

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
MAY 2023

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Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 1st – Music Monday

Friday, May 5 – Professional Learning Day – No Classes

Monday, May 15 – Home and School AGM 7PM

Friday, May 19 – Professional Learning Day – No Classes

Monday, May 22nd - Victoria Day – NO CLASSES

Wednesday, May 24 – Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:00 PM

Friday, June 2nd– Kindergarten Orientation Day for incoming Kindergarten 2023-2024- No classes for our present Kindergarten students

Thursday, June 15 – Grades 4-6 Sandspit (raindate: June 16)

Friday, June 16 – Gr. 1-3 Shining Waters (raindate: June 19)

Wednesday, June 21- Kindergarten year end fieldtrip to Beach

Monday, June 26th – Grade 7-9 Semi-formal Dance (7:00PM to 10:00PM)

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

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

Friday, 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 2023-2024 kindergarten students** will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi- Purpose Room at Gulf Shore School.

Kindergarten Orientation Day:

On Friday, June 2nd, there will be **no classes for our current kindergarten students** as our 2023-2024 kindergarten students will attend Gulf Shore from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sports News

Badminton:

Badminton season has just ended and we had some great matches played in both the singles/doubles for girls and guys in Novice, Bantam, and Intermediate levels. We even had our very own Londyn Clarke advance all the way to the final provincial day and finish 4th overall in the province! Well done to all those who competed, and thanks to Nick vanOuwkerk for coaching.

Flag Football and Track and Field:

Moving forward into our final sports we have Flag Football and Track and Field starting up right away. We have a girls team run by Brianna Gallant and Marsha Leblanc who will be playing games on Tuesday nights (practice TBD), and unfortunately, we did not have enough boys sign up this year so there will not be a boys team...however we are seeking out interest to do a practice only team for boys in grades 6-9. If there is interest, please have the students come let me know.

Track and Field:

Track and Field for grades 5-9 are also beginning and permission forms have been handed out. Practices will take place during school hours (cuts will be made as we can only take so many kids for each event), and during their zones day they will need to find drives to UPEI where the competition will take place on their outdoor track arena. Once kids have returned their permission forms, and the decisions have been made for who is in what event, we will send out more info for zones dates.

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. If they are biking, they must also be wearing a helmet.

Music News:

Congratulations to our grade 7,8, and 9 band students for their amazing performance in Halifax.

Early Morning Band

Early morning band will continue the week of May 8/2023 until after our year-end concert.

Year-End Concert

We are planning our end-of-year concert and we will send out the date once it is confirmed.

Student Mental Health Support Worker:

Hello Parents and Guardians!

My name is Aileen and I am an itinerant Student Mental Health Support Worker (SMHSW) employed by the Public Schools Branch. Over the next number of weeks, I will be supporting the staff and students of Gulf Shore Consolidated School. I want to introduce myself and provide an idea of what my role here entails! As a SMHSW, I collaborate with individuals such as the school principal, school counsellor, youth workers, and members of the student well-being team. With their guidance, I aim to increase students' ability to connect and thrive in the school environment. My focus is on fostering emotional well-being, through skills such as self-regulation, communication, team work, and leadership. To address these goals, I work with small groups of students, one to three times per cycle. If I have the pleasure of working with your child, I hope that they will share their learning with you. If, at any time, you decide that you would prefer that your child not participate in a group, please let a staff member know. I would be happy to discuss my work here at Gulf Shore in further detail, should you have any questions! Thank you for your time 😊

Congratulations:

A huge congratulations goes out to the following students who represented Gulf Shore School at the PEI Science Fair held April 12th at the Eastlink Centre: Owen MacArthur, Emma Arnold, Ella Sherren, Capri Masson, Leah MacDonald, Avery Andrews, Mariah Ralph, Henry Gatha-Ber, Wyatt Peters, Chase Wakelin, Nolan MacKay and Rogan and Maven Lavoie. Our Sharks came away with hundreds of dollars in specialty prizes and several best in fair awards. Way to go Sharks!

Gulf Shore Home & School:

With the end of the school year approaching our activities are beginning to wind down, but we are planning one last event. Stephanie Arnold was once again successful in securing a Parent

Leadership grant from the PEIHSF. We will be holding an event for parents and students later before the end of the school year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details regarding planned activities.

