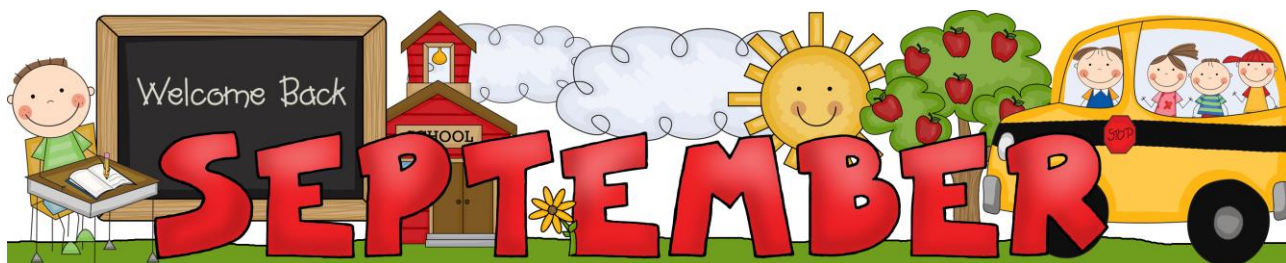




ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 9**-Milk & food orders begin
- September 11**-Meet the Teacher at 5:00 pm followed by Back to School BBQ
- September 13**-School Photos with Everest (am)
- September 16**-Dot Day
- September 19**-Terry Fox Run
- September 23**-PD Day (No classes)
- September 27**-Grade 6 HPV vaccine (am)
- September 27**-Orange Shirt Day
- September 30**-National Truth & Reconciliation (No classes)
- October 14**-Thanksgiving (No classes)
- October 21**-School photo retakes (am)
- November 1**-PD Day (No classes)
- November 7 & 8**-PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions (No classes)
- November 11**-Remembrance Day (No classes)
- November 22**-Parent Teacher Interviews K-12 (No classes)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school and to the wonderful month of September! I hope you all enjoyed a fun-filled summer and are ready to dive into an exciting new school year. September is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. I encourage parents to stay involved and keep the lines of communication open with teachers. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school.

I am looking forward to meeting all the Ellerslie families on Wednesday, September 11th for the Meet the Teacher starting at 5pm. This will involve a quick assembly and then parents and guardians will get the chance to visit their teacher's classroom for 15 minutes. (a second 15 minute block will be available as well, if you have students in multiple grades.) Following the Meet the Teacher, there will be a BBQ.

Once again, I am thrilled to be a part of the Ellerslie school community. If you have questions or feedback, please reach out to me at sjtotten@edu.pe.ca or call 902-831-7920. Here's to a wonderful

September and an amazing school year ahead!

Warm regards,

Ms. Totten

WATER

At this time our water is unavailable for safe drinking. However, there will be water stations set up around school for students to access. We do encourage students to have their own water bottle filled prior to arriving at school. This is only a temporary issue.

ATTENDANCE

For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. In the 2023/2024 school year, **5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch schools have missed 10% or more of total school days**, that's approximately 18 school days, and it can have a lasting impact on their academic success. To help understand how our school is doing, each month we'll include PSB data in our newsletter with hopes to see improvement throughout this school year.

2024-2025 ELLERSLIE STAFF

Teachers:

- Sarah Totten**-Principal
- Tammy Jeffery**-Kindergarten-KA
- Marlene Warren**- Kindergarten-KB
- Tracy Arsenaault**-Grade 1-1A
- Allison Shea**-Grade 1-1B
- Krista Rayner** -Grade 2-2A
- Sharon Collicutt-Bernard**-Grade 2/3 (2Z & 3Z) Homeroom, 3Z Math, 2Z & 3Z Language Arts & Foundations
- Heather MacLean**-2Z/3Z Language Arts & Art
- Tamra Enman**-Grade 3 (3A)

Janet Doran -Grade 4(4A)-4A/4Z Math, 4A LA, Art and Library

Jeff Grass-VP & 4Z/5Z (4Z/5Z) Language Arts & Art 5Z Math

Tommy Collins-Grade 5-5A LA, Math, & Art 4A/5A/5Z Science, Social Studies, Health & Information Technology

Crystal MacKendrick -Grade 6 (6A) Language Arts, Math, 6A Art & Integrated Units, All 4A Health, Science, Information Technology & Social Studies

Logan MacDougall-Core French & Phys Ed

Eric LeClair-Music, Grade 2Z Math, 2Z/3Z Health, Science, Social Studies and Information Technology

Donna Wood-Resource

Educational Assistants: Andrea Ford, Krystal McLean, Kathleen Coughlin, & Crystal Lynch

Administrative Assistant: Stephanie Wallace

Guidance Counsellor: Brody Webster

Custodial Staff: Teasa Fraser & Lesa Coughlin

BUS PASSES

IMPORTANT: This year again bus passes will only be given for students travelling to a place for childcare. On that note, please send in a schedule of where your child will be dropped off if the location is other than home (by the week or by the month whatever works best). Call the office if you have questions about this.

