ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal : Sarah Totten **Vice-Principal : Crystal MacKendrick**





November 1-Daylight Savings



Time (Clocks fall back one hour)
November 4-Take Your Kids to Work Day
November 5 & 6-PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)
November 9-Grade 5/6X & 6A students to Port Hill Cemetery 8:45 am-10:30 am
November 9-Rembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am
November 11-Remembrance Day (No classes)
November 16-Report card day (No classes)
November 19- National Jersey Day
November 25-Report cards go home
November 26-Courage Assembly
November 26-Parent Teacher Interviews (pm)
November 27-Parent Teacher Interviews K-12 (No classes)
December 3-Student & Staff Christmas Meal K-3A from 11:00-12:00pm & 3/4Y-6 from 12:30-1:30pm
December 8-Christmas Sweater
December 10-Christmas Concert 10:00 am and 1:00 pm concerts
December 11-Storm date for concert
December 14-Grinch Day
December 15-Summerside Capital Game at 11:00 am
December 16-Christmas Colors
December 17-Pajama/Movie Day
December 17-Patience Assembly
December 18-School Skate
December 18-Last day of classes for students in 2026
January 4-First instructional day for students for 2027



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ellerslie Elementary has a busy November, our school will gather to honor veterans and active service members during our Remembrance Day assembly, and our teachers and staff will engage in professional learning during our upcoming Professional Development Days to better support student growth. We will also host Parent-Teacher Interviews, which offer a wonderful opportunity to review your child's progress and set goals together. Strong communication between home and school is one of the biggest drivers of student success, so we encourage you to stay connected with us through our website, regular emails, and classroom communications. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day assembly will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 9th at Ellerslie Elementary School.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 26th from 3:15pm -5:00pm and 5:30pm-7:00pm. On November 21st they will be held from 9:00am – 11:30pm. 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 25th.

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 will go to a worthwhile cause. 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 school at any time after December 1st. Please no clothing donations. Also, if anyone has any extra gift wrap or gift bags, please send those as well.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and to all those who donated to our school breakfast program. We offer our breakfast program on Mondays and Wednesdays**.** It is great to be able to offer nutritious foods to ensure all students start the day ready to learn.

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to our top seller selling 5 boxes, Dezirea McFadyen. Tied for second place selling 4 boxes each are Lily Williams, Bo Jones, Oaklyn Dyment, Lena Simon and Anna Bessie MacWilliams.

A heartfelt thank you to parents and students for your support of our chocolate bar fundraiser. Your time, effort and generosity mean so much to our school community. We are grateful for our supportive school family. Thank you for helping make Ellerslie Elementary a special place to learn and grow!

PHYS ED NOTES:

We would like to send out a special thank you to our volunteer soccer coaches this season. We appreciate your time and dedication to our students. Girls coach: Christina Sidwell and the Boys Coach: Ryan Campbell.

Basketball is right around the corner. We hope to begin late November.

MUSIC NOTES:

I can't believe that November is here and we are already two months into the school year. I have to say that I am extremely impressed with your children and the amount of effort they are putting into their music classes. There are a couple of important dates coming up in November and a few notes worth mentioning.

The Ellerslie Choir will be performing at the school on November 9th for our Remembrance Day assembly, and then again on November 26th for our Courage assembly. The Ellerslie Choir will also be performing for the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Ellerslie Legion on November 11th. Christmas concert rehearsals will be starting in November and grade 4-6 honour choir practices will continue as well. If you have any questions about honour choir, please contact me at school. Information forms will be sent out as soon as I receive them. Drumming club will also start in November. That's it for now and thanks for all that you do.

Mr. LeClair

MORE INFO……. OTHER SIDE!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2026

Volunteer Leadership Training Workshops
The PEI Home and School Federation is offering Home and School Leadership Training Workshops in early November:

Monday, November 2, Spring Park Elementary School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, Souris Regional School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
No cost to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.
These workshops offer helpful tips and practical information for volunteers serving in executive positions, as well as general members interested in becoming more involved.
Please register by **Friday, October 30,** by email ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186

Recognition and Awards Program 2026/2027
Awards recognize deserving individuals in our school communities.
Nominations for **Crossing Guard Award of the Year** are due November 6, 2026.
Nominations for **Extra Mile Awards** for school staff members are due January 16, 2027.
Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year Award** are due March 1, 2027.
Nominations for **School Bus Driver Awards** are due May 7, 2027.
More at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

Parent Leadership Grants
Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.
Go to: https://peihsf.ca/grants.
Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026.**

Reminder to pay 2026-2027 Membership Fees & Update Executive Contacts
Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees. Pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.
Presidents are reminded to update executive member's contacts using our Google Form at: https://forms.gle/vagSKKaY4hBEvqeQ8

What's on your Home & School meeting's agenda?
- Add the November 2026 newsletter topics to your local meeting's agenda for discussion
- Invite your principal to present an overview of the COMPASS 2025-26 results at the next Home and School meeting. https://peihsf.ca/news/
- Invite your Public Schools Branch Trustee to report on school review reports and other PSB news.
- Discuss issues needing change in PEI schools. View a slideshow about writing and submitting a resolution at https://peihsf.ca/home-and-school-training/

Pubic Schools Branch Board of Trustees News
The next Board of Trustees public meeting is at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, at Tignish Elementary School. The public is more than welcome to observe in person or virtually: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/board-meetings-and-minutes.
Following a school study, the Board of Trustees approved a public consultation for Montague Interm. School (October 14, 2026) and Westwood Primary School (Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., November 18, 2026, at Westwood Primary School). After each consultation date, the public can provide feedback for a full month. Please visit the Public Schools Branch Website for more information: https://psb.edu.pe.ca.
If you would like to connect with the Trustee for your zone, please visit the Board of Trustees Website for their e-mail address, Board of Trustees meetings and minutes, school studies and other reports, and news: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees.

Other Community News...
~STEAM PEI fall programming: PD Full Day Camps (Grades K-4) featuring hands-on topics like sound, digital art, weather, and innovation offered on November PD days in Charlottetown and Summerside. Clean Tech Club (Girls, Grades 5-9): An evening club focused on renewable energy, green tech, environmental solutions, and connecting with girls in STEM. Contact: Veronica veronica@steampei.com

Dates to remember:
November 5-6 PEI Teachers' Federation Convention (no classes)
November 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
November 13 World Kindness Day
November 16 Report Card Day (no classes)
November 27 Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
November 15-21 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 20 National Child Day
November 23–27 Canada History Week

