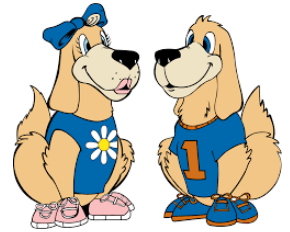


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



April, 2026

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday April 1st	Grade 5F/5G Water School
Thursday April 2nd	Grade 5A/5D Water School Wrestling Team to Zone meet @ Birchwood
Friday April 3rd	Good Friday (No School)
Monday April 6th	Easter Monday (No School)
Tuesday April 7th - Thursday April 9th	French Week
Tuesday April 7th	Grade 5C/5E to Water School HPV Needles for Grade 6 (morning) Doubles Badminton Team to Zone meet (12:30pm)
Wednesday April 8th	Grade 4 French Immersion to Art Discovery Days Manie Musicale Reveal Singles Badminton Team to Zone meet (9:30am)
Thursday April 9th	Grade 6 Band Concert at East Wiltshire @9am Grade 5 Water School (class 5B) School Wide French Bingo - 2pm Good Ole Hockey Game @6:50pm (APM)
Friday April 10th	Professional Learning - No School for Students
Friday April 17th	Candy Kabob Sales (Grade 6 FI classes organizing)
Wednesday April 22nd	Earth Day at Eliot River
Thursday April 23rd	Grades 4-6 attend Bluefield's Production of Freaky Friday (9am)
Monday April 27th	Easter Seals Tour @1:55pm
Tuesday April 28th	Arts Smarts Celebration for 4F & 4G Confederation Centre of the Arts 6-8pm
Friday May 1st	PEITF/CUPE Annual Meeting - No School for Students

Monday May 18th	Victoria Day - No School
Tuesday May 19th	Home and School Meeting @ 6pm
Monday May 25th-Wednesday May 27th	Tim Horton's Camp (6E- Larsen, 6F - Arbing and 6G - Ellis)
Wednesday May 27th - Friday May 29th	Tim Horton's Camp (6B Tooker/MacPhail, 6C Bradley, 6D Mackenzie, and 6A Thompson)
Monday June 15th	Grade 6 Math Provincial Assessment
Tuesday June 16th	Grade 6 Math Provincial Assessment
Wednesday June 17th	Grade 6 to Magic Mountain
Thursday June 18th	Grade 5 to Sandspit (rain date: Monday June 22nd)
Monday June 22nd	Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies (NEW DATE)
Thursday June 25th	Last Day for Students

Let Grow:



Let Grow Experience: April

RESPONSIBILITY: Love Your Planet

Last month's theme was **Build Connections**.

- *I got my brother a hat he wanted.*
- *I asked the teacher if she needed any help*
- *I showed a new student around the school*
- *For Black History month, I read three biographies on the morning announcements. The first one, I read with someone else. By the third, I read it all by myself.*

This month and next we focus on Responsibility. April's theme is **Love Your Planet**.



New Date for Grade 6 Closing: Bluefield and East Wiltshire have released their closing and graduation dates recently. As a result, due to the number of students with siblings in grade 12 at Bluefield and in grade 9 at East Wiltshire, we will be moving our grade 6 closing to Monday June 22nd. The schedule will follow, but each class will have a 30 minute ceremony during the day.

Wrestling: Our wrestling team will be heading off to the zone meet on Thursday at Birchwood. Good luck to all of our wrestlers! Thank you to Mr. MacDougall, Ms. MacPhail and Mr. Ford for coaching and chaperoning this team.

Badminton Team: Our badminton team will be heading off to their zone meets next week:

- Doubles: Tuesday April 7th for Doubles (12:30pm) . Boy's games @ Sherwood/Girl's games @ Stratford.
- Singles: Wednesday April 8th at 9:30am. Boy's Games @ Sherwood/Girl's games @ Stratford

Thank you to Mrs. Visser and Mr. MacDonald for coaching and chaperoning this team. Good luck to all of our athletes!

