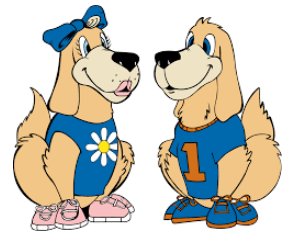


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



January, 2025

Upcoming Important Dates:

January 21st	Home and School Meeting @6pm
January 30th	Grade 6D, 6E, 6F to Orwell Corner
January 31st	Grade 6A, 6B, 6C, 6G to Orwell Corner
February 3rd	Professional Learning Day (Provincial) (no classes)
February 12th	Grade 6 Classes to Brookvale
February 17th	Islander Day (no classes)
March 6th	Parent Conferences (evening)
March 7th	Parent Conferences (no classes)
March 13th	Report Cards sent home
March 17th - 21st	Mid-Term Break
April 11th	Professional Learning Day (no classes)
April 18th/April 21st	Easter Holiday (no school)
May 2nd	Area Association (CUPE/PEITF) Annual Meeting (no classes)
May 19th	Victoria Day (no school)
May 20th	Home and School Meeting @6pm
May 21st	Grade 6 Spring Fling (Dress Rehearsal)
May 22nd	Grade 6 Spring Fling Performance (Morning and Evening)
June 25th	Grade 6 Closing
June 26th	Last Day of School for students

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2025!

Early Morning Sports: It's January, so our Early Morning Sports are starting up again! All students are welcome. There's no sign up needed and they can choose which days they would like to attend. They can come to all three if they would like!

- Start time is 7:30 a.m. **Students cannot be dropped off before 7:30 a.m.** as staff need to be onsite to accept them.
- Please enter the school parking lot via Main Street/Terry Fox Place and drop off your child at our drop off location along the gym/activity room sidewalk. Students will enter via the side entrance door.

Early Morning Sports will start on Tuesday January 14th!

Sports being offered:

- Tuesdays - Badminton
- Wednesdays - Team Sports (Basketball, Dodgebee, Crazy Cricket etc)
- Thursdays - Dodgeball

If school is delayed, there will be no early morning sports that day.

COSPEI Gold Rush: As you know, we have joined COSPEI Gold Rush. Our Dream Park is starting to age out and will need to be refreshed/updated within a few years. We plan to use any funds raised to help with that upcoming project. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. We are one of 60 schools currently taking part.

We would appreciate your support! You can use this link (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support "Eliot River Elementary School" and play. If you have already signed up to donate to another school, we wanted to let you know that you are able to support more than one school (even if you are only playing one ticket weekly).

Lost and Found: Our lost and found is overflowing again. If your child is missing any items (water bottles, sweaters, snow pants, jackets, mitts and hats), please encourage them to check our lost and found. It is very helpful if their items are labeled with their names so we can get them back to them.

Dressing for the Weather: a reminder that our students go outside in all kinds of weather for recess and activities including light rain/drizzle and snow. Most days, there is over an hour of outside time for students. Please remind your child to dress warmly every day. Jackets, boots, hats, and mitts are required every day. A change of clothes, especially socks, is great to have in your child's school bag each day for emergencies.

Attendance: As you are aware, schools in PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance this academic year. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. At Eliot River, we continue to monitor our attendance and work with families where attendance is impacting the academic growth of their child. Saying that, we

recognize that the cold and flu season is in full swing and expect students to stay home when they are ill.

PEI Cyber Bullying Steering Committee: If you know children and youth between 4 and 24, the PEI Cyberbullying Steering Committee wants to hear from you. Your input will help us develop a PEI strategy for cyberbullying among youth.

Complete the anonymous survey [here](#) by January 27th, 2025

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

Home and School News January, 2025

2025 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. 17, 2025. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by approving 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. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is Jan. 31, 2025.

President's Annual Reports

Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit their 2024-2025 annual reports to the Federation office by Feb. 28. All reports are compiled in the Federation's Annual Book of Reports and posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

School Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025

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!

Annual General Meeting Notice

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sat., April 12, 2025. All Member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is asked to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

PSB Consultation on Memorials and Grief Support in Schools

The Public Schools Branch is conducting a consultation to review a policy and procedure entitled "Memorials and Grief Support in Schools." Draft versions of the proposed documents have been made available for your review and participation in the Consultation Survey.

[Participate in the Consultation Survey](#) and [Memorials and Grief Support In Schools - Policy and Procedure Consultation.pdf](#)

Home and School monthly column

Read President, David Schult's, monthly columns at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/> January's will be published Sat. Jan. 11th.

Other Community News....

~ **SPELLING BEE COMPETITION** = REGISTER your child for PEI Competition
Register your child for the P.E.I. Spelling Bee of Canada Competition on April 5, 2025.
Parents/guardians can register students at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration.
First Place Winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 25-26, 2025. High school students 15+ can train as a Coach. For more info, e-mail Alanna at: coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca

Community News

Jiu-Jitsu Classes

Exciting News! Kids' Jiu-Jitsu Classes at West River Jiu-Jitsu! Join us at the Bonshaw Community Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, where our experienced instructors will help your child learn to manage their physical and emotional energy through age appropriate instruction and play. Jiu-Jitsu is not just a martial art—it's a great way for children to develop discipline, focus, and confidence while improving their physical fitness. Plus, it's an awesome opportunity to make new friends and expel energy in a fun and safe environment! Don't miss out on the fun! For more details and to sign up, visit us at www.westriverjiujitsu.ca, or email any questions to contact@westriverjiujitsu.ca.

Delta Soccer

Give your child a chance to participate in a fun winter indoor soccer program with Delta Soccer! Programs run from January 3rd through March 28th and include a choice of six or twelve engaging sessions. Options are available for children born between 2016 and 2023, and financial assistance is available for families in need.

For full program descriptions, schedules, and registration, visit deltasoccer.ca or contact joel@deltasoccer.ca.

KidProof PEI

No school on February 3 is a perfect time to sign up your child to the Babysitting Training course to learn in a fun, interactive and safety based class!

Register today as seats are limited

<https://www.kidproofpei.com/kid-proof-pei>