



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal : Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal : Jeff Grass



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 9**-Spring photos
- April 10**-PD Day K-9 (No classes)
- April 13-16**-Annual Book Fair
- April 14**-Badminton zones for singles
- April 15**-Badminton zones for doubles
- April 16**- Grade 6 vaccinations (am)
- April 20-23**-Jelly Bean Guess \$1 each for Easter Seals
- April 22**-Hat Day \$2 for Easter Seals
- April 24**-Easter Seals Ambassador Rowan MacDonald visits
- April 30**-Spring Dance (more to will be sent soon)
- May 1**-Area Association/CUPE 3260 Convention (No classes)
- May 18**-Victoria Day (No classes)
- May 28**-Welcome to Kindergarten beginning at 4:00 pm by appointment. Ms. Stephanie will be calling to schedule an appointment time.

Welcome to Kindergarten

- June 5**-Kindergarten Orientation (am for new students in fall, this year's Kindergarten students stay home)
- June 19**-Grade 6 Magic Mountain Field Trip
- June 19**-K-5 Shining Waters Field Trip
- June 22**-Shining Waters rain date
- June 24**-Grade 6 Closing at 4:00pm
- June 25**-Last Day of Classes (K-9)

Principal's Message

It's been another amazing month as March flew by. We celebrated Winter Carnival, leprechaun traps, attendance certificates, bus helper awards & our Golden Eagle recipients. April looks to be equally exciting with longer and sunnier days, the book fair, badminton provincials, and the Easter Seals tour.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible Home & School for the Chili & Chowder Cook-Off fundraiser with proceeds going towards the playground. Your partnership is what truly makes our school

such a vibrant, and nurturing place for children to grow.



BOOK FAIR

Ellerslie will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from April 13th-16th in the school library. Classes will be permitted to view the Book Fair April 13th and will be permitted to buy items from April 14th -16th.

If there are any parents who would like to help, please contact Mrs.Doran.

Thank you to Home and School for donating a \$7 coupon per student to use at the Book Fair this year. We appreciate your support 😊



5A ICE CREAM-COCO CRAZY

We're excited to share that **Grade 5A's original ice cream flavor, Coco Crazy**, will be available at **Holman's Ice Cream** during the **week of May 8**-don't miss it!

Coco Crazy starts with a rich, creamy **chocolate ice cream base**, then gets even better with **chunks of delicious Celebration cookies** mixed throughout. It's all topped off with **mini marshmallows** for a fun, fluffy finish.

This sweet treat tastes amazing because it blends the comforting flavor of **hot chocolate** with the nostalgic goodness of **s'mores**. With a popular cookie brand, dreamy marshmallow texture, and smooth chocolate in every bite, *Coco Crazy* is a flavor everyone will love.

Perfect for **any season**, *Coco Crazy* brings cozy cocoa vibes in the winter and a classic s'mores flavor on a

summer night. We think it's going to sell out fast, so as the students say: "Don't be lazy-go to Holmans' and get *Coco Crazy!*" Thank you for supporting our Grade 5A entrepreneurs! 🌟



HONOUR CHOIR

The honour choir will be performing at Park Royal Church in Charlottetown on Saturday April 18th. They are part of a larger group that totals close to 100 students and have been practicing a number of songs since January. Please wish them luck on their performance during this educational and fun filled day!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS, APRIL 2026

🎯 **It's time to register for 73rd AGM & Conference**
Please register your school and ensure it is represented at this meeting.

Bullying is being addressed by guest speaker Alain Pelletier at the AGM.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 08:40 a.m. – 02:50 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

Conference Highlights: Theme:

"**Stop Bullying. Start Belonging.**"

A.M. Keynote Speaker: Alain Pelletier "5 Faces of Bullying"

Workshop Topics:

1. Child Exploitation Unit
2. "5 Faces of Bullying"
3. Food, Finances & Fundamentals, etc.

Participation: This meeting is open to all parents and educators! While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, more than 5 people can register to attend from each school. *The greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.*

REGISTER by early deadline April 1st at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

PEI Home and School Federation contact information: 902-620-3186 |

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📌 Review 2026 Proposed Resolutions before the AGM

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 18. Please ensure your voting delegates (parents and educators) review these resolutions in advance so they come to the meeting ready to vote.

