**QUEEN ELIZABETH**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 10 – Honoring Remembrance Day @ QEES with staff and students.

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 13 – Remembrance Day (Observed) (No Classes)

November 16,17 – PEITF Convention, CUPE Convention (No Classes)

November 20-24 – QEES Book Fair

November 22 – Report Cards go home with students.

November 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews – (afterschool 3PM-6PM)

November 24 – Parent Teacher Interviews - (no classes)

The following students received **GOLDEN MOMENT AWARDS** for **COMPASSION** in OCTOBER:



**KA: Piper Weeks, Emma Stewart 3A: Summer Coles, Read McCarthy, Mason Kember**

**KB: Lila Patterson, Oliver Cobb** **3B: Dessie Andrew, Nolan Mann**

**KC: Isla Conway, Jackson Doctor 3C: Georgia Patterson, Kitson McIver**

**KD:Sadie Beairsto-Whitlock, Abigail Dennis 4A: Liam Caseley, Beckham Flood, Noah Hughes**

**1A: Zoie Sibbert, Gabriel Isenor 4B: Lily Mosher, Griffin Corbett, Cameron Pringle**

**1B: Jewels Bonnell, Jacob Ginn 5A: MacKenzie Illsley, Harrison MacLean, Malia Dennis**

**1C: Jameson Grady, Harrison Younker 5B: Harper Martin, Alex Hogan, Marcus Milligan**

**2A: Caprice Andrews, Jonas Cain 6A: Emilie Wedge, Karleigh Costain**

**2B: Steven Sibbert, Lucas Mallett** **6B: Presley Whalen, Gabe Hunt**

**2C: Olivia Doctor, Eli Pickering**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR “HOT TEACHER OF THE MONTH”, MRS. COULSON in 1C**



**REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

QEES will be honoring Remembrance Day with students on November 10th, 2023. We will have a small gathering in the gym, do readings throughout the day, with a moment of silence at 11:00 AM. Students have been busy doing posters and writings at each grade level for a contest with the Legion.

**QEES BOOK FAIR**

November 20-24 we will be having our annual book fair. Volunteers are needed to help run this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bev Campbell, via FaceBook or email at [bakemyday@hotmail.ca](mailto:bakemyday@hotmail.ca). Thank you!

**A WORD ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION**

Newsletters will be sent out electronically via our Home & School Facebook page, as well as via email to parents from Powerschool. Newsletters will be sent out the first Thursday of the month. Please make sure that you provide a valid email address and sign up for Hotlunches.net to receive important information. The newsletters are also located on our school website which is accessible at https://queenelizabeth.edu.pe.ca/

**NUT FREE POLICY**



Queen Elizabeth 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

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023-2024**

**Parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 20-24, 2023.**

• Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, to be eligible for kindergarten.

• Parents are asked to register their child at his/her 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 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:

• Birth Certificate

• PEI Health Card

• Passport

• Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

• **Welcome to Kindergarten** sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2024.

**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.

**LOCKDOWN POLICY**

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

**HEAD CHECKS**

The PSB has prepared a head lice management protocol for schools. A copy of the protocol is available on our school website, and you are encouraged to read it. Please make sure that you are doing regular checks with your child(ren). If lice are found, please contact the school so that we can check the

class. We do regular head lice checks often at the school.

**CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET AT QEES - December 18, 2023**

Clean those closets and drawers out! We accept gently used household items including but not limited to the following:  
- Home Decor eg. Picture frames, ornaments, signs   
- Seasonal decorations - wreaths, ornaments, etc.   
- Small toys - something that can be wrapped or bagged.  
- Sports accessories - golf balls, tennis balls, NHL stuff  
- Books, and games

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* small tools like screw drivers, craft tools, crafting supplies
* baking accessories like cookie cutters
* Jewelry

\*\*\*What we don't accept - Clothes or Stuffed animals (anything that little critters could live on)\*\*\*

**What we really need - GIFT BAGS!!!! Any season, any size! Please donate all your gift bags! It makes wrapping hundreds of items so much easier for our volunteer elves.**

**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2023**

QEES Cougars had a fantastic season this year.

We started with signing up on the first day of school. Over one-hundred runners from grades 3-6 started practicing on Monday September 11, 2023. Practices were held at big recess each day (weather permitting). It took commitment and perseverance as the runners gave up playing with their friends for part or most of their recess depending on their speed. Over sixty runners showed great dedication for running and made it on the QEES team and represented us at The Zone 2 Championships at Cabot Park on October 04, 2023.

