



# ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



## DATES TO REMEMBER

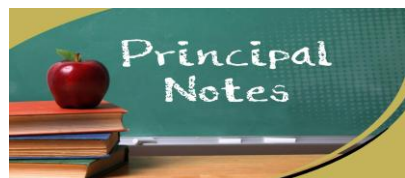
- February 4**-Basketball Zones
- February 5**-Basketball Zones storm date
- February 9**-Candy gram sale
- February 9-12**-Staff Appreciation week
- February 10**-Candy gram sale
- February 11**-Bake sale



- February 12**-Heart Art Show @ 1:00pm
- February 13**-PD Day (No classes)
- February 16**-Islander Day (No classes)
- February 20**-Winter Wellness Day (This is a regular school day)
- February 25**-Pink Shirt Day
- March 6**-Parent Teacher Interviews (K-9) (No classes)
- March 9-13**-Winter Carnival Week
- March 16-20**-Mid-term break (No classes)



- March 25**- Grade 5 & 6 Heritage Fair
- March 26**-Heritage Fair storm day
- April 9**-Spring photos
- April 3**-Good Friday (No classes)
- April 6**-Easter Monday (No classes)
- April 10**-PD Day K-9 (No classes)
- April 13-16**-Book Fair in the Library
- May 1**-Area Association/CUPE 3260 Convention (No classes)
- May 18**-Victoria Day (No classes)
- June 24**-Grade 6 Closing at 4:00pm
- June 25**-Last Day of Classes (K-9)



As we enter February, we are officially halfway through the school year. This is a great time to recognize the hard work and growth of our students and staff. The second half of the year brings new opportunities, goals and continued learning.

At the end of January, we celebrated Family Literacy Day with stations that included lots of positive

communication and collaboration among staff & students. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

## BASKETBALL NEWS

The zone tournament will be Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> (storm date Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>). Girls will be at Hernewood, and the boys will be at M.E Callaghan. The start time for the first game is usually around lunch time. Schedules went home with students. Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from exhibition games and the zone tournament.

## CANDY GRAMS

Candy grams will be on sale on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at little recess for students to purchase. Candy grams will be \$1.00 each and students will have the **opportunity to purchase a maximum of two candy grams** with the thought they can buy one for themselves and one for a friend. Candy grams will be delivered to the students' classes at the end of the day. Thank you to staff who donated the candy for this fundraising event!

**All proceeds will be donated to the Heart Art Show in its effort to raise funds for the IWK Foundation. Thank you everyone for their support!**

## HEART ART

Our annual **Heart Show** will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm. Family members are invited to come view the student's artwork and purchase their child's creations. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the IWK Foundation. Thank you for supporting this wonderful event and helping students at Ellerslie Elementary give back to such a great hospital that helps so many families!



A Bake sale will be held on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> during little recess in which students will have the opportunity to purchase baked good items. If there are any families that would like to donate baked good

items, please let the school know. We ask if possible, these items be individual wrapped. Thank you!

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thank you for the continued support from our Breakfast Program volunteers and those providing financial support for our program. We appreciate you! New volunteers are welcome. If you are interested, please reach out and let us know.

## BUS DRIVER NAMES & NUMBERS

Please see the bus numbers and drivers' names below. Please use these numbers for bus passes.

<b>David Palmer</b>	<b>#769</b>
<b>Melanie Phillips</b>	<b>#538</b>
<b>Sherri Arsenault</b>	<b>#561</b>
<b>Debb Perry</b>	<b>#575</b>
<b>Cathy Richard</b>	<b>#758</b>



## WINTER WELLNESS DAY

**Winter Wellness Day is on the way—February 20<sup>th</sup>, hooray!** At **Mill River**, grades **1 through 6** will spend the day.

Please dress warm and cozy—layers are the key, With boots, hats, and mittens for winter fun and glee.

We'll go **tubing** down the hills, take a **sleigh ride** through the snow, **Skate** and build **snow sculptures**, let creativity flow.

There's **playground time** for laughter and games where spirits soar, Then **hot chocolate by the campfire**—who could ask for more?

**Kindergarten friends** will stay back at the school that day, Enjoying fun-filled activities in their own special way. Bundle up and bring your smiles, adventure's drawing near— Winter Wellness Day is sure to spread some warmth and cheer! ❄️🔥

## PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



### **DONATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

If your family has any gently used musical instruments that are no longer being used, we would be incredibly grateful for your consideration in donating them to our school music class. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office or to the music teacher, Mr. LeClair.

### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. Students are asked to wear pink to take a stand against bullying.



### **WINTER ATTIRE**

**It is that time of year when we would ask parents to please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.**

We would also ask that parents label as many items as possible as there have been some mix ups ☺ Please note: our lost and found table is piling high, drop by and check it out if your child may be missing some things.



### **HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **📍 Say 'Thank You' to School Staff**

PEI celebrates Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 8–14, 2026. Across the Island, Home and School Associations — together with parents and students — are expressing their gratitude and recognizing the dedication and hard work of school staff who make a difference every day. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming — every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

#### **📍 Annual Reports**

President's Annual Reports are due February 28 for inclusion in the 73rd Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. Read last year's 'Book of Reports 2025' for writing tips at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. If you need help, call Shirley at 902-620-3186 or Jeana at 902-620-3187.

#### **📍 Mark your calendars for AGM April 18th**

Mark your calendars for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Make decisions to shape positive changes in PEI's school system with delegates from across the Island. The Federation will mail AGM registration packages to presidents in February. Details will be posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

#### **📍 Home and School Volunteer Award**

Every school has that special someone who's always ready to lend a hand - organizing events, helping out in the school, fundraising or bringing people together. Do you know a volunteer who makes a real difference in your school community? Nominate them for the *Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award* and help us celebrate their contributions.

Deadline for nominations: March 6th. Learn more at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

**📍 Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 25, 2026.** This year's design for CKNW Kids' Fund Pink Shirt Day reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'. The artwork shows a child sharing an umbrella with friends as hearts fall like rain from the sky. A playful reminder that kindness grows when it is shared. For more information, go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

#### **📍 PSB School Trustee Messages Charlottetown, Zone 5:**

As we look forward to February, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. In January, we had the pleasure of attending Home and School Association meetings at Donagh Regional, Sherwood Elementary, St. Jean's Elementary, West Kent Elementary, and West Royalty Elementary. Zone 5 association meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to connect with families, hear parents' concerns, and learn about the great ideas and initiatives being shared. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting.

Kindest regards & Happy Islander Day to All!

Andrew ([amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca](mailto:amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca)) & Gaylene ([qcarragher@edu.pe.ca](mailto:qcarragher@edu.pe.ca))

**Bluefield, Zone 4:** I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of the Englewood and Bluefield Home and School Associations in January. We chatted about what's happening at each school, and I provided an update on my activities as their new School Board Trustee. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to meeting other Home and School Associations. I also

welcome any questions or feedback.

Karen ([kclare@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kclare@edu.pe.ca))

#### **📍 Key 2026 February Holidays & Observances:**

- Black History Month: February honours Black Canadian history and excellence.
- Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14
- National Flag of Canada Day: Sunday, February 15
- Islander Day: Prince Edward Island: Monday, Feb 16
- [International Mother Language Day](#): February 21
- [Pink Shirt Day](#): Last Wednesday of February