The proposed resolutions include:

2026-01 = Integrating Playground Equipment into the Provincial Capital Budget

2026-02 = Increase Psycho-Educational Assessment Capacity for School-Aged Children in Prince Edward Island

2026-03 = Repeal Section 43 and Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children

2026-04 = Urging Compliance with PEI Teacher Librarian Directive (Md 2025-05) By Hiring A Provincial Teacher-Librarian Leader

Find proposed resolutions online:

<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

📌 School Bus Driver Award

The PEI Home and School Federation's School Bus Driver of the Year

Award celebrates the dedicated bus drivers who help keep PEI's students safe every day as they travel to and from school.

Nominations for the 2026 award are now open! Submit your nomination by May 8, 2026.

📌 National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026. Ignite Volunteerism: A year-long, nation-building celebration.

We will celebrate how people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities to deepen our collective impact. Visit:

<https://ivy26.ca/> for resources

📌 PSB School Board Trustee Reports

Congratulations to the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees' new Chair, Andrew MacFarlane, and Vice-Chair, Karen Clare, who assumed their one-year roles on March 13, 2026.

Westisle (Zone 1)

Andrew Avery, Zone 1 Trustee for the PSB, has been working to meet all 9 schools in the Westisle Family of Schools since his Feb. 9 by-election win by acclamation. The primary concern across all schools is the need for more support staff, particularly teachers and educational assistants. The shortage of trained EAs is expected to worsen for the 2026-2027 school year, and Avery will advocate for addressing this in upcoming PSB budgets. On Feb 10, Hon. David Jenkins released a report on Student Safety in Island Schools with recommendations to ensure safe learning environments. Avery expressed concerns about the by-election process, which relied solely on mail-in ballots with a tight timeline, and plans to request a full review to establish the proper Election Day, in-person voting stations for 2028. He encourages community members to volunteer for school breakfast programs, noting that students who eat breakfast are more focused learners. Tignish Elementary Principal, Mike Ellsworth, received the 2026 Doug MacDougall Inspire Award for his dedication and positive impact on students and staff. *Andrew Avery* (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield (Zone 4)

I've been able to meet some Home and School Associations in my zone and will

schedule more meetings soon! In the meantime, I encourage people to reach out to me with any concerns or questions. I'm also looking forward to attending the AGM on April 18 and having great conversations with Home and School Association members. I've attended this AGM several times and have always found these meetings to be both informative and an excellent opportunity to network. *Karen* (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Charlottetown (Zone 5)

With the warmer days of April bringing energy and smiles to everyone, we're excited by the prospect of joining one of your upcoming Home and School Association Zone 5 meetings. We'd also be thrilled to lend a hand with any student events you have in the works for May. Supporting the fun and learning that make our schools so special is important to us. In March, we had the pleasure of attending the awarding of the "Extra Mile" award to Mrs. Jill Burry of Stonepark Intermediate School. The affection and respect the students and educators displayed for Mrs. Burry were truly inspiring. It was a privilege to be asked to participate in this ceremony, and congratulations again, Mrs. Burry! Public School Board meeting minutes are available in the Board of Trustees section of the Public Schools Branch website.

Kindest regards & Happy Easter to All!

Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & *Gaylene* (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)



73rd AGM & CONFERENCE
Saturday April 18th, 2026
Stop Bullying, Start Belonging
WORKSHOPS

- Cpl. Robert Yaschuck, RCMP Child Exploitation Unit
- Alain Pelletier "5 Faces of Bullying"
- Home & School Information Sharing: Food, Finances and Fundamentals

3 WEEKS TO GO
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