



WE ARE SAFE, KIND, AND RESPONSIBLE

Queen Elizabeth Elementary

MAY 2026 newsletter

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Any after-school plan changes must be called in by 1pm.

The end of the school day is very busy, and receiving changes by 1pm allows our staff enough time to properly relay the information and ensure your child's safety.

To help us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff, visitors are not permitted to walk through the halls during school hours.

If you are picking up your child, we kindly ask that you report to the main office upon arrival. Our staff will be happy to call your student down to meet you.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 1- Area Association/CUPE 3260 Annual Convention (no classes)
- May 7- Gr 6 fundraiser, Cavendish Fry Truck \$2.00 Fries!
- May 11-16 Prov. Field Testing Writing Assessment, Grades 4 and 6
- May 13 &14- Welcome to Kindergarten 2:45pm
- May 18- Victoria Day (no classes)
- June 5 - New Kindergarten Orientation (No school for our current Kindergarten Students)
- June 15/16- Gr 6 Math Assessment
- June 17- Gr 6 Magic Mountain Trip
- June 18- Gr 4&5 Sandspit, Gr 2&3 Shining Waters (rain date 19)
- June 23 - Report Cards go home
- June 24- Grade 6 Closing
- June 25 - Last day of school for students

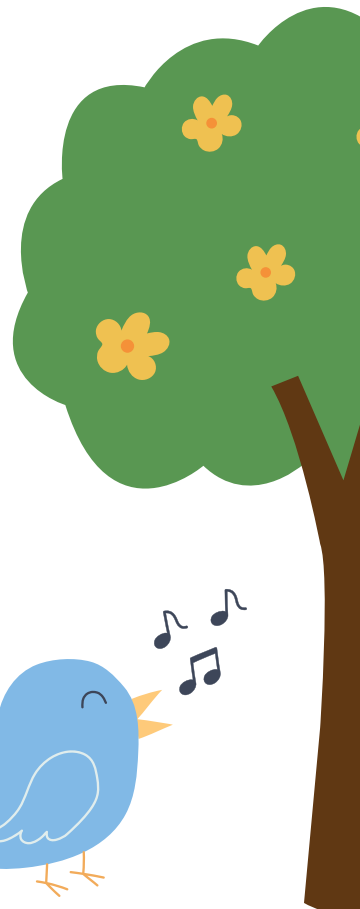
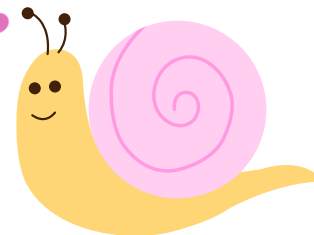
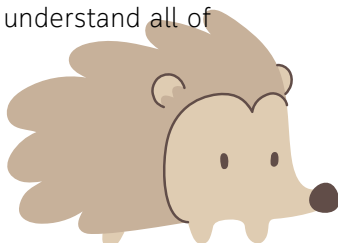
RECOGNIZING STUDENTS EACH

MONTH:

This year we are recognizing students each month who model the values of the Mi'kmaq 7 Sacred Teachings. In April we focused on TRUTH.

You are truthful when you know and understand how to prevent and end disrespectful or unkind behaviour and you are committed to promoting change. To know and understand all of these teachings.

(See winners and photos on page 2)



Winners of the 7 Sacred Teaching Award for TRUTH in April

KA- LUCA, KOHEN	2A- HARLOW, ZAYNE	4A- BRAXTEN, HUNTER	6A- AVA, COHEN
KB- RANDALL	2B- ROSIE, TANNER, CHANDLER	4B- DAWSON, ISABELLE, OLIVER	HAVEN, JUAN
KC- EVERETT	2C- PIPER, TEJUS, SOPHIE	4C- KENLEY, DAX	6B- NOAH, FISHER, RYLEE, KEIRALEE, NORA
1A- ELLIOTT, GUS	3A- RIVER, RIELYNN	5A- THATCHER, BRIA	
1B- ETHAN	3B- ALEXA, LEWIS	ALLIE, ZAYNA	
1C- MICHELLE, JAMES	3C- COOPER, JAMESON CATHERINE	5B-SAM, ALARIC, REECE, JACE	



MESSAGE FROM ADMIN AND TEACHING STAFF TO PARENTS

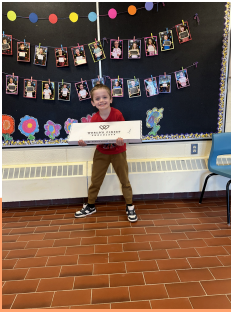
While we have a few busy months ahead of us, the next school year is also on our minds. We'd like to share information on how we determine classroom placements.

