for lunch with a friend and Ms. Conohan. Thank you to Marilyn MacMurdo for organizing this special fundraiser for our school. Also thank you to our wonderful Home & School for providing hot dogs and a drink for our students after they completed their big run.

School Cancellations:

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. **Please note that Gulf Shore is in the Bluefield family of schools.**

One-Hour Delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am

Late Buses

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

School Closure During the Day

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

Extreme Weather During the Day

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

Suggestions for parents

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

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

Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.

Gulf Shore Home & School News for November:

Next meeting: November 12th, 2026, at 6:30 at Gulf Shore's teachers' lounge. 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, while 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:

Every morning students are offered a breakfast snack prepared and served by our Volunteers.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

If this is something you would like to help with either by volunteering to prepare and serve or would like to make a monetary donation to help maintain the program, please reach out to Ashley Ryder. ryderashleylynn@gmail.com

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.

Upcoming events:

- Parent/Teacher Conference Potluck. Home & School will once again be providing a meal for teachers during November's conferences. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted in the upcoming weeks. We ask that parents and guardians support us with donations towards this. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information.
- Christmas Concert Bake Sale- Wednesday December 9th. Each year we hold a bake sale during the Christmas concert. We will post on our Facebook page when we begin taking donations but if you are starting your Christmas baking now then we would love your support.
- Doing some fall cleaning and clearing out?? Keep us in mind for our annual Christmas store! Our Home & School Christmas Store is one of our favorite events of the year. We set the store up at the school in December and allow students to come in and purchase gifts for parents or guardians for Christmas. Items are $1.00 each but rest assured we support even those without. In preparation home and school is looking for any items suited that would make great gifts for the students to give to loved ones to please drop off at the school. Donations of TAPE, GIFT BAGS, TISSUE or WRAPPING PAPER are also needed.

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
Breakfast Coordinators: Katelin Cameron & Ashley Ryder
Hot Lunch: Kristin Leclair

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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Provincial Home & School News:

Volunteer Leadership Training Workshops

The PEI Home and School Federation is offering Home and School Leadership Training Workshops in early November:

Monday, November 2, Spring Park Elementary School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, Souris Regional School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

No cost to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

These workshops offer helpful tips and practical information for volunteers serving in executive positions, as well as general members interested in becoming more involved.

Please register by **Friday, October 30,** by email ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186

Recognition and Awards Program 2026/2027

Awards recognize deserving individuals in our school communities.

Nominations for **Crossing Guard Award of the Year** are due November 6, 2026.
Nominations for **Extra Mile Awards** for school staff members are due January 16, 2027.
Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year Award** are due March 1, 2027.
Nominations for **School Bus Driver Awards** are due May 7, 2027.
More at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. Go to: https://peihsf.ca/grants. Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026.**

Reminder to pay 2026-2027 Membership Fees & Update Executive Contacts

Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees.
Pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

Presidents are reminded to update executive member's contacts using our Google Form at: https://forms.gle/vagSKKaY4hBEvqeQ8

What's on your Home & School meeting's agenda?

- Add the November 2026 newsletter topics to your local meeting's agenda for discussion
- Invite your principal to present an overview of the COMPASS 2025-26 results at the next Home and School meeting. https://peihsf.ca/news/

- Invite your Public Schools Branch Trustee to report on school review reports and other PSB news.

- Discuss issues needing change in PEI schools. View a slideshow about writing and submitting a resolution at https://peihsf.ca/home-and-school-training/

Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees News

The next Board of Trustees public meeting is at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, at Tignish Elementary School. The public is more than welcome to observe in person or virtually: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/board-meetings-and-minutes.

Following a school study, the Board of Trustees approved a public consultation for Montague Interm. School (October 14, 2026) and Westwood Primary School (Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., November 18, 2026, at Westwood Primary School). After each consultation date, the public can provide feedback for a full month. Please visit the Public Schools Branch Website for more information: https://psb.edu.pe.ca. If you would like to connect with the Trustee for your zone,

please visit the Board of Trustees Website for their e-mail address, Board of Trustees meetings and minutes, school studies and other reports, and news: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees.

Other Community News…

~STEAM PEI fall programming: PD Full Day Camps (Grades K-4) featuring hands-on topics like sound, digital art, weather, and innovation offered on November PD days in Charlottetown and Summerside. Clean Tech Club (Girls, Grades 5-9): An evening club focused on renewable energy, green tech, environmental solutions, and connecting with girls in STEM. Contact: Veronica veronica@steampei.com

Dates to remember:

November 5-6 PEI Teachers' Federation Convention (no classes)
November 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
November 13 World Kindness Day
November 16 Report Card Day (no classes)
November 27 Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
November 15-21 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 20 National Child Day
November 23–27 Canada History Week
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Junior Achievement PEI.

We're excited to be holding a **PD Day Camp at the Eliyahu Wellness Centre Canada Games Place on Friday, November 27**, 2026, for Grades 3–6 students and their families. Ages 7 – 12 are recommended. There is no cost to this Camp. Snacks are provided.

Spend the day dreaming up big ideas! Working in teams, campers will take on fun challenges, like inventing a gadget to speed up chores or designing a safer way to ride a bike. With tables full of building materials and craft supplies, they'll bring their ideas to life and share their creations with a panel of friendly faces at the end of the day. Plenty of outdoor play and active games keep brains buzzing and energy high. It's a day of creativity, teamwork and fun your child won't want to miss!

TO REGISTER, EMAIL **INFO@JAPEI.ORG**