**QUEEN ELIZABETH**

**ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER ☺**

**February 15 –** Snow Show

**February 19** – Statutory Holiday (no classes)

**COUGAR NEWS –JANUARY 2024**

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

**Kindergarden: Everly MacKay, Tegan Howard, Landon LaFrance, Evelyn Paris, Mia Wall, and Rori Keough.**

**Grade 1: River MacLeod, Dean Sullivan, Charlotte MacKay, Julia Praught, Reid Doucette, and Atlas Champion.**

**Grade 2: Judah Dennuse, MacKenzie Waite, Leo Corbett, Kenley Rogers.**

**Grade 3: Bria Carruthers, Kallen Ross, Blakely MacNevin, Jayden McNeill, Addy Palmer, Jace Goode**

**Grade 4: Cruz Parsons, Anna Surrett, Finley Weeks, Rylee Mann, Lyla Pickering.**

**Grade 5: Gavin Kember, Leah Doucette, Caedyn MacMurdo, Jacob Cole, Harper Martin, Hudson Gill, Landon Blaikie.**

**Grade 6: Arwyn Busch, Georgia Webster, Landon Blaikie, Lucas Murphy, Addison Dewitt**

**SNOW SHOW**

We are excited to have our second annual art show! We will be hosting our "Snow Show" on February 15th, 3:30-5:30. Donations to the Easter Seals Campaign will be accepted at the door. Each student will have a piece of art on display.

Thanks so much!

The Easter Seal Committee

**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.

**Home and School News, January 2024**

**🍎  2024 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff**

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 19, 2024.** Find criteria and application at:  [https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fextra-mile-award%2F&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C38473e448786446f789008dc0d50f22d%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638399888518556152%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nv1o3MPssYAYAdBzKHSnyA0CGCl1fQ5pnOU4VSxQKfY%3D&reserved=0)

**🍎  Resolutions impact change**

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at [www.peihsf.ca/resolutions](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peihsf.ca%2Fresolutions&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C38473e448786446f789008dc0d50f22d%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638399888518712384%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9jynp9SR4GnSZhNL2sIdMu6JU%2FVq0QQjiAWT7VbtEzY%3D&reserved=0). Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2024,**

**🍎  Annual Reports**

Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit your 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the Federation by **Feb. 29.** Annual reports are compiled in the Federation’s Book of Reports posted 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%7C38473e448786446f789008dc0d50f22d%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638399888518712384%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tz5L74fSl7tObUrMNmqWFeO9KAlQuRjHnveJgUYQyKo%3D&reserved=0).

**🍎  2024 School Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16**

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!

**🍎  2024 Annual General Meeting Notice**

Book your calendars! The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 13, 2024.**  All member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is invited to designate five of your school’s attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be posted in February at:[http://peihsf.ca/agm](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fagm&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C38473e448786446f789008dc0d50f22d%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638399888518712384%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Pob1Ia%2FIzZAQdtNBrwrFcFGAiHo9knSx%2BuCW8Y5UBww%3D&reserved=0)

**🍎  Home and School and You**

Dionne Tuplin, PEI Home and School Federation president writes a monthly column for The Guardian. Her January 2024 news column will be published in The Guardian and posted at:[https://peihsf.ca/news/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fnews%2F&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C38473e448786446f789008dc0d50f22d%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638399888518712384%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2C6T4bMFZwN4NLvuS9VAY%2BvffeoevPf9X0AJD7VF3ks%3D&reserved=0) on Friday, Jan. 5.