



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY

Principal: Jaime Cole

Vice-Principal: Sarah Totten



DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 6**-Report Cards go home
- March 7**-Parent Teacher Interviews(evening)
- March 8**-Parent Teacher Interviews (K-9) (No classes)
- March 10**-Daylight Saving Time Begins (move clocks ahead one hour)



- March 17**-Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 18**-Dress up for St. Patrick's Day
- March 19**-Crazy Hair Day
- March 19**-Heritage Fair (storm day is March 20)
- March 19**-Grade 3 students at Agriculture Day (am only)
- March 20**-Twin dress up Day
- March 21**-PJ Day
- March 22-28**-March Break (No classes)



- March 29**-Good Friday (No classes)



- April 1**-Easter Monday (No classes)
- April 8**-Solar Eclipse
- April 9**-Spring photos (am)
- April 15-18**-Annual Ellerslie Book Fair
- April 19**-Professional Learning Day (K-9) (No classes)
- April 26**-Gr 6 HPV vaccines (am)
- April 27**- Home and School Craft Fair
- May 3**-Area Association /CUPE Convention (No classes)
- May 20**-Victoria Day (No classes)

June 26-Grade 6 closing @ 4:00 pm
June 26-Last Day for students

Principal's Message

I am so proud of all the beautiful work and the effort that our students and staff put into Ellerslie's first Heart Art. And of course, a huge thank you to all the parents for your donations, helping us raise over \$2500 for the IWK.

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Home and School that purchased many sensory items for teachers to use in their classrooms to help students with self-regulation. These are items recommended by the occupational therapist and help so many of our students. Thank you Home and School for your support.

I hope you will be able to connect with your child's teacher for an informative conversation about your child's progress during Parent-Teacher conferences.

There are so many exciting events happening for our students over the next few months and time will fly by. We are excited about our upcoming Heritage Fair; we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our Salmon eggs and a few other surprises this month!

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Break.

STUDENT INFORMATION

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

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The final basketball games for all three teams of Ellerslie are taking place at Elm Street Elementary on March 4th. Once the basketball season finishes up, we will turn our after-school sport focus towards badminton

HERITAGE FAIR

The Heritage Fair for the grade 5 & 6 students will take place on Tuesday, March 19th. Judges will begin judging at 9:00 am. The projects will be open for viewing to the public from 1:00-2:00 pm. Awards will then be handed out. Storm date is Wednesday, March 20th.

CHANGING FOR GYM CLASS

Since our return from the pandemic restrictions many students in grades five and six have not been changing for gym class. The personal health and social benefits to changing for gym class are important to teach. As well students can be restricted in the movements for some of our activities. Students need: 1. Sneakers (laces tied) 2. T- shirt (that was not worn to school) 3. Shorts or some type of athletic pants. (not jeans or a dress). Parents help with this would be greatly appreciated. When they go to Hernewood changing for gym is a requirement. Thank you!



HOME & SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

Home and School will be hosting our 2nd Annual Eagles Landing Spring Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 from 9 am-3 pm right here at Ellerslie Elementary. Admission by donation. Come out and support our local crafters, while also helping to raise money for the Home and School. We will also have 50/50 tickets available. Volunteers needed-please reach out to one of the committee members personally or email us at ellersliehomeandschool@gmail.com if you can help out. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank You!

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE





The cheque presentation to IWK from Ellerslie's First Heart Art Day on Pink Shirt Day. Thank you to the Ellerslie Eagles on raising and donating \$2500. Great job everyone!!



Home and School News, March 2024

🍎 School Calendar 2024-2025

To help families and school staff plan for the year ahead, the province has released the 2024-2025 school year calendar, which includes 182 instructional days. Find the school calendar online at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>

🍎 Mark your calendar --- 71st AGM & Conference

The **P.E.I. Home and School Federation** is pleased to announce that its A.G.M. &

Conference 2024 will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER online at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

By the early registration deadline, March 21.

Ensure your school is represented.

Speakers will include Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Early Years, Hon. Antonette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I., and round table experts, who will present on Suicide Prevention, Dept. Education's Inclusion Report, COMPASS 2023-24 Youth Survey

results, What is the role of an E.A.? What is Foundations? and Youth & Sports Nutrition.

🍎 2024 Resolutions

Proposed 2024 resolutions have been circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then

hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. 2024 resolutions are online at <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> For further information, call 902-620-3186.

🍎 Volunteer Awards

Do you know an amazing Home and School volunteer in your school? You can nominate this person for the Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Submit nominations to the Federation office by March 8. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

🍎 Board of Directors Nominations

You can allow your name to stand for a provincial Home and School Federation two-year term? Vacant positions include President, Vice President, and Directors for the Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague, and Morell Families of Schools. The Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across Prince Edward Island and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the A.G.M. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Find the 2024 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

🍎 Parental Involvement

In children's education, parental involvement is a broad term that can take many forms inside and outside school. So, what role do parents play in education? Depending on schedules, parents can help **their children by participating in school functions or obligations, advocating for the school and improving their children's schoolwork. Examples of getting involved at home include** helping with homework, modelling desired behavior, providing ongoing encouragement, monitoring homework completion, and creating a time and space for study.

Parents **can be more involved in their child's school by:**

- Communicating with teachers regularly

- Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews
- Helping with the governance of a Home and School

🍎 **Great Big Crunch!** Get your apples 🍏 or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 7, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch). Crunch to celebrate healthy school food. Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

🍎 Youth Vaping Workshop Opportunity on March 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

at the Charlottetown Library. This session is open to parents/staff who work with youth. Participants will gain knowledge from local findings, share their own experiences, discuss opportunities to reduce youth vaping, and learn about mental health and addiction connections. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037>.

NOTE: Please add the above items to your Home and School Association meeting's agenda!