Our teachers collaborate with the administration, inclusive education teachers and our counsellor to develop balanced class lists as a team which consider several factors such as academic needs, behavioural needs, friendship/social groupings, access to support staff and matching personalities. Teachers submit a checklist with each draft class list that addresses these considerations, including ensuring at least one friend for each student. As you can imagine, creating class lists is a complicated task.

It is our goal to create balanced classes that provide an excellent educational experience for each child. We appreciate your trust in our professionalism and our desire to do right by all students while balancing the various needs of each family. It is for that reason that we do not entertain requests for classroom placements. If there is an extenuating circumstance that will have a significant impact on your child or family that you feel we need to consider, you can share that information in writing via email to the homeroom teacher and/or the principal, Jaime Moase, by Friday, May 8th.

QEEES HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Our chocolate bar fundraiser was a great success once again! A huge thank you to everyone who put in the hard work and effort to make it happen. We're truly grateful to be part of such an amazing and supportive community!



Top Sales: Dominic Goeseels
Top Family Sales: Dominic and Deklyn Goeseels
5lb Chocolate Bar: Archer Rix
5lb Chocolate Bar: Zayne Cole
Pizza Parties: 5A, 5B, and 6A

Congratulations to all of the winners!



☀️ STAYING SUN SAFE AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP!

WITH THE SUN FINALLY MAKING A REGULAR APPEARANCE, WE ARE ALL EXCITED TO GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER. HOWEVER, STRONGER RAYS MEAN WE NEED TO BE EXTRA DILIGENT ABOUT PROTECTING OUR SKIN.

TO ENSURE EVERY STUDENT STAYS SAFE AND COMFORTABLE DURING RECESS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING, PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES IN MIND:

🔦 THE LOWDOWN ON SUNSCREEN

THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED IS TO APPLY A HIGH-SPF SUNSCREEN AT HOME BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS. THIS PROVIDES A SOLID BASE OF PROTECTION THAT LASTS THROUGH THE MORNING.

IF YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD NEEDS A REAPPLICATION DURING THE DAY, PLEASE NOTE OUR SCHOOL POLICIES:

- **LOTION OR ROLL-ON ONLY:** FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS (INCLUDING THOSE WITH RESPIRATORY SENSITIVITIES), SPRAY SUNSCREENS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.
- **INDEPENDENCE IS KEY:** OUR SCHEDULE IS PACKED, AND TRANSITION TIMES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY ARE VERY SHORT. STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO APPLY THEIR OWN SUNSCREEN QUICKLY AND INDEPENDENTLY.
- **NO ADULT ASSISTANCE:** PLEASE BE AWARE THAT STAFF MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO APPLY SUNSCREEN TO STUDENTS.

🧢 DRESS FOR SUCCESS

SUNSCREEN IS ONLY ONE PART OF THE PUZZLE! WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO USE "PHYSICAL" BARRIERS AGAINST THE SUN:

- **HATS:** A HAT IS THE BEST DEFENSE FOR FACES, EARS, AND NECKS.
- **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** LIGHTWEIGHT, LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS OR LONGER SHORTS CAN BLOCK UV RAYS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN CREAM ALONE.
- **SEEK THE SHADE:** WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO UTILIZE SHADED AREAS UNDER TREES OR STRUCTURES DURING THE PEAK HEAT OF THE DAY.

QUICK TIP: LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SUNSCREEN BOTTLE AND HAT WITH THEIR NAME TO ENSURE THEY DON'T GET LOST IN THE SHUFFLE!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SUNBURN-FREE THIS SEASON!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

A few highlights for the month are as follows:

Separation and Divorce Psycho-Educational Groups: It is not too late to join one of groups for Children of separation or divorce. Children from one parent families can also be potential candidates. Groups begin Friday May 8th

We have a few spots available for children in K-3 and several spots available for the grade 4-6 group. I have been emphasizing to students that if they start the group and decide that they do not wish to continue, they are welcome to change their mind. Also, it is important to note that children are not required to speak in the group if they do not wish to.

Jamie MacSwain, facilitator, indicated that group time will be spent watching some videos, having some discussion, playing games and eating yummy snacks! Please contact me at kekatomouz@edu.pe.ca if you have any questions or would like to discuss enrolling your child in the group.

