



ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY



DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 9**-Thanksgiving (**No classes**)
- October 10**-Gr 4-6 Harbourfront Theatre (am) Students will be back in time for Cross Country bus.
- October 10**-Cross Country zones at Mill River
- October 12**-Cross Country rain date
- October 17**-Soccer Zone Tournaments (More info will be sent home)
- October 18**-Soccer Tournament rain date
- October 18**-Gr 1-3 Arlington Orchard (am)
- October 27**-PD Day (No classes)
- October 31**-Halloween Activities (pm)
- November 10**-Photo retakes
- November 13**-Remembrance Day (**No classes**)
- November 16 & 17**-PEITF/CUPE Convention
- November 24**-Parent Teacher Interviews (No classes)
- December 22**-Last day of school for students for 2023



I can't believe how quickly the first month of school has gone. October is here and it looks like it will be an exciting month with lots of great activities for our students.

It is wonderful to see the students all getting into the routines and trying new experiences to help them grow and learn.

This is the month we can foster gratitude even more in all our lives. I know I am grateful for this incredible school community that we have at Ellerslie. I am grateful for our dedicated and caring staff who inspire

and nurture the minds of our students every day.

I am thankful for our students who bring enthusiasm, curiosity and joy to our school.

A huge thank you to our parents and guardians for your partnership and support in your children's education. Your involvement in their learning journey is invaluable, and it strengthens our school community.

I am wishing you all a month of gratitude and joy as we celebrate Thanksgiving and a transition into a beautiful Fall season.

If at any time, have any questions or concerns you can contact me at 902-831-7920 or by emailing jlcole@edu.pe.ca

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.



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Teachers will have prepared stories, activities, crafts and some other surprises for the afternoon. We hope the children enjoy this afternoon and have a safe and fun Halloween night.

Students will put on their costumes at lunch. Students are not to wear masks or take replicas of weapons.

BUS NOTES

When writing a bus note for your child please ensure you have everything as listed below:

- Student's Name
- Student's class (KA, 1Z)
- Date
- Drop off Name

- Drop off civic address
- Bus Number
- Parent's signature
- Any additional information

A signature and date is very important and will save a call to you to verify the note. For the class please put KA, 1Z etc. Please don't simply write dad's house as a substitute would not necessarily be aware of that information.

A friendly reminder that bus passes this school year are only be issued for childcare purposes. A note being sent with your child would be preferred over a phone call.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM DONATIONS

Thank you to **Dan MacDonald & Associates** for their recent donation to our school breakfast program.

On August 22nd, 2023 at St. Felix Golf Course, Dan MacDonald and his team at MacDonald Insurance & Investments hosted a Golf Tournament in support of the Western Elementary Schools and their breakfast programs. Locals from Wellington to Tignish came to help support the kids. There were Putt-Off Challenges, Chip Off Challenges, Longest Drive Challenge, 50/50, and more! It was an amazing day on the course and the Team at MacDonald Insurance & Investments were able to fundraise \$1,000 for each of our eight Elementary Schools; thank-you to everyone that came out to participate! We had such a great year and can't wait to continue on with the Annual MacDonald Insurance & Investment Golf Tournament.

A big thank you to the patrons of **Valley Pearl Trivia** for their generous donation to our school breakfast program! It was very much appreciated.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE





HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, OCTOBER 2023

🍎 Semi-Meeting

The PEI Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM at Central Queens Elementary School, 19821 2 Rte, Hunter River, PE COA 1N0. Light refreshments provided. "HELP MY CHILD" Panel Discussion

topics/speakers will include:

1. What is Home & School? David Schult, Former international school teacher and administrator having worked overseas for over 24 years, in seven countries before returning to Canada in 2021, will provide background and context to what Home and School is and does.
2. COMPASS Student Health Survey! Cody Davenport, PEI COMPASS Research Project Lead, PEI Chief Public Health Officer, will present student health survey results about their health and health behaviours including sedentary behaviours, physical activity, mental health, healthy eating, substance use, bullying, academic outcomes, and sleep.
3. Screens in schools: simple ways to maximize the benefits and minimize the harms! Dr. Travis Saunders, PhD, CSEP CEP, Professional Kinesiologist (he/him), UPEI Associate Professor, Dept. Applied Human Sciences. Screens are an increasingly regular part of the school day bringing both opportunities and challenges for student learning and health. Dr. Saunders will give an overview of research on the ways that schools can maximize the benefits and minimize the harms of screen use in schools.

REGISTER by Oct. 18/23 using the Online Registration Form linked here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jqKPoXSDO1MH9GulZ9Hp3xqXJbtNXtr1dENvPmPmqEM/edit>

🍎 What's on your Home and School agenda? Home and School = TEAMWORK

Meet with the principal/other school staff in Sept./Oct. to set goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Add discussion about collaborative ways to support the school to your agenda
- Add activities and educational topics (e.g., COMPASS Student Health Survey)

- Add Federation monthly news (e.g., Semi-Annual, Oct. 23; Training Wksp, Nov. 6&7)
 - Add gov announcements applicable to student learning and supports
 - Add fundraising initiatives discussion and determine the purpose
- REMEMBER: Everything we (parents and teachers) do is for students' benefit!

🍎 Training Workshops for Volunteers
Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 6 - Miscouche Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Nov. 7 - West Royalty Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

All school volunteers are welcome!

No cost.

Register by emailing

peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by Nov. 1st.

🍎 Parent Leadership Grants

Funds are available for up to \$500 per Home and School Association to organize parent educational, leadership initiatives in your school community. For more information, go to: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/> Questions? Contact the Federation office at: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664 / peihsf@gov.pe.ca

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