



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 9-** LockDown
- October 9-** Final regular season soccer games (4 pm kickoff)
Boys @ St. Louis and Girls@home vs. St. Louis
- October 10-**Cross Country zones at Mill River (Bus will transport runners to and from)
- October 11-**Cross Country rain date
- October 14-**Thanksgiving (No classes)
- October 15-**Soccer Zones Tournaments
Boys @ Bloomfield and Girls @Tignish
- October 19-**SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT 4:00-7:00 pm.
- October 19-**Cross Country Provincials at Mill Rivers for runners advancing from Zones.
- October 21-**School photo retakes (am)
- October 29-**Co-Regulation/Big Emotions/Big Worries Parents Night (session 1)
- October 31-**Halloween Activities (pm)
- November 1-**PD Day (No classes)
- November 5-** Co-Regulation/Big Emotions/Big Worries Parents night (session 2)
- November 7 & 8-**PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)
- November 11-**Remembrance Day (No classes)
- November 22-**Parent Teacher Interviews K-12 (No classes)
- December 20-**Last day of school for students for 2024

NEW STAFF

We want to extend a huge welcome to Mikayla Hardy who has joined our Ellerslie Elementary Team.



As we welcome October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible start to our school year. It's been wonderful to see our students so engaged in their learning, and I am proud of the enthusiasm they bring to the classroom every day.

I can't believe how quickly the first month of school has gone. October is here and it looks like it will be an exciting month with lots of great activities for our students.

I know I am grateful for this incredible school community that we have at Ellerslie. I am grateful for our dedicated and caring staff who inspire and nurture the minds of our students every day.

I am thankful for our students who bring enthusiasm, curiosity and joy to our school.

I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support and involvement. Together, we are making a positive impact on our students' lives. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 902-831-7920 or by emailing sjtotten@edu.pe.ca

CORN BOIL THANKS

We want to send a huge thank you to the Comptons' for donating all of the corn that was used for our Terry Fox and Corn Boil Day in September. We certainly appreciated the help.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Breakfast Program has started and will offer our students a small snack on Mondays and a larger breakfast on Wednesday mornings. This is possible with the help of funding from the Breakfast Club of Canada, Provincial Government, donations and the hard work and dedication of our Volunteers. Special thank you to the Volunteers for all the shopping, preparation, cooking and time spent doing the Breakfast Program. Please note: any donations would be greatly appreciated.

LOCKDOWN POLICY

We will be practicing our Lockdown Policy on Tuesday, October 9th at 9:30am.

At this time we would like to remind parents and/or members of the public that anytime they visit the school to come to the office after entering the school building. As part of our lockdown policy parents or members of the public are actually not permitted to go to children's classes and we very much appreciate your help in keeping all students safe.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Teachers will have prepared stories, activities, crafts and some other surprises for the afternoon. We hope the children enjoy this afternoon and have a safe and fun Halloween night.

Students will put on their costumes at lunch. Students are not to wear masks or take replicas of weapons.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE PSB

As we mentioned in our first newsletter of the year, schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let's continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



STUDENT INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians are asked to keep the school updated with new information on their child. Whether it is a new phone number, new address, emergency contact, health issues (allergies), etc. please inform the school of changes.

BUS NOTES

When writing a bus note for your child please ensure you have everything as listed below:

- **Student's Name**
- **Student's class (KA, 1Z)**
- **Date**
- **Drop off Name**
- **Drop off civic address**
- **Bus Number**
- **Parent's signature**
- **Any additional information**

A signature and date is very important and will save a call to you to verify the note. For the class please put KA, 1Z etc. Please don't simply write dad's house as a substitute would not necessarily be aware of that information.

A friendly reminder that bus passes this school year are only be issued for childcare purposes. A note being sent with your child would be preferred over a phone call.

ELLERSLIE HOME & SCHOOL NEWS:

The Ellerslie Home and School meets monthly with the next Home and School Meeting happening on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Treat Day: October 11, 2024
Orders Due: October 7, 2024

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, OCTOBER 2024

📣 Register for Semi-Annual Meeting

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 21, 2024, 6-8 pm at Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River. Topics & Speakers are:

STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY

PLANS:

* Cody Davenport, *COMPASS program surveys grades 7-12 students; will share survey results and plans for the 2024-2025 school year.*

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS & FOOD SAFETY SUPPORTS:

* Courtney Shaffer, Inspector = What are Food Safety guidelines/supports for school food programs?

* Samantha Dougay, Dietitian = What's in a healthy breakfast menu?

* Heather Walker, Spring Park = This is how our breakfast program works.

* David Schult for Sterling Carruthers = Education and Early Years funding for school breakfast and snack programs

- Parents, educators, and students in your school community are welcome!

- Invite your school's breakfast program volunteers!

REGISTER by Oct. 16/24 at:

<https://forms.gle/tbamHFkUu8ebi4fv9>

📣 Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 4 – Ellerslie Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Nov. 5 – Eliot River Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Guidance for executive positions (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary); Bookkeeping tips for Treasurers and general information for all volunteers.

No cost. Register by emailing peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by **Oct. 30.**

📣 Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day.

Nominations are due **Nov. 1.** Find the application at: <https://peihsf.ca/Crossing-Guard-Award>.

📣 Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Student Well Being Teams, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: **Nov. 8.** PL Grant online: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

📣 PSB Public meetings:

Charlottetown Family of Schools study
The Board of Trustees is now engaging with the Charlottetown school community and stakeholders to receive feedback on the recommendations contained in the report. To review the report, [visit the Public Schools Branch's website](#). Share your feedback by emailing psb-schoolreview@edu.pe.ca using "Charlottetown Family of Schools" in the subject line by Oct. 18/24. Share input by attending a public meeting: Oct. 1, 6:30 pm, Spring Park Elementary; Oct. 8, 2024, 6:30 pm, Charlottetown Rural High School; Oct. 10, 2024, 6:30 pm, Birchwood Intermediate School.

📣 PEI's Auditor General's Report: Healthiness of Food in Schools, Sept. 18/24

- READ: [The auditor general's full report on nutrition in P.E.I. schools](#)
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

📣 Education and Economic Development: Public Schools Branch Staffing Presentation, Sept. 19/24

- READ: https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/PSB_Staffing

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