ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

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





DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5-Grade 6 needles (am)
October 6-Cross Country zones at Mill River (Bus will transport runners to and from)
October 8- LockDown at 9:30am
October 8-H&S Meeting at 6:00 pm
October 9-Thanksgiving School family meal
October 12-Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 24-Fall Fling 11:30 am-2:00 pm-more details to come.
October 29-School photo retakes (later start in am)
October 30-Halloween activities (pm)
November 5 & 6-PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)
November 11-Remembrance Day (No classes)
November 16-Report card day (No classes)
November 27-Parent Teacher Interviews K-12 (No classes)



Happy October! Autumn is officially here, and our school is buzzing with learning and fall activities.
First, a huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us for Meet the Staff night in September. It has been fantastic seeing our students settle so smoothly into their structures and routines—they are off to a remarkably strong start this school year! Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Just a quick note for the month ahead:

- **Weather Check:** As temperatures drop, please ensure students bring warm layers and jackets for outdoor recess.

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 and the Provincial Credit Union for the generous donation to the School Breakfast Program.

LOCKDOWN POLICY

We will be practicing our Lockdown Policy on Thursday, 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.

ECOLLECT FORMS ONLINE

Staff would like to thank parents/guardians for their time and adapting to online student forms this year. We appreciate your patience as it is a learning curve for all.

We have approximately 25 students left who need to have their forms signed. We would ask that if you are having trouble logging on or need assistance to please reach out to Ms. Stephanie in the office as soon as possible.

Visit https://pei.powerschool.com/
Or download the Powerschool app.
The district code is: CTZP
The email address you provided the school will be your user id and you can reset the password. If you have issues, please reach out and we can give you a temporary password until you get logged in.

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 you a call 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. Each note should be for one student.

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

After School Soccer Schedule:
Girls:

- October 5 - Home game vs. Bloomfield Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 7 - Away game at Alberton Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 13 - Away game at St. Louis Elementary (3:45pm start time)
- October 14 - Soccer zones at Bloomfield Elementary (Expect a noon start time)

- October 15 - Rain date for zones

Boys:

- September 28 - Home game vs. Evangeline (3:30pm start time)
- October 5 - Away game at Bloomfield Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 7 - Home game vs. Alberton Elementary (3:30pm start time)
- October 9 - Away game at St. Louis Elementary (3:45pm start time)
- October 14 - Soccer zones at Tignish Elementary (Expect a noon start time)
- October 15 - Rain date for zones

The zone schedule will be released soon hopefully. Expect to start the zone tournament around noon.

Cross-Country:
October 6 - Zone meet at Mill River
October 8 - Rain date for zone meet
October 17 - Cross-country Provincials at Mill River

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, OCTOBER 2026

Semi-Annual Meeting Registration is Open
Parents, school staff, and community members are invited to the Semi-Annual Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Rustico, PEI
TOPICS:
1. Compass Youth Health Survey Results 2025-26 by Cody Davenport
2. Home & School Networking = We want to hear from you! Local Home & Schools will lead the discussions on topics:
A. Active Involvement & Relationship Building - Engagement, positive school culture,
and strengthening the 'home' and the 'school' relationships
B. Breakfast & Snack Programs - Supporting students' well-being; engaging newcomers/volunteers
C. Fundraising & COSPEI - Effective strategies/alignment with COSPEI
REGISTER by Oct. 15, 2026. Use this Google Form link: **https://forms.gle/DWTJ58p82CRNMZQ78**

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

Tues., Oct. 6	Alberton Elementary School	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Mon., Nov. 2	Spring Park Elementary School	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Tues., Nov. 3	Souris Regional School	6:00 – 7:30 pm

All volunteer parents and teachers in your school are welcome to attend and learn helpful tips for executive roles (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and general information for all volunteers. No cost. Refreshments provided. Register by contacting Shirley at: ssmedleyjay @gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186.
Register for Alberton by Oct. 2nd. / **Register** for Spring Park & Souris by Oct. 28th.

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/

Update Local Home and School Contacts
Presidents: Use the Google Form to update this year's current Home & School executive contact details by Oct. 1st. (https://forms.gle/TB4W9WJuUndDeLPd6)
Treasurers: Submit 2026-2027 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15th.
E-transfers to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca Or mail a cheque to: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

Cyberbullying Workshops Community Legal Information
offers cyberbullying workshops for youth and for parents and caregivers. The workshops are to help prevent cyberbullying and support youth who may be experiencing it. Now that school is back, local Home and Schools may be interested in hosting a youth (12-17) or a parent/caregiver workshop.
The workshops include info about:
- Building language and understanding,
- Spotting the signs of cyberbullying,
- Learning about Canadian youth's online experiences and online spaces they access, Understanding luring and sexual extortion
- Understanding what the law says
- Supporting youth facing cyberbullying
- Using tools and resources for prevention and response

Book with Malak at: malak@legalinfopei.ca | 902-892-0853

Community News...

~ **Building Bridges Workshop** brings together individuals, organizations, community leaders, and service providers from across PEI to explore practical approaches to addressing hate, bias, and identity-based harm and to strengthen connections across our communities.
Workshop Details =

- **Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Charlottetown Central Library Reply to **antiracisminfo@gov.pe.ca** with your name and names of other attendees from your organization. *Hosted by: Anti-Racism Office Executive Council Office Government of P.E.I.*

~ **Life after High School!** Sessions to be held in the Charlottetown area on Oct 18th & 26th. Everyone who attends will leave with a university application checklist and a networking guide for beginners. Parents, teens, and educators are welcome to register. Tickets: $15 pp or $25 for a family. All the information is available at https://careerified.ca/life-after-high-school/.

