**QUEEN ELIZABETH**

**ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful March Break and Easter!**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS\*\*\***

**When picking up your child or dropping off late, please sign them in/out in the purple binder on the front desk at the office.**

**Also, remember to call the school to report the absence of your child if they will not be coming in.**

**These procedures are all in an effort to make sure we keep our students/your children safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! 😊**

**DATES TO REMEMBER ☺**

**April 19** – PD Day (no classes)

**COUGAR NEWS**

**The following students are receiving GOLDEN MOMENTS for SPORTSMANSHIP:**

**Kindergarten: Rosie Lord, Cohen McLellan, Payton Goodwin, Brodie Nelson, Tanner Gallant**

**Grade 1: Taylor Adams, Khloe Johnson, Ethan MacLeod, Sam Corbett**

**Grade 2: Tucker Ford, Benjamin Bernard, Dax Adams**

**Grade 3: Jaxon Pringle, Eli Logan, Charlie Conway, Thatcher Paynter**

**Grade 4: Simone Itucas, Olivia Paxton, Chloe Hudson, Penelope Mann, Hayden Young**

**Grade 5: Logan Woolhead, Henry Boulter, Noah Hollett, Edison Arsenault, Keenan Pierce**

**Grade 6: Zachary Weir, Landon Whelan, Kayleigh MacNevin, Gavin Gallant**

**FRIDAY CHIPS**

Every Friday, with the help of some grade 6 students, we sell chips for just $1.00! If you would like to get your child a Friday treat and at the same time support their field trip fund don’t forget to send them with some chip money on Fridays! All support is greatly appreciated. 😊

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

\*If you have community news that you would like to share in our next month’s newsletter you can email [amandansmith@edu.pe.ca\*](mailto:amandansmith@edu.pe.ca*)

**HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

**1.      Still time to register**

**Please register your Home and School delegates by April 8 for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation’s Annual General Meeting & Convention. The Rodd Charlottetown Hotel and the Federation office preparations require our total attendance. Here are the details:**

AGM Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

            Time: 08:45 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.

Fee:  $40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel (75 Kent St. Charlottetown)

\*\*\*Associations are urged to pay the registration fee, travel, and accommodation costs for their delegates to remove barriers to attending.

**Parents, educators and students are welcome to attend with each Home and School asked to designate up to five representatives as your association’s voting delegates.**

[**Register online**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foutlook.office365.com%2Fmail%2Finbox%2Fid%2FREGISTER%2520ONLINE&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757507680%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SWWYYHELiu%2Fnoaxx1FN9n8aMK10pe8o%2FFSNucDgBogk%3D&reserved=0)[(https://peihsf.ca/agm](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fagm%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR10OY9u7ZvuQ1eFlzgLIW-als-nMI8T0bb8TUr7bO--Uq7rTvzjdBsnKPk&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757526609%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kfQy3rpyuvYYG%2BRHTbssjRSMgWCVLGZHFzddmvTcSjE%3D&reserved=0)/) or call 902-620-3186.

**2.       Reminder to review 2024 Resolutions before April 13**

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and **voted on at the AGM on April 13. Ensure your voting delegates (parents, guardians, educators and students) review these prior to the AGM.  Proposed resolutions include:**2024-1  Request inquiry into the indoor temperature of PEI schools  
2024-2  Request PSB policy amendment for extreme hot weather

2024-3  Feasibility study of installing vaping detectors in schools  
2024-4  Creation of a policy regarding screen use in primary schools  
**2024-5  Late resolution:** Kindergarten Exemption from Split-Level Classroom Composition

**All Resolutions can be viewed online at:** [https://peihsf.ca/agm/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fagm%2F&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757546031%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=snDVl4pDZynA%2FIxuuPo1x9hfmB39dtBywV1YkChHjx8%3D&reserved=0)

**3.       School Bus Driver Award**

[School Bus Driver of the Year Award](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fbus_driver_award&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757566270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wIaZXbeGX731DJcXtuwsuSo8%2BhprEHB8v8wRXAfExM0%3D&reserved=0) recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 3, 2024.](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fawards&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757580248%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g6711LRRFkeKttNGLICHcUUoTzXm8QJSxbCXjhP%2B9T0%3D&reserved=0)

