



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



November 5- Co-Regulation/Big Emotions/Big Worries Parents night (session 2)

November 5- School Remembrance Day service at 11:00 am

November 5- Grade 6 students to Victoria West Cemetery 9:15-11:00 am

November 7 & 8- PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)

November 11- Remembrance Day (No classes)

November 18- Hot dog fundraiser

November 21- Courage Assembly

November 21 & 22- Parent Teacher Interviews (No school Nov 22)

November 29- Potato fundraiser due

December 3- Grinch Day

December 7- Pick up potato fundraiser from 9-10:00 am

December 8- Whoville at the School from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

December 11- Christmas Concert am and pm concerts (More information to follow in December)

December 12- Storm date for concert

December 13- Student & Staff Christmas Meal

December 16- Flea Market

December 18th- Christmas Sweaters

December 19th _Pajama Day

December 20 – School Skate

December 20- Last day of school for students for 2024

January 6- First instructional day for students for 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ellerslie Elementary has a busy November with Remembrance Day ceremonies, professional development of staff and Parent teacher conferences.

Our school goals as directed by the Department of Education and Early Learning is to focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), along with teaching the curriculum. We all recognize this is important. This year, we are excited to implement various SEL programs and activities that encourage self-awareness, empathy, and resilience. Our goal is to create an

environment where every student feels valued and supported, allowing them to reach their full potential academically and personally.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to cultivate a positive school community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at 902-831-7920 or by email sitotten@edu.pe.ca.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day celebration will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 5th at Ellerslie Elementary School. Wally Ellis will be leading the ceremony and the school choir will be performing.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 21st from 3:00pm -5:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm and November 22nd 9:00am – 12:00pm. An electronic sign up will be emailed out that allows parents to select time slots with your child's teacher that work best for you. If you have multiple children in the school, it is advised that you sign up early to ease the scheduling for you. Your child's Learning Report will go home on November 20th.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

In looking ahead to December, we are beginning to think about our School Christmas flea market. This is where students will be given the opportunity to purchase items for their family for Christmas for one dollar each. Last year was a huge success and all proceeds were donated to a family in need! At this time, we're asking people to save any gently used items they may wish to donate to this great cause. Items can be brought to the school any time after December 1st. Please no clothes. Also, if anyone has any extra gift wrap or gift bags please send those as well.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: RECIPES IN A JAR

Thank you to all the families that sold the jars and those who supported the school by purchasing a jar. There were **more than 542 jars sold!** Well done!

The jars will be at the school and ready for pick up by parents during the Parent Teacher Conferences on November 21st and 22nd.

The top sellers for the school were:
1st place: Nash Palmer
2nd place: George McKay
3rd place: Emmy Ellis

Well done to our top sellers!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

Thanks to our fabulous volunteers and the donations from community groups and individuals we now offer a breakfast program on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Thank you to Dan MacDonald & Associates Inc. and Trout River Industries for their recent donation. We appreciate everyone's support.** It is great to be able to offer nutritious foods to ensure all students start the day ready to learn.

Thank you to James Trainor from Ellerslie Rite Stop for donating all the watermelon for our Breakfast Program for our students. We greatly appreciated it!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Parents are asked to register their child for kindergarten prior to November 22, 2024.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, in order to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI Health Card or a Passport.

OTHER SIDE...MORE INFO

- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

SPORTS NEWS:


With soccer zones completed, the fall sports season has officially come to an end. Cross-country was a major success this year with a number of strong finishes. A special shoutout goes out to Jaece Gorrill and Addison Smith on coming first at zones in their respective divisions. The Pre-Novice girls also came first as a team at Zones. Well done!

With soccer, both teams had a great season and a strong showing at the zone tournament. Ellerslie would like to thank Christina Sidwell and Mackayla Morrison for all their time and effort they put in this fall with the soccer teams. Next up for sports is basketball.

ATTENDANCE:

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school

Home and School Newsletter, November 2024

 FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st


The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers' effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers -- parent, teacher and student.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.,
Ellerslie Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.,
Eliot River Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 1st to
ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186. FREE. Refreshments provided.

Thank you for Ellerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

 Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees

PEI Home and School Association membership fees are due: Nov. 1. Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

 School Crossing Guard Award


The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8.

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>


 Parent Leadership Grants

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and engagement in school communities. Click here for Application. For more information, contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186. Submission deadline Nov. 8th.

 What's on your Home and School meeting's agenda?

1. Ask the principal for a school report.
2. Inquire about integrated inquiry-based curriculum, Gr. 5 pilot.
3. Invite a PSB staff person to talk about the recent PSB school study review.
4. Involve everyone around the meeting table. List committees and ways for volunteers to help.
5. Motions are required for all financial decisions; use basic parliamentary procedures.

6. Sign up for Home and School Volunteer Leadership Training workshops coming up on the Nov. 4th (Ellerslie School) or Nov. 5th (Eliot River School)

 Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution

writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference, follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31.

More school community news...

~ Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night - Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5 to tammynorden@gmail.com

~ Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair - Nov 16th, 9 AM-3 pm & Nov 17th, 12 - 4 pm. Over 80 tables, Raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: annamariarsenault@gmail.com

~ Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair - Nov. 15th, 5:30-9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield Band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is 3\$ / Children under 12 are free.

~ Are you a school food volunteer? Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>. Note: May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.