



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Jaime Cole

Vice-Principal: Sarah Totten



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 3**-Area Ass'n PD/CUPE Convention (No classes)
- May 9**-Family Night 6:00-7:30pm
- May 13-24**-School Based Grade 4 Writing Assessment
- May 15**-Home & School Meeting at 6:00 pm
- May 20**-Victoria Day (No classes)



- May 22**-Track & Field Zones at UPEI
- May 25** – Bottle Drive for end of the year trips

Welcome to Kindergarten

- May 30**-Welcome To Kindergarten (By appointment)
- May 31**-T&F Provincials @ UPEI
- June 4 or 5**-Grade 6 Math Assessment
- June 7** – New Kindergarten Orientation (Current Kindergarten students do not attend)
- June 12**-Last day of Breakfast Program
- June 19**-Shining Waters for K-5, Magic Mountain for Grade 6
- June 20**-Shining Waters Rain date
- June 26**-Grade 6 closing at 4:00 pm
- June 26**-Last day of Classes

Principal's Message

April was a busy month with Earth Day activities, a worm farm in grade 3, caterpillar's metamorphosing in Grade 2, badminton zones and provincials, the book fair, the craft fair and Lucie coming as the Easter Seals Ambassador and so many other wonderful learning opportunities in all of our classes. May is sure to be just as busy.

We are excited to be having a Family Night at the school on May 9th from 6:00-7:30 pm. This is a great chance for families to come and learn more about Social Emotional Learning and connect with the school. In May, we will also be welcoming our new kindergarten students who are be joining the Ellerslie Eagles next year.

There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on June 7 as it will be an orientation day for the new students coming in the fall. All other students (gr1-gr 6) will have school that day.

BOOK FAIR

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who contributed to our Book Fair. With your tremendous support, our school has added \$2500.00 worth of new books to both classroom libraries and our school library. We greatly appreciate staff who helped with set-up and to our wonderful parent volunteers, Lisa Banks and Sam Doran, we appreciate your time donated. Thanks again to our Home and School committee for providing each student with a \$5 coupon.



AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON

Badminton season has officially come to an end. Thank you to all the players for coming out this year. A big congratulations goes out to Sylvée Robinson for qualifying for badminton provincials.

TRACK AND FIELD

The next sport that students in grades 5 and 6 can play at school is track and field. This is a sport that includes long and short running races as well as jumping and throwing field events.

The Zone meet is May 22nd, so the season is very short. If students do well at zones, they qualify for provincials on May 31st. Over the next few weeks there will be tryouts/practices at big recess here at school. Please encourage your child to get active and participate in the sport.



BOTTLE DRIVE: MAY 25TH

Please save your bottles for the school's bottle drive. The proceeds will go to help cover costs for end of the year activities for the students. Bertha's Bottle Exchange will be set up at the school on May 25th from 9:00-12:00 pm. Grade 6 students will be here to help for the bottle drive. Thanks in advance for your support!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Data shows that students who attend school regularly (missing less than 5% of the total number of school days) are better readers, have stronger social connections and many other factors. At Ellerslie, our attendance data showed that 27.5% of students are chronically absent. We would like to remind parents to contact their student's teacher if the student is absent and if they are concerned about their student's attendance.



Every student. Every day.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



**FAMILY NIGHT AT ELLERSLIE:
EXPLORING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
LEARNING**

On May 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm, all Ellerslie families are invited to come to a family night at the school. There will be several centers that promote Social Emotional Learning.

- Self-awareness (the ability to understand one’s own emotions, thoughts and values and how they influence behavior) This is a chance to look through some of the resources we have at the school.
- Self-management (the ability to harness one’s emotions, thoughts and behaviors effectively in different situations.) You can try some family friendly yoga.
- Social awareness (the ability to understand the perspective of and empathize with others including those with diverse backgrounds) You can visit with Whispering Hope Farms.
- Relationship skills (listening actively, communicating effectively and developing mutually healthy and productive relationships) You can make friendship bracelets and do some mindful coloring activities.
- Responsible decision making (make caring and constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions) You can play low organized sports
- Snack Station to nourish our bodies.

SUNSENSE CHALLENGE

During the month of May, Melanoma Awareness Month, Ellerslie is participating in the SunSense Challenge by including educational activities throughout the month that promote sun safety for students, staff and parents.

Best Practices for Protecting Skin

Seek shade

Protect skin by staying in shaded areas, especially from 11a.m. to 3p.m when UVR is at its peak.

Cover Up

Clothes protect better than sunscreen. Cover up as much of your skin as you can with clothing made of tightly woven fabric as this prevents the rays of light from passing through to your skin.

Wear a hat

Many skin cancers develop on the face and neck. To provide extra protection, select a hat with a wide brim that covers your head, face, ears and neck.

Wear sunglasses

Sunglasses aren’t just a fashion accessory – they protect your eyes from damage by blocking UV rays. Choose close-fitting sunglasses with UVA and UVB protection in a wraparound style. The label might have UV 400 or 100% UV protection.

Use sunscreen properly

Apply a broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB protection) sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. It’s important to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any skin not covered by clothing. If you’re going in the water, make sure its water resistant and be sure to reapply often. Check out our [Sunscreen infographic](#) for more tips about sunscreen application.



Home and School News, May 2024

1. School Bus Driver Award
Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 10, 2024.** More at: <https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

2. Newly Elected Board
 Congratulations to Shannon Bruyneel, the newly elected PEI Home and School Federation president and the incoming 2024-2025 board. Thank you to outgoing President Dionne Tuplin, board reps Matthew McNally and Elina John, and local Home and School delegates and guests for participating in the AGM on April 13. Vacant positions include Bluefield, Colonel Gray, Morell, and Souris. If you want to join the PEIHSF board, contact the Federation office at 902-620-3186 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca for details.

3. Provincial Science Fair Specialty Awards The PEI Home and School Federation presented Specialty Awards at the 2024 Provincial Science Fair on April 9. Congratulations to **Mariella Walsh**, West Royalty, Grade 6, "Which Environment Affects Your Memory the Most?" and **Charlotte Beatty**, Donagh, Grade 5, "Hey Mold? Whatcha Eatin'?"

4. Public Schools Branch

The PSB Review of Schools Report for the Charlottetown Family of Schools (Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray) is available and can be found at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates>. PSB Board of Trustees meeting dates will be posted online at <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/board-meetings-and-minutes>

5. School Calendar

The Department of Education and Early Years released the 2024-2025 School Calendar on April 17. Find posted at [2023-2024 School Calendar | Government of Prince Edward Island](https://www.gov.pe.ca/government-of-prince-edward-island)

6. COMPASS Student Health Results 2023-24

The 2023-2024 COMPASS Student Health Survey results are posted at: <https://www.livewellpei.ca/compass-project-0>.

7. The Guardian Home and School news column

President Shannon Bruyneel's first Home and School column will be published on May 3 and the ensuing first Fridays of the month during the school year. The Guardian columns are posted online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.



Calling all Moms! 📣

We are hosting a "Mom 2 Mom" Sale at Cavendish Farm Community Event Centre on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm 🕒
 Email us at : eventscentre.tv@gmail.com to book your table which is \$30/table 😊

