

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

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Best Wishes to you and your family for this Christmas Season and in the New Year!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 7 -	Band Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
December 13 -	Picture retakes
December 14 -	School Christmas Concert – 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
December 15 -	Canada Games Torch Run 1:00 pm
December 15-	Festive Family Fun Night 5:30 pm
December 20 -	Last instructional Day 2022
January 3/2023	1 st instructional day 2023



Conferences:

Thank you to all parents who participated in the student led conferences.

Thank You:

We want to express our sincere thank you to everyone who dropped off delicious food/goodies for the staff during Student Led Conferences. They were very much appreciated.

Music News:

Band Concert

Our grade 6-9 band students will be showcasing the great music they learned this fall at our band Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 7/2022 at 7 pm here at the school. All band members are asked to be at the school by 6:30 pm.

K-6 Concert-

"Gulf Shore's Christmas 2022 Celebration" - In person. Yay!

Our Gulf Shore Christmas Concert will be presented on Dec. 14/2022 with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The students are excited to share their learning and our variety concert will have something for everyone. We can't wait to see you IN PERSON.

Physical Education News:

Basketball- Teams for boys and girls have been selected to represent Gulf Shore this season. Congrats to all those who made the teams and thanks to everyone who came out to tryouts. Good luck!

Gym Reminder: Please make sure your child has two pairs of shoes (indoors and outdoors) so that salt is not being tracked into the gymnasium and damaging it. As the winter season rolls in, there are many students who claim they only have rubber boots which are not gym appropriate and this will result in them having to sit out. If any visitors are entering the gym we ask that they remove their outdoor footwear.

Scholastic Book Fair:

Thank you to all students and parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair during our Student Led Conferences last week. Because of your generous support, our book fair was once again a huge success. Stay tuned to see how your support helps build our library collection! Thank you to Mrs. Toner and all volunteer/staff who helped keep the fair running smoothly.

Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 16-25, 2022.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.

- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth Certificate, PEI health card or passport.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2023.

For the **Early French Immersion Program** registration, please refer to the following:

Bluefield Family: Central Queens, Englewood, Gulf Shore, and Westwood: Contact Westwood Primary

Terry Fox Update

Numbers are in for our Terry Fox Fundraiser! With the help from parents, students, staff and school community, we were able to raise a grand total of **\$5,847.75** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Special acknowledgement to our Terry Fox Fundraising Committee for organizing this fundraiser. Our committee members are Heather MacNeill, Marilyn MacMurdo.

Closures/Delays/Early Closure

All school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 A.M. If all schools are closed, it will be announced that all Public Schools Branch schools in the province are closed for the day. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". **Please remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.**

There may be times when it is necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and school board websites. Please ensure that your child's homeroom teacher knows what your **Early Closure Plan** is for your child. If there is an early closure during the school day, please stick to your child's plan.

Gulf Shore Home and School:

A big thank you to everyone who made our annual fundraiser a success once again. We sold 112 trees this year. An extra thank you goes out to Smith's Tree Farm for their continued support of our school. Tree tickets went home with students the week of Nov 21 and can be redeemed at Smith's Tree Farm or the Canadian Tire lot in Charlottetown.

Poinsettias can still be purchased from Van Kampens until mid-December. They are great for gifts as well.

We would also like to thank everyone that contributed to the potluck for the teachers during the student conferences. The teachers always appreciate a quick, warm meal during such a busy time.

There is no Home and School meeting during the month of December. Our next meeting will take place January 18, 2023.

Happy Holidays to all our Gulf Shore families. We hope you enjoy your time with loved ones.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or PSB.

Provincial Home and School News, December 2022

Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 20, 2023**. Find all PEIHSF Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Resolutions = Positive Change in PEI's School System

You can effect positive change in PEI's school system through Home and School's resolution writing process. Home and Schools are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that affects the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. Federation advocacy policies focus on wellness, curriculum needs, health, school bus safety and more. Submit resolutions to the Federation office by Jan. 31, 2023. Submit resolutions to the Federation office by Jan. 31, 2023.

Find resolutions: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/>

Brief guide: How to Write and Present a Resolution

Find: NEW USE this Fillable pdf Resolution FORM

School Staff Appreciation Week 2023

School staff will be celebrated the week of **February 12-18**. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for showing appreciation to school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

Save the date...AGM, April 15, 2023

Book your calendars and plan to attend the PEI Home and School Federation's 70th Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 15, 2023, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details coming soon.

Other Community News....

Share your thoughts on building a National School Food Policy

The Government of Canada is taking steps to build a national school food policy. When more children have healthy meals at school, it helps them learn and sets them up to reach their full potential. **Government needs your input! Visit: [consultation web page](#) to read the discussion paper and share your views by Dec. 16, 2022.** The input gathered through the questionnaire and other consultation activities will inform a national school food policy. More at: [Government of Canada launches consultations on a pan-Canadian school food policy](#); [Pan-Canadian school food policy – Discussion paper](#); [The Poverty Reduction Strategy](#); [The Food Policy for Canada](#)

Not-for-Profit Board Training Program presented by Holland College

In order for executive/board members to be engaged and make meaningful contributions to a Home and School, they should take training to help with understanding a nonprofit's mission, vision, and values. Holland College is offering a Board Training Course. The cost is: \$100 per person. If interested, find out more online at: <https://hollandcollege.com/about/customized-training/board-member-training.html?fbclid=IwAR11xyoqe6BcOEDDq8ROliwyT8MsQYx9WAK9neys7X0qGw2ge3AKaFB3O6M>

International Volunteer Day is on December 5 annually

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!