French Week: Will take place April 7-9. We will be celebrating the French music and artists of Manie Musicale 2026 with our final reveal on Wednesday April 8th. Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite Manie Artist on Wednesday. We will also have French Bingo on Thursday April 9th at 2pm. Students are also encouraged to create Art, Memes, or Videos to celebrate the event, their favourite song or their favourite artist. Those submissions are due April 2 to Madame Corney or Madame Campbell.

Internet Safety Presentations for students: Like most schools, Eliot River often deals with the fallout of inappropriate internet and social media use by our students during the evenings and weekends. Although there have been many benefits and opportunities created with the advent of the internet, students today are being exposed to a whole new level of pressure from technology and social media. Over the next month, our counsellors (Kirsten Stairs and Angus MacDonald) will again be visiting classes to talk about internet safety and social media use. For the last number of years, we have found these presentations to be very effective in making kids aware of some of the dangers of social media, but also to provide them with appropriate tools to handle situations that are uncomfortable and/or unsafe. The number one message is to tell a trusted adult.

Good Ole Hockey Game: will be held on April 9th at 6:50pm at the APM Centre for our annual Grade 6 vs teachers hockey (and ringette) game. Our entire school community is invited to watch this spirited game! Donations at the door are collected for Easter Seals. This year's Ambassador, Rowan MacDonald will be visiting us on Monday April 27th.

Grade 6 Healthy Me Presentations: Starting in April, we will have members of the RCMP, led by Constable Tim Keizer, presenting the **Healthy Me** program to our grade 6 classes. The officers will lead the students through 6 sessions and explore topics like peer pressure, identifying positive peers, coping skills, harms of vaping, alcohol and marijuana use, and

cyber safety. Each student will receive a workbook that they will be able to take home with them after the sessions are complete.

Earth Day: Eliot River will be celebrating Earth Day on Wednesday April 22nd. We will have a fun filled day with assemblies, special activities, picnic lunch, and community clean up.

Booster Juice Smoothies: For the Next 3 months, we have a new offer for students.

Smoothies from Booster Juice can be purchased once a month for April, May and June. There are 5 flavors and two sizes: 355ml for \$4.75 and 710ml for \$ 6.75. These will be served at lunch time and can be ordered via our Hot Lunches program:

<https://eliotriver.hotlunches.net/admin/>

Spring Fling: Rehearsals are underway for our Grade 6s for this year's Spring Fling *Pitch Perfect*. More details will follow, but Grade 6 families are asked to save the date of Thursday May 14th, 2026 for the show. There will be two performances (11am and 6:30pm). We will be presenting the show at UPEI's Performing Arts Centre. Tickets will cost \$5 (to help cover the cost of facility rental and sound). More information on ticket sales to follow!

Freaky Friday: Our students will be traveling by bus to Bluefield on Thursday April 23rd to watch their performance of *Freaky Friday*, a high-energy, modern musical that proves you never really know someone until you've literally walked in their shoes! The cost for students will be \$10 that goes to Bluefield school. Permission slips will go home after the Easter break.

Show description: *Freaky Friday* features a book by Bridget Carpenter (co-executive producer and writer of *Friday Night Lights* and *Parenthood*) and a pop-rock score by Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning composers Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey (*Next to Normal*, *If/Then*). When an overworked mother, Katherine, and her teenage daughter, Ellie, magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again. By spending a day in each other's shoes, they come to appreciate one another's struggles, learn self-acceptance, and realize the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter. It is a hilarious, contemporary, and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic

Spring Coupon Books: This year we are pleased to be offering the 2026 Summer Saver Coupon Books as part of our fundraising efforts. Funds will continue to support various school projects. Funds will also be directed towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Pediatric Unit and Nursery Unit at the QEH.

