

Gulf Shore Consolidated

November 2023

Dates to Remember

November 8	Vaping Presentation for Grade 7 students
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Remembrance Day – NO CLASSES
November 16 & 17	PEITF/CUPE Convention- NO CLASSES
November 22	Report cards sent home
November 23	Parent Teacher Conference (pm)
November 24	Parent Teacher Conference (during the day) – NO CLASSES
November 23-24	Scholastic Book Fair
December 1	MADD Presentation for Grades 8 & 9
December 6	Gr. 6-9 Band Christmas Concert @ 7:00 pm
December 13	School Christmas Concert- 1 & 7:00 pm
December 22	Last Instructional Day 2023
January 8, 2024	Frist Instructional Day 2024

Safe School Policy:

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 visitors 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:

On Nov. 23 & 24 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.

Book Fair:

Our Annual Book Fair will be held from November 23-24. It will be open during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 23 & 24. 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 22, 2023.

Thank You:

We want to say a big thank you to Provincial Credit Union for dropping off coffee and donuts to staff as part of Credit Union Day & Random Act of Kindness Day. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Phys. Ed News

X-COUNTRY:

Congratulations to all the Pre-Novice and Novice runners who competed in the Zone 3 PEISAA Provincial Qualifiers on October 11 at Elliot River and to the Bantam/Intermediate runners who competed in their zone meet at Charlottetown Rural on October 3. Both were great events, and it was awesome to see our Sharks out there doing their best and representing our school in an amazing way. The following students went on to the PEISAA Cross Country Provincials at Mill River on October 21. Kinsey Hynes, Londyn Clark, Jaxson Pineau, Sydney & Brooklyn Clark, Kaden Kennedy, Kenan Boudreau, Oliver Verhurst, Ethan Andrews, Henry Smith & Drew Dickieson.

The results of the Cross-Country Provincials are as follows: Londyn Clarke placed 9th in Intermediate girls, Kinsey Hynes placed 14th in Intermediate Girls, Jaxson Pineau placed 12th in Intermediate Boys, Kaden Kennedy placed 6th in Pre-novice boys, Oliver Verhulst placed 35th in pre-novice boys, Henry Smith placed 96 in pre-novice boys, Sydney Clarke placed 3rd in Bantam Girls and Brooklyn Clarke placed 2nd in bantam girls. Well done everyone!

GYM REMINDER:

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.

Music News:

As part of our school's Remembrance Day observance, our students will watch a slide show of pictures of our Gulf Shore School family members who serve or who have served. This provides additional meaning and relevance for all of our students. If you have sent pictures in the past, they will once again be included. If you have a picture you would like included this year, please send a scan of the photo, along with details including their name, rank and years of service to Ms Syndi at slmaceachern@edu.pe.ca before November 8th.

Band Concert

Grade 6-9 Band students and their families are asked to reserve Wednesday, December 6th, at 7 pm for our Christmas Band Concert. More information will come soon.

School Christmas Concert

This year's elementary Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 13/2023 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m..

Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024 -

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024 –2025 school year will take place the week of November 20 – 23, 2023. If you have a child that will be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, please come to the school during the week of November 20-23 to register your child. Please bring proof of age for the student (could be a birth certificate or a health card) and also proof of residency so a utility bill with your name on it and the address or your drivers license) .

Terry Fox Fundriaser:

We want to congratulate students, staff and parents on a wonderful fundraiser. We were able to raise \$6,899.60 in support of Terry Fox. 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 remember we are 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

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Terry Fox Run this year. It was a gorgeous Fall Day to spend outside! A big thank you goes out to Jeff from the North Rustico Food Mart for generously donating ALL the hotdogs, buns, and juice boxes for the BBQ. Members of Home and School dropped off treats to the staff there as a token of our appreciation for their ongoing support.

As you may or may not know this is the time of year where we kick off our Christmas tree fundraiser for the year. We are planning on starting our sales on the first of November. We are partnering up with Smith's Tree Farm again this year.

We are partnering up with Van Kampens again for the Poinsettia fundraiser. They can be purchased online or in person. More details to come, watch the Facebook page and also posters will be posted throughout the community.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.

Bluefield Band Christmas Craft Fair - Nov. 17th and 18th

The Bluefield Band Program is happy to announce that their Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Friday, November 17th from 5:30 – 9:00 and Saturday, November 18th from 10 – 5. Many vendors will be present with decorations, pottery, fiber arts, candles, jewelry, food and more! There will be a bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes, raffles, and musical entertainment by Bluefield's band students. Please join us at 924 Colville Road (Rte. 9) in Hampshire. Admission is \$2 and children under 12 free.

Home and School News, November 2023

SIGN UP for FREE Volunteer Training

The Federation is hosting two Home & School Training Workshops. Parents, teachers, and students may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home & School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. New volunteer executive members should attend these sessions.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Miscouche Consolidated School

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., West Royalty Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 4 by emailing Shirley at: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca ... Or call 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. No Cost. Light refreshments provided.

Reminder: 2023-2024 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees by November 1st. You can now pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques to the Federation office. Questions? 902-620-3186 / ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

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: Nov. 30th.


Recognition and Awards Program 2023-2024


Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's 2023-2024 Program begins with the Crossing Guard Award nominations due Nov. 24. [Find more details online at PEIHSF Awards](#)


ADD this to your agenda...


1. Plan a productive Home and School meeting by identifying tasks and duties
2. Focus agenda items on educational objectives/outcomes that work to benefit all students
3. Involve everyone around the meeting table
4. Ask the principal for a school report
5. Practice basic parliamentary procedure

Happenings in our community...

 Donagh Home & Schools Craft Fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, 2023, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Donagh Regional School (928 Bethel Road, Donagh).

 Literacy Champion Award - Call for nominations for our Literacy Champion Award. This award recognizes leadership and commitment in the field of literacy and lifelong learning. For more information, contact Amanda Beazley, PEI Literacy Alliance www.peiliteracy.ca

 Dyslexia Canada - Alicia Smith, Executive Director of Dyslexia Canada, to speak about Dyslexia & The Right to Read on Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m. at Three Oaks Senior High School, Summerside.

 Live Well PEI accepting applications for Wellness Grant Program
Community organizations may apply for [Community Catalyst Grants](#). Schools may apply for [School Health Grants](#). (\$2,500, \$5,000, and \$7,500). Applications for both grant streams will be accepted online until 9:00 AM on Nov. 6, 2023. More info at: [PEI Wellness Grant Program](#)

 Dates to remember:

November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	National Child Day
November 21–27	Canada History Week

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Wheatley River Country Craft Fair:

Please join us for our annual Two-Day Country Craft Fair on Saturday November 02 2024th and Sunday, November 5th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Wheatley River Community Hall – 16 Rackham Lane, Wheatley River. Admission and 50/50 tickets sold. This is a fundraiser for the Wheatley River Women's Institute.

