

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

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Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 2nd – Music Monday

Friday, May 6 – No classes for students

Wednesday, May 18th – Welcome to Kindergarten – (Parents & Students) – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 23rd - Victoria Day – NO CLASSES

Wednesday, May 25 – Kindergarten Parent Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Friday, June 3rd – Kindergarten Orientation Day for incoming Kindergarten 2022-2023- No classes for our present Kindergarten students

Thursday June 9 – Band Concert@ 7:00 PM

June 16 & 17 – Band Trip

Thursday, June 23 – Semi Formal Dance for grades 7-9

Monday, June 27th – Grade 9 Closing – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, June 28th – Celebration of Learning @ 10:30 am – Last Instructional Day

Wednesday, June 30th – Last Day for Staff

Welcome to Kindergarten:

The goal of Welcome to Kindergarten is to provide pre-school children with the resources and experiences to begin their formal education with a foundation of literacy nurtured in the home. At the event, families will receive early literacy resources and meet school staff. Strategies for how to use these resources with their child at home will be shared.

An evening of information and activities **for parents and our 2022-2023 kindergarten students** will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi- Purpose Room at Gulf Shore School.

Kindergarten Orientation Day:

On Friday, June 3rd, there will be **no classes for our current kindergarten students** as our 2022-2023 kindergarten students will attend Gulf Shore from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sports News

We are in our final round of school sports! Here is what is on the go for May:

Badminton:

Well done to our badminton players (Joel Taylor, Tyler Neill, Kyzly Gillis, Audrianna Sweet-Curran, Kate Skeffington, Rogan and Maven Lavoie, Aleah Craswell, Abbygail Kaminski, Michael Taylor and Owen Godfrey) who participated in zones recently. Regionals will be coming up and hopefully we will have some of these players advance!

Novice Cross Country:

Due to Covid restrictions at the beginning of the year, Novice Cross Country was postponed until this May. Mrs. MacGillivray will be running practices on certain days of the week (TBD) shortly with the novice runners. Zones will be the week of June 6-10 and Provincials will be Saturday, June 18th at Mill River. Runners will be responsible for finding their own drives.

Track and Field:

Grades 5-9 have been asked to sign up at the gym for Track and Field events. Events include 60m-2000m races and 1x400/ 1x400 relays, throwing events (shotput, discus), and jumping events (long, triple, high jump). Students can each sign up for 3 events and will be attending zones at UPEI on May 19th (all day) with Regionals later in the month. Athletes will be responsible for finding their own drives.

Flag Football:

Marsha Leblanc and Brianna Gallant will be coaching the girls' team this year, and Kerry and Mathis Blais will be coaching the boys. Best of luck! A HUGE thank you to our volunteer coaches.

Students Walking/Biking from School:

Just a reminder to students and parents if students are biking or walking after school, they MUST have a note giving them permission. All notes are to be passed into the office at the beginning of the day. If they are biking, they must also be wearing a helmet.

Music News:**Music Monday:**

Monday, May 2nd, is Music Monday! We celebrated the important role of music in our schools, and in our lives, at Gulf Shore Consolidated School.

Save the Dates:**Spring Concert:**

Please save the date of Thursday, June 9th for our year end Band Concert at 7pm. All students in the grade 6 Band, the 7-9 Band and Shark Attack will be performing all of the music they have learned this spring.

Grade 7-9 Band Trip:

Our grade 7-9 Band members are planning a 'Tip to Tip Performance Tour' of PEI on Thursday, June 16th and Friday, June 17th.

Gulf Shore Home & School:

With the end of the school year approaching, our activities are beginning to wind down, but we do have one last event planned. Stephanie Arnold was once again successful in securing a Parent Leadership grant from the PEIHSF. We will be holding a STEAM night for parents and students later in May. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details regarding planned activities and your preference of dates.

The PEI Home & School Federation (PEIHSF) held it's AGM in person at the Rodd Charlottetown on Saturday, April 23rd. Two of our members, Erin McRae-Forrest and Marsha LeBlanc attended the meeting on behalf of our local Home & School Association.

We will also be holding our own AGM on Tuesday, May 17th at 7pm in the staff lounge. This meeting is always a lot of fun and there will be some door prizes and snacks. We will be looking to fill the position of Vice President as well as finding a trainee to work with Sally Pineau next year on our milk and pizza program. Even if you haven't been to a meeting before, please come and check it out. It is a no pressure situation and you won't leave with a position (unless of course you want one!). It will be our last meeting until September.

PEI Home and School Federation News for May:**1. School Crossing Guard Award**

Nominate a school crossing guard to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school from September to June during school year.

NEW Submission date: Friday, May 13, 2022

More details at: <http://peihsf.ca/crossing-guard-award>

2. **School Bus Driver Award**

Nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school from September to June during school year.

NEW Submission date: Friday, May 20, 2022

More details at: <http://peihsf.ca/bus>

3. **Annual Meeting Feedback Request**

Delegates are invited to provide feedback about the 2022 Annual Meeting & Convention.

[Click here for 2022 AGM FEEDBACK FORM](#)

4. **Annual Meeting 2022 Video**

The PEI Home and School Federation 2022 Annual Meeting's video is linked at on our website at:

<https://peihsf.ca/agm/> or [AGM VIDEO](#)

5. **Welcome to Kindergarten**

The 2022 Welcome to Kindergarten schedule is posted on the Public Schools Branch website at:

https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/parents_students/wtk-sessions/

Other community news....

Ø YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE), a national program offering opportunities for youth (16-17 years old) to improve their second official language skills, explore another part of Canada, and gain valuable work experience. This program is funded by Department of Canadian Heritage, and offered at a minimal cost of \$125. Contact: Chuan.Liu@YMCAGTA.ORG or [902-314-5323](tel:902-314-5323).

Community News:

STEAM PEI:

STEAM PEI is offering some exciting camps in Charlottetown this summer. Our themes this year include: Building STEAM, Girls Engineering for the Future, and Game Makers.

Building STEAM has students exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. They will work throughout the week on a major project that will be presented to the public at the end of the camp. Note this camp will be held at UPEI if campus public health policy permits. If not, it will be held at Holland College.

Girls engineering for the Future has students exploring the different disciplines of engineering throughout this week-long camp. They will work through the engineering design process, including creating a prototype and presenting it to parents at the end of the camp. Note this camp will be held at UPEI if campus public health policy permits. If not, it will be held at Holland College.

In Game Makers, students spend the week learning a variety of digital skills involving coding and various stages of game development including planning, storyboarding, testing/debugging, visual and audio creation, coding, brand development and promotion. Students may choose from a variety of programming languages and platforms to suitably challenge themselves.

STEAM PEI in partnership with Canadian parents for French will deliver camps in French this summer with the support of the Carrefour de L'isle-Saint-Jean, Belle Alliance, and Montague Intermediate School. Canadian Parents for French will launch the camps on Monday, April 18th and CPF members will get \$50 off, after contacting CPF to get the coupon code at edcpfpei@gmail.com.

STEAM PEI will deliver 1 Design Games Maker camp for 10-15 years old in Charlottetown from August 15-19. To register go to <https://steampei.con/#camps>.

Camp Schedule:

Building STEAM	Ages 11-15	August 1 – 5
Girls Engineering for the Future	Ages 11-15	August 8 – 12
Game Makers	Ages 11-15	August 15-19

Kick Boxing Classes – Eternal Fitness is offering kids kickboxing classes starting on May 10th. For more information please contact Eternal Fitness 902-218-1529 or email info@eternalfitnesspei.ca