

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

February 2023

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Dates to Remember:

February 7	Big Emotions – SWBT presentation at Central Queens
February 13-17	Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week
February 20	Islander Day – No School
February 21 – 24	Canada Games- No classes
February 27- March 3	Mid Term Break- no classes
March 6	Students return to school
March 10	Grade 9 pictures
March 15	Home & School Meeting
March 22	Report Cards sent home
March 23	Student Led Conferences (pm)
March 24	Student Led Conferences (all day) no classes
March 23 & 24	Scholastic Book Fair



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:

Congrats to a season well played by our girls and boys basketball teams. Both teams finished the league season strong and won their first playoff game to advance onwards towards the finals. Best of luck to them for the rest of your journey there! A very big thank you to the volunteer coaches who make this possible.

Upcoming: Badminton will be starting up after the February break for gr 6-9 students. We will have singles and doubles teams for Novice (gr 6), Bantam (gr 7/8) and Intermediate (gr 9) which will be determined through tryouts. I will announce the tryout dates when we come back from break so remind students to listen to the announcements for those if they are interested as if they miss them, they miss their shot at the team. Good luck to everyone!

Music News:

To help support the annual band trip, students in band are selling chocolate bars for the next 2 weeks. We have 3 flavors to choose from - caramel, milk chocolate, and crispy rice. All products are nut free and are priced at 3.00 per bar. The funds will help lower the cost of our trip to Halifax.

St. Patrick's Day BINGO is coming to Gulf Shore. If you are feeling the luck of the Irish, stay tuned for more details. A firm date for the event will be confirmed by March 1st. Another fundraiser brought to you by the Gulf Shore Band Program.

Gulf Shore Band is traveling to Halifax from April 26 to April 28. Details will be sent home in the next few days. We will be playing concerts at some local schools and participating in the Atlantic Festival of Music.

Staff Changes:

We want to welcome Lora Serres back from her maternity leave. Dorothy Wakelin was filling in for Lora during her maternity leave.

Student Wellbeing Team Presentation: Are you looking for ways to help your child navigate big emotions? Gulf Shore parents are invited to a presentation: **Big Emotions**. Central Queens School, February 7th, 6:30. There is more information on the school Facebook page

Yearbook Sponsorship:

If you would like to sponsor our 2022/2023 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 2023-2024

If you've missed the deadline to register your child for kindergarten for the 2023 – 2024 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, 2023, in order 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:

Our next meeting is March 15, 2023 due to the February break and also we will be posting a sign up genius for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week on February 13 - 17. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details.

PEI Home & School Federation:

Home and School News, February 2023

1. President's Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due **February 28**. All reports **will be included in the 70th Annual Book of Reports**. Write about local Home and School activities that have occurred during this school year and to the end of June 2023. For tips, view the [2022 Book of Reports](https://peihsf.ca/agm/)

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[Click here to use the NEW President's Google 2023 Report Form](#)

2. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 13-17, 2023. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

3. Volunteer of the Year & Life Member Awards

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

4. 70th Annual Meeting

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 15, 2023**, 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/>

5. 2023 Canada Winter Games/Mid-term Break

PEI is host to the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Our mid-term school break is combined with the games, February 21-28. The PEI Home and School Federation sends best wishes to the Canada Games team of dedicated volunteers and staff, who will welcome Canada's best athletes and the nation to PEI in 2023. Together, we will celebrate our athletes and share PEI's welcoming community spirit with the rest of Canada.

Other Community News

~ KidproofPEI currently offers courses: "At Home Alone+First Aid" (ages 10 yrs+) and Babysitting Training (ages 11 yrs+) with plans to add Bullyproofing and Stranger Smarts courses. Sessions are offered in Summerside and Charlottetown. KidproofPEI is available to do presentations to Local Home and School meetings. Contact: www.kidproofpei.com | kidproofpei@gmail.com | 902-724-2702

