

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

February 2024

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Dates to Remember:

February 6	Grade 9 pictures
February 7	Gr. 7 students to Climate Centre in St. Peters
February 12-16	Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week
February 16	Winter Wellness Day
February 19	Islander Day – No School
February 21	Home & School Meeting @ 7:00
March 7	Parent Teacher after school & evening
March 8	Parent Teacher – no classes
March 14	Grade 4 Parent Meeting
March 7 & 8	Scholastic Book Fair
March 22 – 28	March Break – no classes
March 29	Good Friday – no classes
April 1	Easter Monday – no classes
April 2	Students back to school



Early Closure (During the Day)

Please make sure that you, your child/children and their homeroom teacher know what the arrangements are in the event that school is closed during the day. Using the telephone to make contact is **not** to be part of your child's plans as we cannot accommodate students using the phone in the event of a closure.

Students Please Check In

Students are reminded that if you are late arriving to school, or picked up early, you **must** sign in/out at the office before leaving or going down to class.

Phys Ed News:

Congratulations to Kynlee Doucette, Irelyn Clarke, Lydia MacKay, Jonah Hollinger & Avery Sherren who qualified for the provincial gymnastics meet that will take place on Saturday, February 3rd. Well done Gulf Shore athletes!

Music News:

Concert Band Fundraising:

We will be having two fundraisers during the month of February. From Feb. 1/2024 to Feb 15/2024 students will be selling Anne of Green Gables Chocolates. More details will be sent home with grade 7,8, and 9 band students.

On Saturday, Feb. 24/2024. we will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser with the help of the Hunter River Lions Club. Breakfast will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Hunter River Lions Club. The cost is \$10.00 for people 12 years and over and \$5.00 for kids under 12. Tickets will be on sale beginning Feb. 4/2024 from band students or you can purchase tickets at the door. Thank you to Rae MacLeod for organizing this event and thank you to the Hunter River Lions Club for their kind support.

Yearbook Sponsorship:

If you would like to sponsor our 2023/2024 yearbook and have not been contacted yet, please feel free to contact us. Sponsorship levels are as follows: Silver level - \$100.00 and Burgundy level is \$50.00. Please make cheques payable to Gulf Shore Consolidated School. Thank you for supporting our school.

Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025

If you've missed the deadline to register your child for kindergarten for the 2024 – 2025 school year, you can still do so by stopping in at the school to fill out a registration form.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Gulf Shore Home & School News:

Greetings from Home and School committee. Keep your eye out for our sign-up genius that we will be posting soon for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week coming up Feb 12-16. Please help us thank the staff at Gulf Shore for all the hard work they do. We will also be doing something different this year, each day we will have a draw for Teachers and Staff. Someone each day will go home with a little token of appreciation.

Our next Home and School meeting will be held at the school **Wednesday February 21, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. We will not have a meeting in March due to March Break.

PEI Home & School Federation:

Presidents' Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due **February 29**. All reports **will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports**. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year's [2023 Book of Reports](https://peihsf.ca/agm/) at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation's new [President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form](#). If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

Home and School Volunteer Awards

The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March. 3**. Criteria and Form are online at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 13, 2024**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?

Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It's a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child's education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

~**Pink Shirt Day** Canada 2024 is on **February 28th** **Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness!** A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

~**Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course** = provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm

212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30; Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm. Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwpei@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.

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