

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2023

Website: www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore

Dates to Remember:

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| March 10 | Grade 9 Pictures |
| March 13 | Anti-Bullying presentation by Charlottetown Islanders gr 5-9 |
| March 15 | Home & School Meeting- 7:00 pm |
| March 16 | Grade 4 information meeting for grade 3 parents |
| March 22 | Report cards go home |
| March 23 | Student Led Conferences (after school & evening) |
| March 24 | Student Led Conferences – no classes |
| March 22 – 24 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| March 30 | Colonel Gray Musical- Grades 4 - 9 |
| April 7 | Good Friday – no school |
| April 10 | Easter Monday – no school |
| April 18 | Kindergarten Parent Meeting – next year’s kindergarten students |
| April 21 | School goals Day – no classes |

New Staff: We want to welcome Victoria Sentner to our school staff. We are delighted to have Ms. Sentner with us in grade 2 for the remainder of the school year. We wish Mrs. MacNeill all the best in her retirement.

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 24th. Parents/Guardians can sign-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference using the on-line link that will be posted on our website and emailed to parents closer to the date.

Book Fair:-This is updated: Our bookfair will be open during student led conferences on March 23 & 24. Check out the books at <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175283> . Even if you can’t get to our in-person fair, you can still support our library by purchasing through our virtual fair.

Grade 3 Parent information Meeting: Grade 3 parent meeting for parents/guardians for parents and guardians to help make the decision on French or English programming Grade 4 for the 2023 – 2024 school year on Thursday, March 16. If you have any questions or concerns regarding mid-immersion, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Lavoie or Mrs. Driscoll @ (902) 963-7810.

2023 Gulf Shore Science Fair Winners:

Elementary Division:

1. Owen MacArthur – What Type of Roof is Best In a Hurricane.
2. Emma Arnold – Do Thicker Paper Airplanes Fly Better than Thin Airplanes?
3. Ella Sherren – What Type of Soil Will Grow the Best Bean Sprouts?

Alternates: Leah MacDonald & Capri Masson – which liquid will the flower last the longest in Mariah Ralph & Avery Andrews: Unpasteurized Milk vs. pasteurized – which will last longest?

Intermediate Division:

- 1 Rogan & Maven Lavoie- The Effect of Attitude on Learning Disabilities
 2. Nolan Mackay – How Does Windmill Blade Shape Impact the Amount of Electricity Created?
 3. Henry Gatha-Ber and Wyatt Peters – Can Candle Wax Work on a Snowboard?
- Alternate: Chase Wakelin – How Does the Salinity of the Ocean Water Vary Across PEI?

Reminder of Kindergarten Registration:

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023 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 2023-2024 kindergarten students.

April 18 – Kindergarten Parent meeting

May 24 – Welcome To Kindergarten

June 2 – Half day kindergarten orientation 9:00 – 12:00.

Yearbook:

Students at Gulf Shore Consolidated School have been working hard on the yearbook for the 2022-2023 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. As we are creating such a detailed, high-quality project, we are working with LifeTouch to help print and produce these yearbooks. Our goal is to keep the books within a reasonable price range for sales in the spring; this is where we hope you can help us out.

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 31st. 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 season has ended with both of our teams making it past the first round of playoffs but ultimately losing in the second round. All around it was a great season however and we would like to give a huge thank you to our dedicated coaches: Tim Edwards, Erin Macrae-Forrest, Anna Lucassie, Carson Doiron and Hunter Pruis.

Next up is badminton season! Tryouts will begin after March Break for grades 6-9 so keep an eye out for that as we will be having singles and doubles teams for both girls and boys picked quickly the first week back. You must be at the tryouts to be considered for the team as this sport is one we normally do make cuts for. The gr 6 team will be coached by Ms. Coady and the gr 7-9 teams will be coached by Mr. VanOuwkerk. Good luck!

Gulf Shore Home and School News:

Home and School would like to thank everyone that brought food and beverages throughout the week for Staff Appreciation Week. We heard from many staff members that the treats were delicious and very much appreciated.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful long March Break.

Our next Home and School meeting will be held Wednesday March 15, 2023 @ 7 p.m. in the multi purpose room. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Provincial Home and School News, March 2023

1. 70th AGM & Conference

Mark your calendar! The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is pleased to announce that our *Knowledge, Collaboration, & Success for the Next Generation* A.G.M. & Conference 2023 will take place on **Saturday, April 15**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER ONLINE or at <https://peihsf.ca/agm> by midnight on March 24, and your name will be entered into the Early Bird Draw for an overnight stay at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel.

SPEAKERS

- Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
- Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor
- More speakers from Student Well-Being Teams and the Dept. of Education's new Diversity lead, Debbie Langston

More info will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> or call us at 902-620-3186.

2. NEW Annual Report submission deadline - March 10

To allow more time following the school break, the deadline to submit Annual Reports has been extended to **Friday, March 10**. Every Home and School Association is asked to submit a report for inclusion in the Federation's annual Book of Reports. Remember! You are writing a piece of the history of Home and School in P.E.I. [Click here to use the NEW President's Google 2023 Report Form](#) or email a **word doc** to Kelly at: info@peihsf.ca

3. Review Proposed 2023 Resolutions

Proposed resolutions have been circulated to Presidents. Please discuss these resolutions at your next Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. Review 2023 resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/>

4. Volunteer / Life Membership Awards

A Home and School volunteer is recognized annually for their efforts in their local school with the Steve McQuaid Volunteer of the Year. In addition, a Life Membership is recognized when deemed appropriate with this person's contributions, locally and provincially. You are invited to review the awards' criteria and submit nominations by March 9. Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

5. Board of Directors Nominations

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across the island. It is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates from member Home and School Associations. Every year at the annual meeting, elections are held for vacant positions

on the board, and members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. You can access the 2023 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>