



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4-EPIC ENGINES (11am-2pm) Fundraiser here at the school with proceeds to the school playground. Entry by donation. Food and drink available for purchase.

October 7-Cross Country zones at Mill River (Bus will transport runners to and from)

October 8- LockDown at 9:30am

October 10-PD Day (No classes)

October 13-Thanksgiving (No classes)

October 14-Soccer Zones Tournaments

Boys @ Bloomfield and Girls @ Tignish

October 18-Cross Country Provincials at Mill Rivers for runners advancing from Zones.

October 30-Gratitude Assembly

October 31-Halloween Activities (pm)

November 6 & 7-PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)

November 10-Report card day-no classes

November 11-Remembrance Day (No classes)

November 14-School photo retakes (am)

November 21-Parent Teacher Interviews K-12 (No classes)

December 19-Last day of classes for students in 2025



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 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.

It's clear that our students have returned ready to learn, grow, and contribute. Watching them settle into routines, embrace challenges, and support one another reminds us of the importance of the work we do every day.

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 Compton's Farm Market for donating all of the corn that was used for our Terry Fox and Corn Boil Day in September. We certainly appreciated the help.

Also, thank you to Hilton MacLennan for the generous donation to the School Breakfast Program.

LOCKDOWN POLICY

We will be practicing our Lockdown Policy on Wednesday, October 8th 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 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 lunchtime. Students are not to wear masks or take replicas of weapons.

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 this information. 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 to be issued for childcare purposes. A note being sent with your child would be preferred over a phone call.

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer: Soccer schedule, please note the change with the girls home game against Alberton (the game has been switched from Oct 6th to the 9th).

Girls:

- October 8 - Home game vs. O'Leary Elementary (3:30pm start time)

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



- October 9 - Home game vs. Alberton Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 14 - Soccer zones at Tignish Elementary (Expect a noon start time)
- October 15 - Rain date for zones

Boys:

- October 6 - Away game at Alberton Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 8 - Away game at O'Leary Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 14 - Soccer zones at Bloomfield Elementary (Expect a noon start time)
- October 15 - Rain date for zones

Cross Country: Cross-country zones are set for October 7th at Mill River. Parents attending the event are asked to park in the Curling Rink's parking lot. There will be a bus to transport runners to and from the event. If a student decides to go home with their parent/guardian, please have someone notify Mr. MacDougall before doing so.

If a runner is successful in making it to Cross-Country provincials, the provincial meet will be Saturday October 18th at Mill River.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, OCTOBER 2025

📅 Register for Child Protection Information Session

Parents, school staff, and community members are invited to register for the Child Protection Info Session.

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Central Queens Elementary School, Rte. 2 Hunter River

Speakers:

* **Karen Kibsey**, Canadian Centre for Child Protection, Winnipeg, MB
- will speak about reducing risks, recognizing warning signs, and guiding conversations with children and youth about personal safety. **Because of the sensitive nature of the topic, this presentation is recommended for adult attendees only.**

* **Cpl. Robert Yaschuk**, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Internet Child Exploitation Unit
- will address bullying and youth safety, with strategies for families and communities to help protect children both in person and online.

REGISTER by Oct. 3, 2025 at:
<https://forms.gle/QxfoRgZqJ8y5u8uA9>

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📅 Training Workshops for Volunteers

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

Oct. 27 - Belfast Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Oct. 28 – Kensington Intermediate and Senior High 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 Fri. Oct. 24.

📅 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, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: Nov. 30. Grant Application and Speakers Resource: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

Other Community News...

~Forum for Young Canadians = The National summit is returning to Ottawa in early 2026. In Feb. and Mar. 2026, Ottawa will host 300 students aged 15 to 18 for an immersive, hands-on experience like no other. You'll learn about how decisions are made in Canada, meet Senators, Members of Parliament, and other influential leaders, and gain the tools you need to make a real difference in your community. More at: <https://forum.ca/forum-for-young-canadians-national-summit/>