Summer Saver Coupon Books are full of excellent "BUY ONE GET ONE" offers from everyone's favourite restaurants, attractions and service businesses. The books sell for only \$10.00 each. Great value for your family and friends! Payment can be made by CHEQUE, CASH, or E-TRANSFER that can be sent to eliotriver@edu.pe.ca. In your E-transfer message PLEASE indicate the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, TEACHER and NUMBER of BOOKS required. Please use PASSWORD ERES26 if you are paying by E-transfer. We still require an order form to process the order.

**Great way to Support our Local Businesses! Over \$1000.00 Value! Thank You!
2026 Summer Saver Coupon Book**

Top Seller - Cash Prize: 1st- \$100; 2nd - \$75; 3rd - \$50; 3 Cash Draws of \$25 - One Ballot for three books sold.

Students who sell 5 or more books will be credited \$2 for each book they sell toward the cost of their year end field trip. Any student, with a credit remaining, after their trip is paid for in full, will be given that money back in cash.

Please return this order form and payment to the school, in a reusable bag the week of April 14th to April 16th. Books will be sent home in early May.

Donations of Gently Used Clothing: We always appreciate donations of gently used clothing for our students. We are currently looking for jogging/yoga pants in all sizes (Children's/Adults) for both girls and boys.

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**



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.

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](#)

PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, April 2026

It's time to register for 73rd AGM & Conference

Please register your school and ensure it is represented at this meeting.

Bullying is being addressed by guest speaker Alain Pelletier at the AGM.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 08:40 a.m. – 02:50 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown Conference

Highlights: Theme: “*Stop Bullying. Start Belonging.*”

A.M. Keynote Speaker: Alain Pelletier “5 Faces of Bullying”

Workshop Topics:

1. Child Exploitation Unit
2. “5 Faces of Bullying”
3. Food, Finances & Fundamentals, etc.

Participation: This meeting is open to all parents and educators! While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, more than 5 people can register to attend from each school. *The greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.*

REGISTER by early deadline April 1st at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> PEI Home and School Federation contact information: 902-620-3186 | peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Review 2026 Proposed Resolutions before the AGM

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 18. Please ensure your voting delegates (parents and educators) review these resolutions in advance so they come to the meeting ready to vote.

The proposed resolutions include:

2026-01 = Integrating Playground Equipment into the Provincial Capital Budget

2026-02 = Increase Psycho-Educational Assessment Capacity for School-Aged Children in Prince Edward Island


2026-03 = Repeal Section 43 and Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children

2026-04 = Urging Compliance with PEI Teacher Librarian Directive (Md 2025-05) By Hiring A Provincial Teacher-Librarian Leader

Find proposed resolutions online: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

School Bus Driver Award

The PEI Home and School Federation’s School Bus Driver of the Year Award celebrates the dedicated bus drivers who help keep PEI’s students safe every day as they travel to and from school. Nominations for the 2026 award are now open! Submit your nomination by May 8, 2026.

 **National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026. Ignite Volunteerism: A year-long, nation-building celebration.** We will celebrate how people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities to deepen our collective impact. Visit: <https://ivy26.ca/> for resources

PSB School Board Trustee Reports

Congratulations to the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees' new Chair, Andrew MacFarlane, and Vice-Chair, Karen Clare, who assumed their one-year roles on March 13, 2026.

Westisle (Zone 1)

Andrew Avery, Zone 1 Trustee for the PSB, has been working to meet all 9 schools in the Westisle Family of Schools since his Feb. 9 by-election win by acclamation. The primary concern across all schools is the need for more support staff, particularly teachers and educational assistants. The shortage of trained EAs is expected to worsen for the 2026-2027 school year, and Avery will advocate for addressing this in upcoming PSB budgets. On Feb 10, Hon. David Jenkins released a report on Student Safety in Island Schools with recommendations to ensure safe learning environments. Avery expressed concerns about the by-election process, which relied solely on mail-in ballots with a tight timeline. He plans to request a full review to establish the proper Election Day, in-person voting stations for 2028. He encourages community members to volunteer for school breakfast programs, noting that students who eat breakfast are more focused learners. Tignish Elementary Principal, Mike Ellsworth, received the 2026 Doug MacDougall Inspire Award for his dedication and positive impact on students and staff. *Andrew Avery (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)*

