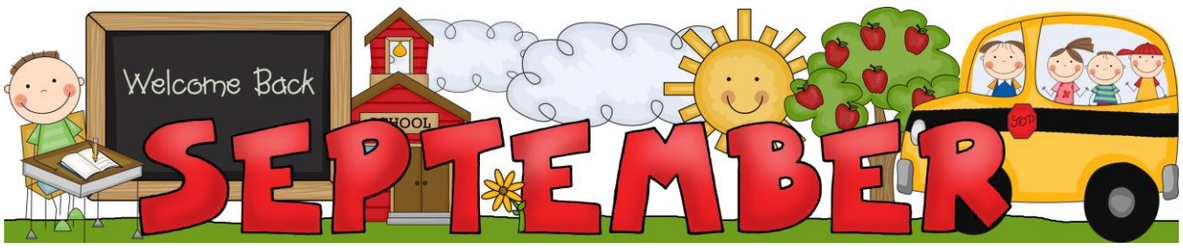
Principal: Sarah Totten **Vice-Principal: Crystal MacKendrick**



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11-School Photos with Everest (am)
September 14-Milk orders begin
September 15-Meet the Staff at 5:00 pm followed by Back to School BBQ @ 5:30 pm.
September 15-Dot Day
September 15-Grab & Go Breakfast begins
September 17-Breakfast Program begins
September 18-K-3 Arlington Field Trip
September 18-Terry Fox Run/Walk & corn boil at 1:00 pm
September 29-Orange Shirt Day
September 30-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No classes)
October 5-Grade 6 needles (am)
October 12-Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 29-School photo retakes (later start in am)
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)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, students and families! We are excited to begin a new school year filled with learning and new adventures. We look forward to working together to make this a happy, safe and successful school year for every student. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. 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.

Warmly,
Ms. Totten

Back To School BBQ:
Ellerslie Elementary will be holding their Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher night on Tuesday, Sept 15th. 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!

STAFF

Administration:
Sarah Totten-Principal
Crystal MacKendrick -Vice Principal
Stephanie Wallace-Administrative Assistant

Teachers:
Tammy Jeffery-KA
Tamra Enman-KB
Samantha MacDonald-KC
Tracy Arsenault-1A
Allison Shea-1Z/2Z
Krista Rayner -2A
Candice Jackson-Grady-3A
Sharon Collicutt-Bernard-3Y/4Y and Resource
Janet Doran -4A and Library
Amber Ramsay-5A
Tommy Collins-5X/6X
Crystal MacKendrick - 6A
Logan MacDougall-Phys Ed
Eric LeClair-Music
Donna Wood-Resource
Brodie MacArthur: French & 3/4Y Math & LA

Educational Assistants:
Andrea Ford, Krystal McLean, Kathleen Coughlin, Crystal Lynch, Jamie Butler & Megan Bulger.

Custodial Staff:
Hailey MacLean & Lesa Coughlin

BUS DRIVERS AND BUS NUMBERS:

Melanie Phillips: 538
Sheri Arsenault: 561
Deb Perry: 575
Cathy Richard: 758
David Palmer: 769

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 that a note be sent each day if they require a bus pass. 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

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).

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"

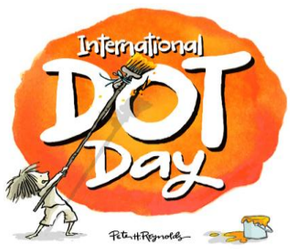
Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers). Standard Text Message & Data rates may apply.

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For this year's calendar, visit: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/84f6/School%20Calendar%202026-27%20%28MD%202026%2001%29%202026%20ENG.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.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE

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 11th 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/pizza money (For Mondays) and the order form must be in a separate envelope. This money is coming to school.

2% White Milk: $0.55
2% Ch. Milk: $0.90
Pizza will be offered every Monday for $3.00 a slice (maximum 2 each)

DROP OFF TIMES

No students are to be dropped off at 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 2026

Watch for students on the road

A new school year means that children walk, cycle, or ride a bus to school or travel in their family cars. Passing school buses with red lights flashing is a persistent issue reported by bus drivers across the province. Drivers are reminded to focus on school bus safety as students return to class.
A new government campaign encourages parents and educators to talk to children about bus stop safety -arriving early, staying back from the road, looking both ways, and waiting for a signal from the driver before crossing the road. To learn more about school bus safety and the rules of the road, visit School Bus Safety.

Update Home and School Contacts

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

Semi-Annual Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Place: Gulf Shore Consolidated School, 185 Hilltop Avenue, North Rustico, PEI

Topics:

1. Youth Health Survey 2025-26 Results = reported by nearly 8,000 PEI students
2. Home & School Networking

***Registration details to follow.**

Executive/Volunteer Training

Experienced facilitators Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Volunteer Training Workshops. These will focus on equipping new and returning Home and School volunteers with the practical knowledge needed to collaborate effectively with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students. Details include:
Monday, Nov 2 Spring Park School, 6 – 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 3 Souris School, 6 – 8 p.m.
Nov. TBD Alberton School, 6 – 8 p.m.
***Registration details to follow.**

What's on your first Local Home and School Meeting's Sept./Oct. agenda?

- **Add details from this September Newsletter.**
- **Meet your principal** = discuss setting goals for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Welcome new parents to meetings.**
- **Code of Conduct =** Do you understand your responsibilities, your child's, and your school's responsibilities regarding a code of conduct? Ask your principal for details.
- **Cell Phone Use = Review Minister's Directive**
- **Brainstorm** = Find ways to support your child's school.
- **Fundraising = What is the purpose for raising funds this year?** Develop a proposed budget for this school year's initiatives - ask for a motion to approve the budget, ask for a mover/seconder, and write it into the minutes. Your fundraising committee can now proceed with support from the local Home and School. Motions are required for all financial decisions.
- Next Meeting of the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7:30 PM, Montague Intermediate School. More details at: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees

Canada's national tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children.

***Report** ***Child Sexual Abuse** ***Online Harms** ***Research** ***Campaigns & Media**

Cybertip.ca offers a unique lens into new online risks for children and youth. Follow the link to sign up for important info about current trends and emerging technology concerns to help keep your family safe. Click here: Cybertip!.ca

Back-to-school vaccination reminder

Parents or guardians can contact a local Public Health Nursing office to have their child's immunization record reviewed and to schedule any missed vaccinations. Families are also encouraged to receive recommended seasonal vaccines, including influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, when they become available this fall. More information is available at Childhood Immunizations.

When parents and teachers communicate with each other, they can collaborate and share ideas from different perspectives in the best interest of the student's development and success.

Other community news…

~~Dairy Farmers of Canada's Registered Dietitians = For access to ready-to-use food and nutrition resources developed by Dairy Farmers of Canada's Registered Dietitians, go to TeachNutrition.ca.
See a catalogue of free resources available in English and French for parents and educators.