

Gulf Shore School Newsletter

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Happy New Year -On behalf of all staff, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2023.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, January 3	1 st instructional day 2023
Wednesday, January 18	Home & School Meeting
Monday, February 20- March 3	Mid Term Break (no classes)

Staff Updates

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following staff to our Gulf Shore Family:

Tracey MacMillan – Gr 8 Eng Homeroom, 7,8,9 Math and 7/8 Science
Nick vanOuwkerk – Gr 9 Eng Homeroom, 7,8,9 English, Home Ec. and Social Studies
Kirsten Corbin – will continue in grade 5/6 French Immersion

Drop Off/Pick Up

If you are dropping off or picking up a child/student at the school, please remember that the bus lane is closed to traffic from 8:15-8:45 am and from 2:00-3:00 pm. Also, if there is a bus in the lane with lights flashing at any other time of the day, please do not enter the bus lane. Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe.

School Closure

Please listen to the radio in the morning for any cancellations or delays. (We belong to the Bluefield Family of Schools.)

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 **can not** be part of your child's plans as we cannot accommodate students using the phone in the event of a closure.

Students Please Sign In/Sign Out

Students are reminded that if you are late arriving to school or you are leaving school before the end of the day, you **must** sign in/out at the office.

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.

Phys Ed News: -

Basketball is still going with our boys and girls A teams who did a great job of representing Gulf Shore prior to Christmas break. Fingers crossed we can keep this good streak up the last few weeks of the season into playoffs and finals before February break!

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.

Gulf Shore Home & School -

Happy New Year Gulf Shore Families!

Our January Home and School meeting will be held January 18, 23. @ 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, we hope to see you there.

PEI Home and School News, January 2023

1. 2023 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Fri. Jan. 20**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

2. Resolutions are about change

Do you see a need for change in PEI's education system? The PEI Home and School Federation supports equal opportunity for all students in PEI's education system and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at Annual General Meetings and then forwarding these to the appropriate decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Consider important issues that pertain to education, safety, health, and total well-being. Members are encouraged to call the Federation office for assistance and refer to our [writing and presenting resolutions](#) guide. You can review the Guide and Federation resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> 2023 resolutions are due in the Federation office by **Tues. Jan. 31**.

3. School Staff Appreciation Week - February 13-17, 2023

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents/students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, admin support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Remember to keep plans simple!

4. 2023 Annual General Meeting

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will celebrate its 70th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**. All Home and School Associations are invited and welcome to attend, with each Association designating up to five as their voting delegates. AGM meeting details and registration documents will be circulated to presidents.

5. Annual President's Reports

Presidents are to write their 2022-2023 Annual Report and submit to the Federation by **Tues. Feb. 28**. You can view annual reports online in the Annual Book of Reports at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

6. Home and School Guardian Column

The PEI Home and School Federation's monthly Home and School news column is written by Dionne Tuplin, President for The Guardian newspaper. The next column will be posted on Jan. 6 on our website <https://peihsf.ca/news/> and social media platforms.

Community News:

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM – WE NEED YOU!

Big Brothers Big Sisters have been building our programming back toward pre Covid levels. Our **In-School Mentoring Program** provides children with a role model and friend to talk to right in their own school. Bigs and Littles will share experiences, stories and have fun for an hour every week.

The benefits of mentoring aren't just social! This one-to-one relationship also fosters increased educational engagement and mental health & wellbeing by:

- Providing a role model and friend for children;
- Promoting the importance of staying in school and healthy relationships with family and peers;
- Instilling trust and self-confidence to make healthy decisions;
- Encouraging leadership skills and independent thinking;
- And above all, making a difference while having fun!

It takes just one hour a week to make a BIG difference. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with contact us today. We will provide training and materials. All we need is YOU!

Please contact **Myron Yates** at Big Brothers Big Sisters for more information.

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