BUS DRIVERS AND BUS NUMBERS:

- David Palmer:** 769
- Melanie Banks:** 538
- Cathy Richard:** 758
- Sheri Arsenaault:** 561
- Deb Perry:** 575

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For more information on this year's school calendar, please visit the following address:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



STUDENT INFORMATION

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

We would also ask that the school be contacted regarding any student absences so we can notify the teacher with the reason of absence(s).

TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM

Parents are invited to join our emergency text messaging system. The system is configured to send text messages to mobile phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. We use text messages to communicate during emergency situations as well as specific school closures or early dismissals.

When a new number is added, you may see the following message:

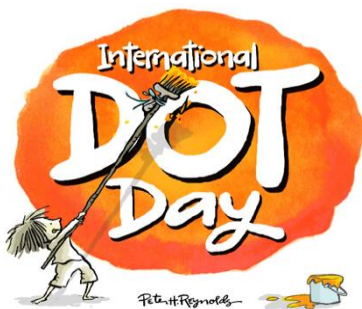
"PSB & CSLF messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca"

Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers). Standard Text Message & Data rates may apply.

ALLERGIES

Please note the following foods are not permitted at Ellerslie Elementary due to severe allergies:

Peanuts and all trees nuts (this would include Nutella and Peanut Butter substitutes like WOW Butter)



INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

International Dot Day is celebrated by adults and children for boosting courage so that their creative potential is released. It is a great day to connect and collaborate, and to celebrate self-expression.

Our staff will have activities planned throughout the day for students to leave their mark by creating various art pieces. **Students are also invited to dress in DOTS on this day.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are working with Everest Solutions this year for school photos. Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 13th in the morning.

LUNCH ORDERS

Website: <http://www.peischoolfood.ca>

At this time, we ask that parents send lunches that DO NOT need to be microwaved.

All milk/ice cream money and the order form must be in a separate envelope. This money is coming to the school.

2% White Milk: \$0.50

2% Ch. Milk: \$0.80

Ice Cream sandwiches on Tuesdays are \$1

CUTLERY

We would ask that parents/guardians please provide your student(s) with cutlery should they require it. **The school will not be responsible for providing this for your child(ren).**

DROP OFF TIMES

No students are to be dropped off to Ellerslie Elementary before 8:30 am as there will be no supervision.

For students being dropped off by parents or guardians you can do so between 8:30-8:50 am.

Classes begin promptly at 8:50, so we want to ensure all students arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.



We are looking forward to having a fun filled year full of learning and growing together.

All the best for a wonderful school year!

Home & School News, September 2024

Drive slowly! Watch for students on the road

Another school year begins Sept. 5. Students will walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or in their family cars. This is a strategic time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education. Which school does your child attend? Can they ride a bus? Find out more on the Public Schools Branch's [School Bus Planner](#).

Update your Local Home and School Contacts

Are you still the President? Treasurer? If not, send current contact info to the Federation office.

Presidents - Submit the local Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#). **Treasurers** - Submit 2024-2025 Membership fees to the

PEIHSF office by November 1st. Send e-transfers to peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail a cheque to PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

"Meet the Teacher"

"Meet the Teacher" evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child's teacher and teachers to meet parents at the beginning of the school year. It's an informal opportunity to chat, say hi, and become acquainted with your child's teacher. Find the date/time on your child's school website.

What is Home and School's role in education? Is there volunteer training available?

Experienced facilitators **Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould** will lead Volunteer Training Workshops as follows:

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

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

Register by email:

ssmedlevjay@gov.pe.ca By: **November 1st/2024**

These sessions will equip you with practical knowledge of how volunteers can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students!

What's on your Home and School agenda?

-Meet with the principal in September and discuss setting goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

-PEI Dept. of Education's updated Cell Phone Use Policy -

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md_2024_06_responsible_use_agreement_cit.pdf

-Inclusive Education Model Background Report completed November 2023:

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better_to_gether_report.pdf

-Inclusive Education Action Plan: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/inclusive_education_action_plan_en.pdf

-Brainstorm collaborative ways to support the school

-Circulate PEI Home and School Federation monthly news articles

-Inform parents about provincial announcements applicable to student learning and supports

-Establish a purpose for fundraising initiatives. Finalize with a Motion and Vote to approve. Is there a need to fundraise this year?

REMEMBER: Everything parents and teachers do benefits PEI students' education and well-being!