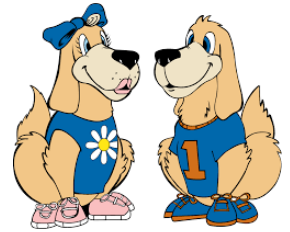


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



October, 2025

Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday October 2nd	Social Media Presentation for Parents 6:30pm - Activity Room @ Eliot River
Tuesday October 7th	Grade 5 Orwell Corner
Monday October 6th	ERES hosts Zone Cross Country Meet
Friday October 10th	Provincial PD Day
Monday October 13th	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Thursday October 16th	Scream Park Art Event (grade 6 leadership students) until 4:00pm
Wednesday October 22nd	Scream Park
Wednesday October 29th	Grade 4A, 4B, 4F, 4H to Orwell Corner
Thursday October 30th	Grade 4C, 4D, 4E, 4G to Orwell Corner
Monday November 3rd	No Stone Left Alone (Grade 4)
Thursday November 6th and Friday November 7th	PEITF/CUPE Annual Conventions - No School for Students
Monday November 10th	Teacher Administrative Day (No School for Students)
Tuesday November 11th	Remembrance Day - No School for Students
Friday November 14th	School Photo Retakes
Thursday November 20th	Parent Conferences (evening)
Friday November 21st	Parent Conference (day)
Tuesday November 26th	Home and School Meeting @6pm

Let Grow: Most of our classes have now launched the “Let Grow” experience in their classrooms and we are starting to see and celebrate some of our students’ success and failures and re-tries. We feel passionate about giving kids opportunities to grow their confidence and self esteem. If you have any questions about our Let Grow initiative, please feel free to reach out to your child’s teacher, administration, or visit letgrow.org



Let Grow Experience: October

INDEPENDENCE: Spread Your Wings



September’s theme was **Get Out of Your Comfort Zone**. These are some of the things students accomplished independently!

- *I tried to use chopsticks for the first time*
- *I used a blender and made a smoothie all by myself*
- *I biked to school with my friends*
- *I stayed home alone for 10 minutes*
- *I made fluffy pancakes*
- *I made pasta and learned not to burn myself with the hot water*
- *I went camping in the woods by myself*
- *I went to Walmart to buy a few things*
- *I tried a bunch of different types of eggs*
- *I made my own breakfast sandwich (two mornings in a row!)*

This month we continue our focus on Independence. October’s theme is **Spread Your Wings!**

Biking to School: We love that our bike racks are filled each morning with so many students choosing to start their morning with independence and exercise! We would like to remind our students to obey the rules of the road, particularly in the crossing of Meadowbank Road.

- Students should dismount their bikes and cross at the lights when the “Walk” sign is activated.
- Students should avoid the Independent Grocery store parking lot and use Hilltop Avenue from Meadowbank.
- HELMETS are MANDATORY by law.
- As well, our staff are not on duty before 8:05am, so please know that students that arrive before that time are not supervised.

Battery Challenge: Once again, we are participating in the Call2Recycle Battery challenge. We have been defending PEI champions in this contest for more than 5 years, help us make this our best year yet. In 2022, we collected 3083 kgs. In 2023, we collected 2470.75 kgs and last year, we collected **3237 kgs!**. All prize money will go towards our outdoor learning space. We are accepting donations of batteries now until October 31st, 2025. For more information, please see:

<https://www.earthrangers.com/EN/CA/recycle-your-batteries-canadabattery-blitz-school-mission-contest-prince-edward-island/>

Papa Johns Fundraiser: Papa Johns has created a Promo Code for our School. When ordering online, you get a 25% discount on orders and our school will receive 5% of all total sales for the school year ending May 31st.



ERES School PROMO CODE is **ERES1973**

Truth and Reconciliation: We held our annual Truth and Reconciliation assembly on Monday September 29th, 2025. We learned about the lasting impacts of the forced assimilation of Canada's Indigenous communities. We honoured and celebrated residential school survivors (and their descendants). A special thank you to Ms. Mooney, dance and song performer, Taya, all of our speakers, and our school choir for organizing and presenting such a moving program.

Terry Fox: Mr MacDougall organized our annual Terry Fox Assembly on Thursday September 25th. It was a beautiful day for our run, so we spent the afternoon walking and running on the beautiful trail at the Terry Fox complex. We are still accepting donations in cash and online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/108225>

Grade 6 Leadership: Our grade leadership students will be staying after school on Thursday October 16th until 4pm to help prepare for our Scream Park. They will also be our "actors" for the Scream Park and will need to be at school at 5pm on Wednesday October 22nd.

Scream Park: We are pleased to host our annual Scream Park on Wednesday October 22nd, 2025. The light hearted theme for our younger audience will take place from 5:30-7pm, with the scary theme going from 7:30-8:30pm. Admission is a minimum donation of \$2 per entry to support our Phys Ed program. The Thriller dance group will be attending and accepting monetary donations for the local food bank. If you are able to donate treats towards our treat bags table, please stay tuned for an email with more details coming from our Home and School Association.

Fall Coupon Book Campaign: Order forms go home next week (October 8th) for our BOGO

coupon books. Orders will be due the week of October 27th. Books will go home in November and make a great stocking stuffer. This fundraiser allows us to support academic, physical, and social emotional initiatives in our school throughout the year.

Cross Country: We will be hosting the Zone Cross Country Meet during the morning of Monday October 6th. We will have over 20 schools and 800 runners participate in the run and our grade 6 leadership students will play a key role in making sure the day goes smoothly. Best of luck to all of our runners!