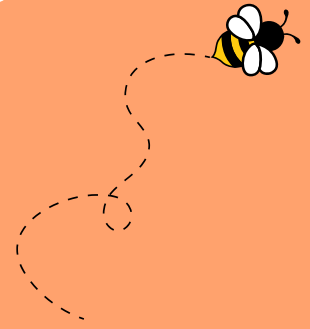
Peer Mediators - I am so grateful to the peer mediators who assist with helping children resolve minor disputes on our Kindergarten and Primary playgrounds. As a thank you, we will be having our annual outing to Frosty Treat Dairy Bar in June.

Lunch Visits - Students who wish to connect, but who do not have a concern requiring counselling, are welcome to schedule a lunch time visit with Ms. Kara and a friend.

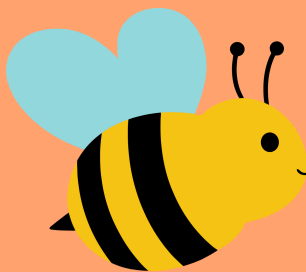
Oak Acres Camp - We have a few applications left for boys ages 7-8 and 8-9 to attend Oak Acres camp this summer. If your child might be interested in attending, please reach out as soon as possible as applications are due mid May.

Happy Spring!
-Ms. Kara

Winners of the Darrah Samples Annual Spelling Bee 2026



E.J. McKay
Tucker Ford
Aneisha Champion
Brody White
Congratulations to you all!



MULTI CULTURAL DAY AT QEES!

QEES welcomed special guests who shared their cultures, traditions and experiences from around the world. Students had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the diverse communities that make up their schools (and the world).



PEI HOME & SCHOOL FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

🍏 School Bus Driver Award

Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver for recognition in keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: Friday, May 8, 2026. More at: [Your paragraph text](#)

🍏 Science Fair 2026 Specialty Awards

The PEI Home and School Federation's Science Fair Specialty Awards were presented to:

Landon Seamon, Gr 9, East Wiltshire (Bio-Shield), and Jaidyn McKinnon, Gr 12, Colonel Gray (Hidden Hazards: Microplastics in Feminine Hygiene Products)

🍏 Home and School News Column

President Tom Deelstra's Monthly Home and School columns will be published in The Guardian newspaper and online at [Your paragraph text](#).

🍏 Motion 18 - Tracking school absences due to bullying.

The Legislative Assembly of PEI passed a motion on April 22, 2026, to track school absences due to bullying. Consider inviting your MLA to speak at a Home & School Meeting. More at: [Tracking school absences due to bullying](#).

🍏 Family Violence Prevention Week

The Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in Family Violence Prevention Week, May 11-17, 2026: "Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities." Information is online at: [Your paragraph text](#)

🍏 PSB Trustees' Updates

Charlottetown Family of Schools Zone 5: As May begins, we reflect on the excitement of celebrating our dedicated Home & School Associations across P.E.I. during the 73rd AGM & Spring Conference, "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging." Congratulations and gratitude to everyone who made the event informative and inspiring. The ideas shared will strengthen our schools and communities. We're happy to support any student events planned for June that foster learning and fun. Minutes from our April 9 Public School Board meeting are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#). Kind regards, Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As always, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the PEI Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on April 18. I found the resolution discussions very interesting, and I learned more about the challenges that Home and School members face during an information-sharing workshop in the afternoon. Looking forward to chatting with Home and School members in my zone soon! Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Westisle Family of Schools, Zone 1: As the 2025-2026 school year nears its end, I encourage all students and staff to maintain a good balance among study, rest, and physical activity. Westisle will be one of 6 PEI schools in the new Community Use of Schools pilot program beginning in 2026. I hope this will be a successful initiative and eventually be offered year-round at all Island schools. At the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, I expressed concern to Minister Croucher about the cancellation of the Imagination Library, which provides free monthly books to kids under 5. I was pleased to learn of the government's decision on April 21 to reinstate this program. Special congratulations to Penny Newcombe, Ellerslie Elementary, who was recognized at the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, as "Home and School Volunteer of the Year", thanking her for all her efforts and contributions. Please feel free to contact me at andrewavery@edu.pe.ca

🍏 PEI School Food Program Inc. Members of the public can donate to the PEI School Food Program and receive a charitable receipt. Go to: <https://ordering.peischoolfood.ca/donation> . See Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GTgNnd2Qk/>

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