Bluefield (Zone 4)

I've been able to meet some Home and School Associations in my zone and will schedule more meetings soon! In the meantime, I encourage people to reach out to me with any concerns or questions. I'm also looking forward to attending the AGM on April 18 and having great conversations with Home and School Association members. I've attended this AGM several times and have always found these meetings to be both informative and an excellent opportunity to network. *Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)*

Charlottetown (Zone 5)

With the warmer days of April bringing energy and smiles to everyone, we're excited by the prospect of joining one of your upcoming Home and School Association Zone 5 meetings. We'd also be thrilled to lend a hand with any student events you have in the works for May. Supporting the fun and learning that make our schools so special is important to us. In March, we had the pleasure of attending the awarding of the "Extra Mile" award to Mrs. Jill Burry of Stonepark Intermediate School. The affection and respect the students and educators displayed for Mrs. Burry were truly inspiring. It was a privilege to be asked to participate in this ceremony, and congratulations again, Mrs. Burry! Public School Board meeting minutes are available in the Board of Trustees section of the Public Schools Branch website. Kindest regards & Happy Easter to All! *Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)*

[Community News](#)

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

STEAM PEI: Is offering summer camps this year for kids ages 5–14 in the Charlottetown area, hosted at Holland College and the STEAM PEI Makerspace. Our camps give kids the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through hands-on, fun activities in a welcoming environment. A great way to keep young minds engaged over the summer! Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/4sMGhVt>

Delta Soccer Spring & Summer Outdoor Programs for Players 9 and Under.

Not all grassroots soccer programs are the same. Delta Soccer is designed for families who want more coaching engagement during practice time. Sessions are structured and high-energy, keeping children moving through small-sided games and skill activities that build confidence with the ball. Families can register for the 8-week Spring session (May–July), the 8-week Summer session (July–August), or both. The outdoor season starts earlier and runs longer to provide more time for young players to develop and enjoy the game. Registration opens April 7th. Full details and registration at deltasoccer.ca.



Charlottetown Summer 2026 English Camps

AGES	5-8	8-12	10-14
Location	Holland College	Holland College	STEAM PEI
JUN-JUL 29-3	Art in STEM	Stop Motion Animation	
JUL 6-10	Wild Animal	Design Lab	Engineering for the Future
JUL 13-17	GeoGenius	Stop Motion Animation	Game Makers
JUL 20-24	STEAM Explorers	Tech Bytes	Girls in Design
JUL 27-31	Space Quest	Online Investigators	MakerLab
AUG 4-7	Wild Animal	Stop Motion Animation	Engineering for the Future
AUG 10-14	Space Quest	Design Lab	Game Makers
AUG 17-21		8-12 ←	Online Investigators
AUG 24-28		Girls only, 8-12 ←	EcoGirls

NEW ALL FEMALE

FLAG FOOTBALL

LEAGUES ON PEI!



U12 • U14 • U16

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES!

- ✓ ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
- ✓ FUN & FRIENDLY COMPETITION
- ✓ SIGN UP OPENS EARLY APRIL! ▲

Questions can be directed to cornwallfootballclub@gmail.com



FLAG FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

Registration Opens in **APRIL!**

SEASON RUNS
EARLY MAY – MID JUNE

DIVISIONS:
 ★ U10 • U12 • U14 • U16

GEAR REQUIRED:

- ✓ Pocket-less Pants or Shorts
- ✓ Mouthguard
- ✓ Cleats

(THAT'S IT – WE KEEP IT SIMPLE!)

FAST ★ FUN ★ TEAMWORK ★ COMPETITION!

DON'T MISS OUT – SPOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!

REGISTER IN APRIL & GET READY FOR KICKOFF IN MAY!

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