The PEI Home & School Federation (PEIHSF) held its AGM in person at the Rodd Charlottetown on Saturday, April 15th. Four of our members, Dorothy Wakelin, Stephanie Arnold, Maria Lavoie and Marsha LeBlanc attended the meeting on behalf of our local Home & School Association.

We will also be holding our own AGM on Monday, May 15th 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. 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 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. Submission date: **Friday, May 5, 2023**

More at: [School Bus Driver of the Year Award - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://peihsf.ca)

2. Post-AGM

Thank you to Local Associations for attending the 70th Annual Meeting & Conference. The meeting's slideshows, round table summary, minutes, and resolutions are being posted on our website when finalized. Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

3. Public Schools Branch

The PSB Review of Schools Study Report is available and can be found under News & Updates at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates>

4. School Trustees Board Meeting

The Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. at Montague Regional High, 274 Valleyfield Road, Rte. 326, Lower Montague or via Webex at:

[PSB Board of Trustees](#). Any member of the public who wishes to make a presentation to the Board must submit a written request to the Public Schools Branch by 4 p.m. on April 27, 2023 to: sgauthier@edu.pe.ca. Call 902-368-6850 for additional information or to register to attend.

5. School Calendar

The Department of Education & Early Years released the 2023-2024 School Calendar, April 17. The first school day for students is Sept. 7. More at: [2023-2024 School Calendar | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

6. 70th AGM Report

PEI Home and School Federation president, Dionne Tuplin will include an AGM report in May newspaper column to be published on Friday, May 5 and online at: [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](#)

Community News:

Middle School Aged (grades 6 – 8) Summer Camp Options 2023

Charlottetown Area

Rise and Climb – Also comes with a free membership for the season.

<http://www.riseandclimb.ca/genDisplay.asp?ID=122&order=0&amt=1&type=0>

July 31 – Aug 4 is for grades 6-9 (\$220). The other camp dates are for grades 3 – 6.

Wild Child PEI – <https://peiwildchild.wordpress.com/register-for-summer-2023/>

They will have two middle school/youth camps, but dates have not been released. You can keep an eye on their website or give them a call to be added to the mailing list.

Bricks 4 Kids – One course for this age level

<https://ca.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=97513&ts=1545242599>

Master Builders Course – building motorized creations – Aug 21 – 25 (\$245) minimal spaces left

Steam PEI – There are few programs: \$245/camp <https://steampei.com/programs/#camps>

Future Engineers Aug 10 – 14 - ages 10 - 14

Game Makers Aug 21 – 25 - ages 10 - 14

Tech Bytes Aug 7 – 11 - ages 8 - 12

Stop Motion July 24 – 28 - ages 8 - 12

Design Thinking Aug 7 – 11 - ages 8 - 12

Town of Cornwall – Last year they did a 10 – 14yo camp – lots of outdoor activities, and field trips to events and festivals around PEI. Waiting on more information - will update later.

Camp Keir – They are weeklong overnight camps with the focus of being outdoors. \$400

<https://campkeir.ca/>

July 2-7 – ages 9 – 11

July 9 – 14 – ages 12 - 14

July 23 - 28 – ages 10 - 12

July 30 – 4 – ages 13 – 15

August 6 - 11 – ages 11 -12

Adventure Camp – Lots of outdoor activity R.O.P.E.S courses, rock climbing – most activities are adventure based. Two weeks available. (\$150 – this includes healthy lunches and snacks).

<https://www.adventuregroupei.ca/programs/camps/> July 10 – 14 July 17 – 21

UPEI – different options for weeklong Camps:

<https://recreation.upei.ca/Program/GetProducts?classification=8f86494b-559e-4e8c-8dca224176507316>

Cooking Classes – Grades 3 – 7 (many weeks available) \$190/week

Creative and Artistic – Grades 2 - 7 (many weeks available) \$190/week

Fun and Fitness – Grades 2 - 7 (many weeks available) \$190/week

Mini University – Grades 2 - 7 (many weeks available) \$190/week (topics of space, weather, STEM and coding)