**4.       Solar Eclipse**

**On April 8 students will be dismissed two hours early due to the solar eclipse.** PEI will experience the effects of the eclipse between 3:26 p.m. and 5:44 p.m. “The solar eclipse offers a rare educational occasion, but prioritizing safety is crucial for all of us to fully embrace its wonder. Doing a system wide early dismissal ensures our bus drivers will be off the road before the eclipse begins, and students will be home safely." - Education and Early Years Minister Natalie Jameson. Look up: [Solar Eclipse](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fglobalnews.ca%2Fnews%2F10289427%2Ftotal-solar-eclipse-2024-canada%2F%23%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%2520last%2520time%2520the%2520path%2520of%2520a%2Ctotal%2520solar%2520eclipse%2520crossed%2520Canada%2520was%2520in%25201979&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757592573%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X3qkx25h1ArtA8Rqx4QB5TdOZik2ximOyIHi0EDbGiw%3D&reserved=0)

**5.       Cyberbullying Awareness Day**

A private member's bill brought forward by Souris-Elmira MLA Robin Croucher proclaimed April 25, 2024, as Cyberbullying Awareness Day, marking the anniversary of islander Harry Burke's death.

[https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cbc.ca%2Fnews%2Fcanada%2Fprince-edward-island%2Fpei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757607632%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2LP56VAyy5Otz3ozvGoaq%2BZ7B%2F%2FjIi0h4c%2F02KiAGTc%3D&reserved=0)

**Other**

**~National Volunteer Week, April 14-20, 2024 is a time to celebrate and thank Canada’s 24 million volunteers.**

**The theme “Every Moment Matters” highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make  
at a moment when we need support more than ever.** Let's recognize and celebrate every volunteer and each contribution  
they’re making to strengthen inclusivity and wellbeing in our communities. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters!   
#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

**~Virtual LungNSPEI ‘Engaging Youth Stakeholders in Youth Vaping Cessation’ Workshop,**

**April 3, 2024, 10:00-11:30 am**! We need your voice and experience to help us better understand the opportunities and

challenges organizations are facing in their work to support youth vaping cessation on P.E.I. This online workshop is FREE

and open to anyone who works with youth. Please register and you will be sent a link to join the workshop before April 3: [https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-online-tickets-851673728047?aff=oddtdtcreator](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.ca%2Fe%2Fyouth-vaping-cessation-workshop-online-tickets-851673728047%3Faff%3Doddtdtcreator&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C5bc659eba87b4a301eeb08dc4e6c2db6%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638471473757619383%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MIFIKbfqBBrym%2F6jzX1vj9MfhrJ6SsPM2XKwDgNRgWQ%3D&reserved=0)

**NEW ADMIN CONTACT INFO**

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**CHANCES SMARTPLAY**

Any parents with students attending the afterschool CHANCES program, please make sure that you communicate with the program contacts regarding absences and getting picked up before the end of the day. CHANCES contact info is: [chancesspk@chancesfamily.ca](mailto:chancesspk@chancesfamily.ca), and phone # is 902-330-8044.



**WINTER WEATHER AND OUTDOOR PLAY**

**Please make sure your children have warm mittens, hats, snow pants and jackets for playing outside.** You cannot have fun outdoors in winter when you are not dressed warm. It would be great if you could put an extra pair of pants, mittens and socks in their backpacks in case they get wet.

**LOCKDOWN POLICY**

All doors, except the main door, will be locked throughout the school day. Visitors will be required to sign in at the Office. The Office is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

**SCHOOL DAY START TIME & END TIME**

Instruction begins at 8:35 am each day, so please ensure that if you’re dropping your child(ren) off, that they are here by 8:20 am, as not to miss important information. The school day ends at 2:20 pm. There is no supervision for students arriving prior to 8:10 am so please do not drop your child off before this time. Parents dropping off or picking up students **MUST DO SO IN THE GRADE 1 AREA ONLY**. The main parking lot is to be left open for the buses. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter as we continue to make our school grounds a safe place for your children.

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**NOTICE FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH – WEATHER RELATED**

**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.

**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.**  We do communicate late buses once known on out Facebook page for the school also.

**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 the school 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.