**QUEEN ELIZABETH**

**ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER ☺**

**February 7** – Pott’s Sleigh Ride (Grade 3’s, storm date February 8th)

**February 14** –Valentines Day-Pink/Red Day

**February 15** –Snow Show

**February 16** – Crazy Sock/Comfy Day

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

**February 28** – Pink Shirt Day

**March 8** – Parent Teacher Interviews

**March 22-28** – March Break (no classes)

**March 29** – Statutory Holiday (no classes)

**COUGAR NEWS**

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

**Kindergarden: Lucy Sharpe, Dawson Howard-McNeill, Kyanna Wagner, Kadence Wagner, Griffyn Kember, Chester Ramsay, Leigha Ramsay,**

**Grade 1: Kennedy Gallant, Sawyer Tapp, Oaklyn Clark-Power, Cooper MacNevin, Sophia Sanderson, Julienne Gascon**

**Grade 2: Connor Hudson, Oliver Patterson, Carson Paynter, Emmett Gallant, Dayla Gallant, Niall Curley,**

**Grade 3: TJ Howard, Sawyer Campbell, Alaric Terry, Emery Arsenault, Dawson Paynter, Layla Taylor,**

**Grade 4: Kash Brander, Oliver Bernard, Wavie Dennuse, Keiralee Costain, Ava Waddell, Annie Cole,**

**Grade 5: Grace Carr, Landon Canfield, Riley Profit, Jade Harris, Elsa Savill, Marley Webster, Emmerson Delaney,**

**Grade 6: Brandyn MacInnis, Weston Sharpe, Tiana Sciberras, Issac Taylor,**

**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. 😊

**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

**NEW ADMIN CONTACT INFO**

Amanda Smith

902-836-8900 amandansmith@edu.pe.ca

**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, 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, February 2024**

**🍎  Presidents’**[**Annual Reports**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2FPresidents%2520Report%25202020-2021.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390327620%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Drvk5%2FR2EQ7mDhw0TNCOw%2BYY4kyz%2BTMkNv2ML8Lfjbs%3D&reserved=0)

President's Annual Reports are due **February 29**. All reports**will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports.** Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year’s [2023 Book of Reports](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foutlook.office365.com%2Fmail%2Finbox%2Fid%2F2023%2520Book%2520of%2520Reports&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390340765%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GXtwP8oLOSnIE8EDUAxlXu9g%2FZQvF87FeQDz1x6sBxQ%3D&reserved=0) 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%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390349962%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YUt6LkWNVpx7D5WAHmL5fhDSJ%2FmnJBcKJOfpLLuiA2o%3D&reserved=0).  Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation’s new [**President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2F6nFgbpdUFznk9a2r6&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390359254%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lHU0QC7a42R3n3QBpaSuN6nNmHlBMP4F2IPNYwXxfVc%3D&reserved=0)**.**  If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186

**🍎  Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

**Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024.** Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

**🍎  Home and School Volunteer Awards**

The Federation’s Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March. 3.** Criteria and Form are online at: [https://peihsf.ca/awards/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeihsf.ca%2Fawards%2F&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390367832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mj4LziojV8a%2B1e%2BSIomzjY7HP9hqFFL5NUwc%2B6bWhBo%3D&reserved=0)

**🍎  SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024**

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 13, 2024,** at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be 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%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390377357%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OpDZRF4HBpWKlRGIAPNZjZAYZ8wnoc6RX3rerbDOCEk%3D&reserved=0) Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

**What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?**Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It’s a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child’s education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students. <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

**~Pink Shirt Day** Canada 2024 is on **February** 28th **Let’s work together to end bullying and spread kindness!**A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: [https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpinkshirtdaycanada.ca%2F&data=05%7C02%7Camandansmith%40EDU.PE.CA%7C7951db9b29014d80f60508dc1e9ef306%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C638418915390384490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=74akUXeHfqNqlKBWJWC5EqbsLpyhdu78ffEp%2FmeRLrw%3D&reserved=0)

**~Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course** = provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm 212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30;  Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm.  Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwcpei@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.