All the hard work paid off and our **Pre-Novice (Grade 3 & 4) girls and boys teams finished 2nd place.**

**Novice (Grade 5 & 6) boys team finished 2nd place and;**

**Novice (Grade 5 & 6) girls team 1st place.**

Over one half of our runners, 28 in total qualified for Provincial Championships. It was held Saturday October 21 ,2023 at Mill River Provincial Park. The weather was far from amazing, and the competition was tough with over 120 runners in each race. Our runners did their best and made us proud!!!!

Here are the results:

**Pre-Novice Boys Team 2nd zones / 2nd provincials**

Name Zone place / Provincials place

Calvin MacPhail 4 /10

Beckham Flood 5 / 16

Oliver Bernard 12 / 54

Stuart Sullivan 13 / 10

Zach Nelson 14 / 49

Nixon Clark 26 / 78

Declan Ogilvie 31 / 53

**Pre-Novice Girls’ team 2nd zones / 6th provincials**

Name Zone place / Provincials place

Gentry Murphy 1 / 13

Dynlee Paynter 2 / 09

Wavie Dennuse 10 / 62

Blakely MacNevin 23 / X

Ava Waddell 24 / 58

Sadie Coles 26 / 101

Brinley Howard 27 / 100

**Novice Girls’ Team 1st zones / 4th provincials**

**Novice Boys Team 2nd zones / 6th provincials**

Name Zone place / Provincials place

Bradley Gallant 3 / 14

Charlie Jollimore 14 / 53

Harrison MacLean 21 / 45

Jamieson MacKay 22 / 60

Hudson Gill 23 / 51

Townsend Oglivie. 25 / 78

Ben Cousins 28 / 92

Name Zone place / Provincials place

Layna Reeves 1 / 2

Paisley Howard 8 / 35

Caedyn MacMurdo 9 / 44

Keira McCarthy 13 / 45

Elle Woodington 17 / 55

Harper Martin 20 / 52

Lydia St. Pierre 21 / 69

Big Congratulations to Layna Reeves who finished in 2nd place in the provincial Championship. One of our best showings in years!

Our next intramural sport Tennis.



**GUIDANCE COUNCELLOR MESSAGE – ARTHUR ADAMS**

**Tips for Parents: Stress and Your Child**

* **Stressors and trauma can affect functioning in daily life.** Experiencing stress and adversity can contribute to both internal symptoms (such as anxiety, depression, grief, fear, anger, and isolation) and external behaviors (such as reactivity, aggression, and behavior problems). Children may be concerned about actions or statements that they hear or see in the news. Recent events in their communities or reports in the media may cause children to fear that they or their family and friends may be targeted because of their gender, race, cultural or religious background, sexual orientation, or immigration status. The Israeli / Palestinian, and Ukrainian / Russian conflict can heighten anxiety in children because of intense media exposure.
* **The following represent concerning reactions that you should monitor in your children:**
* Isolation or refusal to engage in learning activities (in-person or virtual).
* Withdrawal from peers or social activities.
* Withdrawal from activities that your child used to enjoy.
* Reports of bullying, harassment, or intimidation in school (in-person or virtual), in the community, or on social media.
* **You can promote a sense of safety for children by doing the following:**
* Set limits on television and social media viewing, as too much exposure can increase fears.
* Provide a consistent structure and routine for children, as this helps to generate a sense of psychological safety.
* Provide a safe place for your children to talk about their fears.
* Encourage healthy and safe coping strategies.
* Maintain contact with your children’s teachers, as they can connect children with support through the school where they can talk through their feelings and reactions.
* Seek help immediately from your school’s counselor or outside therapist, if your child is experiencing strong emotional reactions or if you have noticed significant changes to their behavior. These supports may be available even if your child is participating in learning remotely.
* Immediately report any instances of bullying, harassment, or discrimination that your child observes or experiences to school administrators.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY INFO**

Hi everyone! I would like to introduce myself and the School Therapy Occupational Therapy (OT) Program. My name is Kendra Gaudet and I am the OT for the Kensington/Kinkora Family of Schools. I am very excited to be working at your child’s school for the 2023-2024 school year. I will be at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School on Fridays.