Guitar Club: is starting at Eliot River! Guitar Club is an extracurricular activity that is offered to those who are interested in learning how to play guitar. This is offered to grade 5 and 6 students and will be held at 12:10 (lunch recess) in Ms. Mooney's room once per cycle.

Guitars are very limited (5 acoustic, 1 electric and 2 bass). There may need to be a selection criteria if there are more students interested. If you have a guitar at home, you are welcome to take it to the school on guitar club days. You are welcome to drop off the guitar in the morning with your child.

- Grade 5 GUITAR CLUB will be every DAY 3 @ 12:10pm
- Grade 6 GUITAR CLUB will be every DAY 5 @ 12:10pm

NOTE: *Guitars may not be allowed on school buses due to the number of passengers. You will need to check with your child's driver before sending a guitar on the bus.*

Forks, Spoons, and Water Bottles: If your child orders from the provincial lunch program, please send utensils (fork or spoon) with your child each day, as they are not provided by the program or the school. As well, please send a water bottle to school each day as most of our fountains are water bottle filling stations only.

Lost and Found: If your child is missing clothing, water bottles, or other items please encourage them to have a look in our lost and found. It is already growing!

Do you follow us? At Eliot River, we use emails, newsletters, and social media to share all the fun things going on in our building. Please follow us at:

Instagram: @eliotriver

Facebook: ERES

X: @eliot_river

Home and School on Facebook: Eliot River Home and School

Provincial Home & School News

October 2025

Register for Child Protection Information Session

Parents, school staff, and community members are invited to register for the Child Protection Info Session.

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Central Queens Elementary School, Rte. #2 Hunter River

Speakers:

Karen Kibsey, Canadian Centre for Child Protection, Winnipeg, MB

- will speak about reducing risks, recognizing warning signs, and guiding conversations with children and youth about personal safety. **Because of the sensitive nature of the topic, this presentation is recommended for adult attendees only.**

Cpl. Robert Yaschuk, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Internet Child Exploitation Unit

- will address bullying and youth safety, with strategies for families and communities to help protect children both in person and online.

REGISTER by Oct. 3, 2025 at: <https://forms.gle/QxfoRgZqJ8y5u8uA9>

Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Oct. 27 - Belfast Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Oct. 28 – Kensington Intermediate and Senior High School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Guidance for executive positions (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary); Bookkeeping tips for Treasurers and general information for all volunteers. No cost. Register by emailing peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by Fri. Oct. 24.

Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due Nov. 1. Find the application at:

<https://peihsf.ca/crossing-guard-award/>

Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: Nov. 30. Grant Application and Speakers Resource:

<https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

Community News

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or Public Schools Branch.

CORNWALL COMETS MINOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION:

Our program provides basketball instruction and game opportunities to children in grades K - 6. Our season runs from mid-October to early March. Practices take place one weekday evening and on Saturdays for most divisions. Registration information - including practice schedules and fees - will be available in early September, with registration opening on Sept 15th. Please check our Facebook site (Cornwall Comets Minor Basketball Association) or email cornwallcomets@gmail.com for further information.

Delta Soccer Fall Indoor Soccer Programs. Join Coach Joel for one of his six-week activity programs this fall for kids born 2014–2021. Each session blends fun play with age-appropriate learning, helping children build movement skills, confidence, and a love for the game. Sessions take place between November 4th and December 19th. For more program details and to register please visit deltasoccer.ca.



SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Afton Hall – West River Community Centre

This year we're making it even bigger! Both levels of the community centre will be open for fun, music, and dancing!

Family Time (Ages 6 & under)

5:00–6:00 PM

Older Kids & Families

6:00–8:00 PM



What to expect:

- ♥ Family-friendly Halloween fun
- ♥ Dress up in your best costumes!
- ♥ Music, dancing, glow sticks & treats
- ♥ Drinks (juice & water) available for purchase – fundraiser details coming soon!



We can't wait to see all the ghosts, goblins, princesses, and superheroes on the dance floor!

**ADMISSION
BY DONATION**
in support of our
**COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**



Special Olympics PEI Invitation to Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians

Special Olympics PEI is looking to gather feedback from parents, caregivers, and guardians on how we can better support the transition of students who participate in our in-school programs – including the Special Olympics Fun Days, Unified Bocce, Gymnastics Partnership Programs, and other school based opportunities – to our community-based sport, recreation, and wellness programs.

Special Olympics PEI is dedicated to enriching the lives of Islanders with an intellectual disability through sport and recreation with approximately 100 programs across the province. Our programming is for children, youth, and adults of all athletic skill levels who have an intellectual disability, a cognitive delay, or a developmental disability.

We would appreciate hearing from parents, caregivers, and guardians of youth who take part in our programming so we can better understand their experience, as well as how we can encourage more participation in our community-based programming and help to reduce barriers.

If your child is eligible for our programming, we encourage you to participate in **one or both of** the following activities:

1) Provide your feedback through an **online survey** by **Thursday, October 9th, 2025**.

At the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to **enter a draw for a \$100 pre-paid VISA gift card**. Details on this draw and how to enter are available upon completion of the survey.

Individual responses are confidential and will be reported in summary by MRSB Consulting services who are administering this survey.

To complete the survey, scan the QR code below:



<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SOPEI2025>

2) Attend a **focus group** to share further feedback.

Focus Group Details:

- **Date:** Monday, October 6, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- **Location:** Virtual (MS Teams)

MRSB Consulting Services will be facilitating this session and capturing your feedback.

To participate, please register by scanning the QR code below by **Wednesday, October 1st:**



<https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/91538409-36e8-42bf-afb9-9c0107463b7f/select>

Your feedback is very important – thank you for taking the time share!

