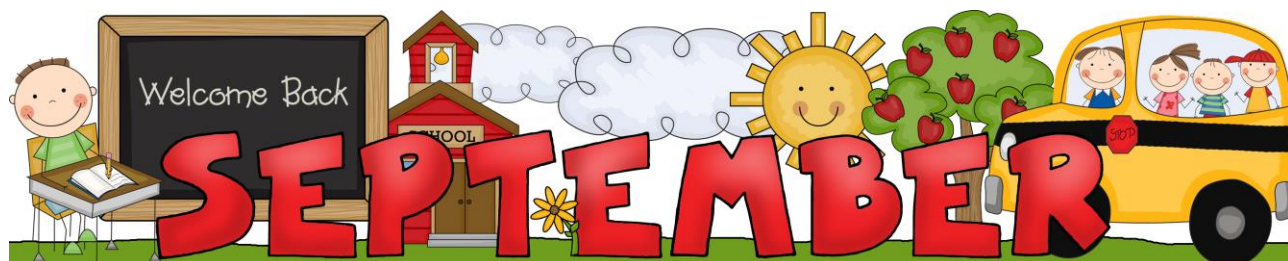




ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Sarah Totten

Vice-Principal: Jeff Grass



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11-Meet the Teacher at 5:00

pm followed by Back to School BBQ

September 12-School Photos with Everest (am)

September 15-Dot Day

September 15-Grab & Go Breakfast begins

September 17-Breakfast Program begins

September 18-K-3 Arlington Field Trip

September 19-Terry Fox Run & corn boil at 1:00 pm

September 25-Grade 6 HPV vaccine (am)

September 29-Orange Shirt Day

September 30-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No classes)

October 10-PD Day (No classes)

October 13-Thanksgiving (No classes)

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)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all of our returning students and parents and a special welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students and their parents as well. It is hard to believe that another school year is here, and we sure look forward to working with you and your children in the coming months. We love to see your children reach their full potential and as the year ahead unfolds, we encourage you to call at any time with any questions or concerns.



Here's to a wonderful September and an amazing school year ahead!

Warm regards,
Ms. Totten

Back To School BBQ:

Ellerslie Elementary will be holding their Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, Sept 11th. Meet the staff will begin at 5:00 pm with two 15-

minute sessions where parents can visit their child's classroom to learn about the curriculum and classroom routines. The BBQ will start at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there!

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 2025/2026 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.

STAFF

Teachers:

Sarah Totten-Principal

Tammy Jeffery-KA

Marlene Warren- KB

Tracy Arsenault-1A

Allison Shea-1Z/2Z

Krista Rayner -2Y/3Y

Sharon Collicutt-Bernard-4B and Resource

Tamra Enman-3A

Janet Doran -4A and Library

Jeff Grass-VP & 5A

Tommy Collins-6A

Crystal MacKendrick -6A

Logan MacDougall-Phys Ed

Eric LeClair-Music

Donna Wood-Resource

Brodie MacArthur: French

Educational Assistants: Andrea

Ford, Krystal McLean, Kathleen

Coughlin, Crystal Lynch, Jamie Butler

Administrative Assistant:

Stephanie Wallace

Guidance Counsellor:

Brody Webster

Custodial Staff: Hailey MacLean & Lesa Coughlin

BUS DRIVERS AND BUS NUMBERS:

David Palmer: 769

Melanie Banks: 538

Cathy Richard: 758

Sheri Arsenault: 561

Deb Perry: 575

BUS PASSES

IMPORTANT: This year again bus passes will only be given for students travelling to a place for childcare. The office will not be tracking bus passes for multiple days from the office this year. Therefore, we would ask if a note be sent each day if they require a note. For ongoing scenarios where the child goes to one place multiple days a week and a different location the other days we will accept a monthly calendar to prevent writing bus passes. A copy will be given to the driver and teacher, and one kept at the office. When a student goes to the farm every Monday all year, then we request a note every Monday. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

On bus notes please provide the following information:

- Student name
- Student class
- Date for the bus pass
- Drop off name and address
- Bus number
- Parent's signature
- Any additional information

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 for absence(s).

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



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"

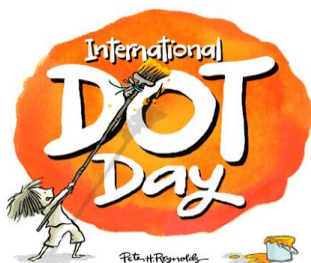
Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers). Standard Text Message & Data rates may apply.

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For this year's calendar, visit:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/school_calendar_2025-26_en.pdf

ALLERGIES

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



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 12th 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: \$0.55

2% Ch. Milk: \$0.90

Ice Cream sandwiches on Tuesdays are \$1.25

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 8:30-8:40 am.

Classes begin promptly at 8:40, so we want to ensure all students arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home & School News, September 2025

Watch for students on the road

Another school year has begun. Children walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or travel in their family cars. This is the time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education. Find out more info on the Public Schools Branch's [School Bus Planner](#).

Update Home and School Contacts

Presidents - Submit your Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#).

Treasurers - Submit 2025-2026 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15. Send e-transfer to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

Semi-Annual Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 5:45 – 8:00 PM

Place: Central Queens Elementary School (19821 Rte. 2 Hunter River)

Topic: **Child Protection**
Speakers: **#1 Senior Manager, Canadian Center for Child Protection, child sexual abuse, reducing risk, and how we can talk to our kids about their personal safety.**

#2 RCMP Officer, child protection, and how to keep your child safe

All are welcome: Parents, School Staff, Students
Cost - \$8 per person/Free for students.

Register:
<https://forms.gle/Mw6PoEJxhUdat5EWA>

School Board Elections

Elections PEI has launched its promotional campaign for the 2025 School Board Trustee Elections.

Candidates submit nomination papers to Elections PEI by Fri. Sept. 26

Voters must register to vote online or by mail-in ballot; beginning Sept. 8, 2025, the online portal will be open, allowing you to register to vote.

Who can vote?

All eligible PEI voters can vote in this election.

Election Day **Friday, October 17, 2025.**

What is Home and School's role in education?

Experienced facilitators **Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould** will lead Volunteer Training Workshops to equip new and returning Home and School volunteers with practical knowledge on how they can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students. Details are:

Monday, Oct 27th School TBA, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28th School TBA 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Register by Oct. 20th:

ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

School Nutrition Policies

A new School Food Project

Coordinator, Margaret Young started on May 5th at the Department of Education and Early Years to work with the school board and update the school nutrition policies. If you wish to find out more:

mhyoung@gov.pe.ca / 902-374-1673

What's on your local Home and School Meeting's agenda?

-Meet with the principal in September and discuss setting goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

- "Meet the Teacher" evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child's teacher and teachers to meet parents. Find the date/time on your child's school website.

-Review the Cell Phone Use Policy:

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/md_2024-06_responsible_use_agreement_cit.pdf

-Brainstorm collaborative ways to support the school.

-Inform parents/teachers about provincial announcements applicable to student learning and support.

-School Trustee Elections, October 17th; Who can run for office? What does a trustee do? Who is eligible to vote?

-Is there a need to fundraise this school year? If so, establish the purpose and develop a proposed budget for fundraising initiatives; finalize with a motion and vote for approval.

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