Occupational Therapists work with children of all ages and know a lot about children’s development in the areas of:

* fine motor (i.e., small muscle coordination)
* gross motor (i.e., large muscle coordination)
* visual motor (i.e., eye and hand coordination)
* sensory processing (i.e., how we respond to sensory information in our environment)
* environmental set-up (i.e., ensuring the environment works to meet everyone’s needs from seating to wheelchair accessibility, etc.).

The focus of the School Therapy OT program will be to work together with classroom teachers and school staff to support children’s motor and sensory development in order to assist children in achieving their learning goals; successfully participating in school and most importantly feeling good about school! To do this, I will be spending time in classrooms, gym, music and library classes, on the playground and in small group settings. Throughout the day, I will be offering guidance, suggestions and tips.

Feel free to contact the school or myself if you have any questions about the School Therapy OT Program. I can be contacted at the school on Fridays or at [kagaudet@ihis.org](mailto:kagaudet@ihis.org) or 902-303-2835. I look forward to a wonderful school year working together with school staff, students and you as parents/guardians!

Kendra Gaudet, OT Reg (PEI) Occupational Therapist, School Therapy OT Program

**HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS, NOVEMBER 2023**

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The Federation is hosting two Home & School Training Workshops. Parents, teachers, and students may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home & School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. New volunteer executive members should attend these sessions.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Miscouche Consolidated School

Tuesday, Nov. 7**,** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., West Royalty Elementary School

**SIGN-UP by Nov. 4 by emailing Shirley at:** [ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca) … Or call 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. No Cost. Light refreshments provided.

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Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year’s membership fees by November 1st. You can now pay by e-transfer to [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) OR mail cheques to the Federation office. Questions? 902-620-3186 / [ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca](mailto:ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca)

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Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.

Go to: [https://peihsf.ca/grants](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fgrants&data=05%7C01%7Ckrtoole%40edu.pe.ca%7C63b02c58c52b47f87caa08dbd3b2cfb0%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638336537182950176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rE55DdTvrM9w5fNYQ%2FI51iqvYUri6sy50aWdFIrw2oI%3D&reserved=0). Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

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Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation’s 2023-2024 Programme begins with the Crossing Guard Award nominations due Nov. 24. [Find more details online at PEIHSF Awards](mailto:Click%20here%20to%20learn%20more%20about%20PEIHSF%20Awards.)

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2. Focus agenda items on educational objectives/outcomes that work to benefit all students  
3. Involve everyone around the meeting table  
4. Ask the principal for a school report  
5. Practice basic parliamentary procedure

**Happenings in our community…**

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Community organizations may apply for Community Catalyst Grants. Schools may apply for School Health Grants. ($2,500, $5,000, and $7,500). Applications for both grant streams will be accepted online until 9:00 AM on Nov. 6, 2023. More info at: [PEI Wellness Grant Program](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.princeedwardisland.ca%2Fen%2Finformation%2Fhealth-and-wellness%2Fwhat-is-the-live-well-pei-wellness-grant-program%23utm_source%3Dredirect%26utm_medium%3Durl%26utm_campaign%3Dwellnessgrants&data=05%7C01%7Ckrtoole%40edu.pe.ca%7C63b02c58c52b47f87caa08dbd3b2cfb0%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638336537183106433%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y1N7ZBIl1R9G1MUHo71xFyCUweRcbSkBXq459AvIiuo%3D&reserved=0)

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**November 20** [National Child Day](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canada.ca%2Fen%2Fpublic-health%2Fservices%2Fhealth-promotion%2Fchildhood-adolescence%2Fnational-child-day.html&data=05%7C01%7Ckrtoole%40edu.pe.ca%7C63b02c58c52b47f87caa08dbd3b2cfb0%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638336537183106433%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pzzNxUJ0kBCgklHNvJuseSL%2BCSDoKouSDaO7pwac5GM%3D&reserved=0)

**November 21–27** [Canada History Week](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canada.ca%2Fen%2Fcanadian-heritage%2Fcampaigns%2Fhistory-week.html&data=05%7C01%7Ckrtoole%40edu.pe.ca%7C63b02c58c52b47f87caa08dbd3b2cfb0%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638336537183106433%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3C81muWZDZjpcEK2oLymsFwczPa%2BLLfPCJcwumVADYs%3D&reserved=0)

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