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### Dates to Remember:

<b>April 4</b>	Band Days – Band to Summerside
<b>April 5</b>	Jr. High to Brookvale – 4-9 pm
<b>April 7</b>	Good Friday – no classes
<b>April 10</b>	Easter Monday – no classes
<b>April 12</b>	Grades 5-9 FI to Francois Buote for French play
<b>April 12</b>	Easter Seals Ambassador Tour – 1:30
<b>April 18</b>	Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7pm
<b>April 21</b>	School Goals Day – No classes
<b>April 26-28</b>	Band Students in Halifax
<b>May 1</b>	Music Monday!
<b>May 5</b>	Professional Learning Day – no classes
<b>May 19</b>	Professional Learning Day – no classes
<b>May 22</b>	Victoria Day – no classes
<b>May 24</b>	Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:00 pm
<b>June 2</b>	Kindergarten Orientation – no school for current Kindergarten students
<b>June 28</b>	Last day for classes

### Thank You!

We want to express our sincere thank you to parents/guardians who provided supper, snacks & treats for our teachers during the student led conferences last week. The food was delicious and very much appreciated.

### Music News :

Tuesday April 4/2023, we will be traveling to Summerside to take part in our provincial band days.

Wednesday April 26 to Friday April 28/2023 will be our annual band trip to the Atlantic Festival of Music. All payments are now due.

### Phys Ed News:

Badminton season is here! It is the shortest season in school sport so we are getting started right away. The teams are in the process of being selected and are set to begin preparing for zones that are happening around April 17th, where we will find out which students will qualify for provincials. Provincial dates are TBD and will be held at various locations. Stay tuned for more details!

After a successful silver medal the first year, and a gold the second year...Gulf Shore is continuing with our girl's spring league volleyball team but this year will be testing the waters in the more difficult Tiered pool. The team has been selected and practices are underway Wednesdays after school and tournament nights are Thursdays this year.

Following Badminton, the final school sports will be Track and Field, and Flag Football.

Good luck to all!

### Library News:

We want to thank students and parents for supporting our spring Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to buy a \$1000 worth of scholastic books for our library and classroom thanks to all your

support! We also would like to thank Mrs. Toner for all her hard work in organizing this fundraiser for our school library. Thanks also to Catherine Morrow for volunteering in our school library and helping out during our bookfair.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten**

On **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**, we will welcome the incoming Kindergarten students. This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet the teachers and other school staff. Learning activities will be held throughout the evening.

### **Kindergarten Orientation Day –**

On **Friday, June 2nd, 2023**, our upcoming Kindergarten for 2023-2024 will be attending classes for part of the day. Therefore, our present kindergarten students **will not** have classes on this day.

### **Kindergarten Parent Meeting**

We will be having a Parent Meeting for all parents of Kindergarten students for the 2023 – 2024 school year on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. We encourage parents to attend this meeting.

### **Easter Seals Campaign –**

On Wednesday, April 12 Tim Hortons Easter Seals Ambassador will be at Gulf Shore. This year the 2023 Ambassadors are Katelyn & Meghan Rogers, 10 year old twin sisters from Cornwall who attend East Wiltshire School. Their moto is “Believe in yourself and don’t give up”. We look forward to meeting these amazing girls.

### **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. Next week we will be sending home yearbook flyers with all the information you will need to order a yearbook on-line. The Yearbook ID code is 14067823. Cost of a yearbook is \$20.00.

There is still 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.** 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.

### **Social Media In Today’s World**

In today's fast-paced digital world, our children have access to a wealth of information and social connections at their fingertips. While the internet has undoubtedly opened up new opportunities for learning and communication, we also know it’s possible to create unwanted potential risks to their well-being and safety if not properly monitored. Take a few moments to remember the importance of monitoring children's online activities, including their social media usage and mobile phone interactions.

To ensure kids get the most out of their digital experiences while staying safe, here are a few helpful tips to guide you:

**Open Communication:** Encourage open dialogue with your children about their online experiences. Discuss the potential dangers, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, and inappropriate content, and emphasize the importance of being cautious and responsible online.

**Set Boundaries:** Establish clear rules regarding screen time, social media usage, and the types of content your children are allowed to access. Encourage them to make good choices and be respectful of others online.

**Stay Informed:** Familiarize yourself with the social media platforms and apps your children use. Understand their features, privacy settings, and potential risks, so you can guide your child in making safer choices.

**Monitor Activity:** Regularly review your child's online interactions, including their social media profiles and messages, to ensure they are engaging in appropriate and safe behaviour. This also allows you to identify and address any concerns promptly.

**Use Parental Controls:** Try parental control software to help limit your child's access to certain websites, apps, or content. This not only adds an extra layer of protection but also helps promote a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

By being proactive and involved in children's digital lives, we can help them enjoy the many benefits of the internet while minimizing potential risks. Let's work together to ensure a safe and positive online experience for our kids.

### **Gulf Shore Home & School News:**

Another big thank you to everyone that brought in food for the teacher potluck. It was appreciated by all.

The PEIHSF 70<sup>th</sup> AGM is also coming up and we have spots available if anyone is interested. Parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, school staff, and students are invited to attend. The meeting being held Saturday, April 15, 2022 from 8:45 am-1:30 pm at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, [75 Kent St. Charlottetown](#).

**Topics:** Diversity, Student Well-Being, Home & School Successes/Challenges.

**Table Resources:** Debbie Langston & Andrea Garland, Diversity Consultants

Elizabeth Kennedy, Student Well-Being Team Lead Consultant

Sara Fletcher & Tina Cardiff, Family Support Workers, Bluefield & Montague Family of Schools.

**Guests:** Hon. Antionette Perry, Lt. Governor for P.E.I.; Minister or Deputy Dept. of Education, Federation Past Presidents, and more. Please reach out to any member of the Home & School executive if you are interested in attending.

Our next Home and School meeting will be held April 19, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

#### **4. School Bus Driver Award**

[School Bus Driver of the Year Award](#) recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 5, 2023.](#)

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

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#### **Bluefield High School:**

Bluefield High School Carpentry Class has partnered up with North Rustico Home Hardware and Hunter River Lions Club for the Second Annual Bobcats Build for Hope Fundraiser! We are

selling tickets on a multi-purpose (10x12) building that is being built by Leo's Carpentry Students! Tickets are \$50 each, there are only 300 tickets so those are great odds! All proceeds will go to selected Families of Bluefield that are dealing with a serious physical condition that requires financial support. If you are interested in buying a ticket you can e-transfer \$50 to [bluefield@edu.pe.ca](mailto:bluefield@edu.pe.ca) with your name and number for contact! The draw is happening on April 6th, 2023. There will also be early bird draws of \$100 each 100 tickets sold! Last year we were able to help 9 families in need and are hoping to help more this year with your support!

**Summer Camp:**

Four Seasons Campground in Wheatley River is hosting a Fun Bilingual Outdoor Summer Camp in July and August of 2023. Cost of this camp is \$200.00/week. Activities to include art and crafts, outbound games, Intro to sports, swimming, learning about farm animals, gardening, swimming lessons are available for an additional cost. To register call 902-940-4618 or register at [fourseasonscampandguesthouse@gmail.com](mailto:fourseasonscampandguesthouse@gmail.com).