



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Jaime Cole

Vice-Principal: Sarah Totten



DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 12**-Grinch Day
- December 13**-Donation cut off for Flea Market
- December 14**-Flea Market
- December 15**-Flea Market storm date
- December 18**-Christmas Concert Practice
- December 19**--School Christmas Concert (See notes below)
- December 20**-Christmas Concert storm date
- December 21**-Movie trip-am
- December 22**-Skate (am)
- December 22**-Last instructional day for 2023
- January 4 & 5**-Professional Learning Days (No classes)
- January 8**-First Instructional Day of 2024
- February 19**-Islander Day (No classes)
- March 8**-Parent Teacher Interviews (K-9)
- March 22-28**-March Break (No classes)
- March 29**-Good Friday (No classes)
- April 1**-Easter Monday (No classes)
- April 19**-Professional Learning Day (K-9) (No classes)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our Elf on the Shelf was back on December 1. Once again, this year, we will give away 2 books/day during the month of December. There are some great new books in this year's selection. Thanks so much to our Home and School for their continued support of this project.

This month's literacy tip: Holidays are a perfect time to share in some great activities that will also improve literacy skills. Here are a few suggestions:

-make something with your child that requires you both to follow instructions; a recipe, lego, a craft

-read your favorite holiday book to or with your child
-listening or singing along with your favorite holiday music (rhyming skills)

From all of us at Ellerslie Elementary, we wish you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

It's fast approaching! The Ellerslie Elementary School Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 19th. Come join us in song as the students perform their hearts out. There will be two performances: 10:30 am (last names A-L) and 1:00 pm (last names M-W). All students are asked to dress appropriately for the occasion. We will also be having two fundraisers. First, audience members will have a chance to win a seat up front and in a comfy chair. Tickets will be \$2 each and you can buy as many as you want. These will be the best seats in the house so bring along a few extra dollars if you would like to participate!! The second fundraiser will be the 50/50 tickets sold at the door. Should parents/guardians have any questions concerning the concert please contact Mr. LeClair at ejleclair@edu.pe.ca.

SCHOOL SKATE

On Friday, December 22nd staff and students will be going to the Tyne Valley Rink for a school skate in the morning. The school has extra helmets and skates should your child need to borrow for the day.

MOVIE TRIP

On Thursday, December 21st, our school will be going to see a movie at Cineplex. We will be leaving at approximately 9:10 am and will be returning around 12:00 pm. More details to follow.

WINTER ATTIRE

It is that time of year when we would ask that parents please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We would also ask that parents label as many items as possible especially the winter boots as there can be some mix ups© A spare pair of mittens, socks and pants in your student's backpack would not go

astray as the school has limited supplies.

FLEA MARKET

The flea market deadline for items to be brought into the school is Wednesday, December 13th. The flea market will take place on December 14th with a storm date of December 15th. \$1 per item to purchase. Thank you for your support. Money raised will go towards helping a family in need within our school community this Christmas.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Staff and students of Ellerslie Elementary would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all those who donate to our Breakfast Program. To our volunteers, we truly appreciate your time and all your do for our students. There will be a special Christmas Breakfast on December 13th.



NUT FREE POLICY

Ellerslie Elementary is NUT FREE and we ask if students have had peanut butter in the morning, please have them wash their hands before leaving for school. Please do not pack peanut and other nut products in lunches and snacks. Thank You for helping to keep our school as safe as possible.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. We post closures on our Ellerslie School Facebook page.

ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late) on OCEAN 100.3 at 7:30 am.

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify your student's teacher of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

BOYS & GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

After school basketball has started for the grade five and six students. The boys and girls teams will practice leading up to the Christmas break then have competitive games against other schools in the New Year. A schedule of games will be distributed to the players soon.

This year because of the increased interest in basketball, we had enough players for a grade 4 boys basketball team.

The grade 4 boys team practices at big recesses. The grade 4 team will play exhibition games against other schools, however, they won't be playing in the Zone tournament.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023-2024

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten right away if they haven't already done so.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth Certificate, PEI health card or passport.
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Home and School News. December 2023

👉 Extra Mile Award The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by Jan. 19, 2024. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

👉 Affecting Change in PEI's School System Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all

students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing resolutions is available.

👉 School Staff Appreciation Week 2024 School staff celebration, the week of February 12-16. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

👉 Save the date...AGM, April 13, 2024

Book your calendars to attend the P.E.I Home and School Federation's 71st Annual General Meeting, Saturday, April 13, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown. More details to come. 👉 Federation Board Nominations Leading up to the AGM, the PEI Home and School Federation will be seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Directors for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague and Morell families of schools; all are two-year term positions. For more info, contact the Federation office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186.