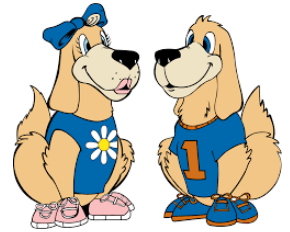


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



June, 2026

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday June 3rd	Grade 4 Orientation (for current Grade 3s at Westwood) 4:15 and 5pm
Thursday June 4th	French Immersion Grade 4 to Salon du Livre
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)
Friday June 19th	Grade 4 to Shining Waters
Monday June 22nd	Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies
Thursday June 25th	Last Day for Students

Let Grow:



Let Grow Experience: June

EXPLORATION: Find Your Way



- This month we focus on Exploration. June's theme is **Find Your Way**. As we wrap up our first year of the Let Grow program, we would like to congratulate all students that took up the challenge and pushed themselves to try new foods, hobbies, and doing tasks independently. Children thrive when they can challenge themselves with new experiences. We are pleased with all of their growth!

Thank you and best of luck: to our students and families heading on to East Wiltshire. We hope that your time at Eliot River was memorable and that you look back fondly on the experience. We will miss our grade 6 group next year. They have been a wonderful group of athletes, musicians, artists, leaders, and friends. We wish them well next year at East Wiltshire and beyond. To all of our returning families, have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

Pride Month: June is Pride Month. This month, schools and businesses across the island will be celebrating Pride month and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. At Eliot River, we continually strive to provide an inclusive environment where all students, staff, and community feel accepted regardless of our differences EVERY SINGLE DAY. We believe that all children have the right to their identity and to not face discrimination. Classroom teachers will continue to foster empathy and inclusion in all curriculum areas by focusing on the message that everyone belongs at Eliot River Elementary.

Retirements: We have several long time staff members retiring this June. We want to send a special thank you to each of them for their many years of service and dedication to our school community. To say they will be missed is an understatement. We wish the following staff a wonderful and well deserved retirement:

- Angela Arsenault (Resource and Teacher Librarian)
- Brenda Larsen (Grade 6 Classroom Teacher)
- Christine Richards (Educational Assistant)
- Darren Ford (Behaviour Resource)
- Mark MacDougall (Physical Education)

Grade 6 Closing: will be held on *Monday June 22nd* in our activity room. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00am - Class 6E (Larsen)
- 9:45am - Class 6G (Ellis)
- 10:30am - Class 6A (Thompson)
- 11:15am - Class 6F (Arbing)
- 12:00pm - Class 6D (MacKenzie)

- 12:45pm - Class 6B (Tooker/MacPhail)
- 1:30pm - Class 6C (Bradley)

End of Year Field Trips: Permission slips for end of year field trips have gone or will be going home soon. Full payment can be made on our hot lunches site. If your child has credit from sold coupon books, any amount still owing for the trip will need to be sent in by cash.

- Grade 4 is going to Shining Waters on Friday June 19th
- Grade 5 is going to Sandspit on Thursday June 18th
- Grade 6 is going to Magic Mountain on Wednesday June 17th

End of Year BBQ: As is our tradition, the North River Fire Department will be here on our last day of school (June 25th) to provide a BBQ lunch (hotdogs) for our students. We appreciate the support of our community and want to thank the volunteers at the North River Fire Department and our local Independent Grocer for the donation of their time and supplies.

Biking to School: We love that our bike racks are filled each morning with so many students choosing to start their morning with 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.

Coupon Books: Thanks once again for your tremendous support of our coupon book fundraiser. This helps us provide extra programs and materials for our students, and allows us to cover bus transportation for all educational field trips. Balances towards field trips will be shared soon (if not already done so) by classroom teachers via the field trip permission slips. Students that sold more coupon books than required to pay for their field trip will be receiving their “bonuses” today. Please check their bags.

Spring Fling: Thank you to all of our grade 6 families and community members that attended our Spring Fling production. *Pitch Perfect* was another wonderful show in our many years of Spring Fling performances. It’s no small feat organizing 150 students on a stage and producing a show of that magnitude, so we send our thanks to Ms. Mooney, Madame Campbell, Madame Corney and all of our staff that gave up their time to make this possible.

Hot Lunches Balance: All food orders must be paid for and all account balances paid by June 15th, 2026. Orders will not be processed if there are balances owing for the month of June.

Grade 6 East Wiltshire Transition; Amy Connell and Sarah Fletcher or Devon Kelly, from the Student Well Being Team; will be presenting to Grade 6 classes on Friday, June 19th to help prepare them for their transition to East Wiltshire. Topics covered will be: Key areas at EWS, Grade 7 Entrance, healthy eating habits and exercise, outdoor area, sports/ band, Warrior way/ Clint Evans way, lockers/ combinations, helpful tips, organization, Peer relationships, French, and there will be time for questions from the students.

If parents are wanting their child to participate in a Transitions Event at EWS, the Student Well Being Team will be doing two drop in's the beginning of *September*. September 1st *10am-12pm* and September 2nd *1pm-3pm*. Sign up required by emailing Amy Connell (anconnell@gov.pe.ca), or Devon Kelly (devonkelly@gov.pe.ca). Please provide an emergency contact and list of allergies.

Grade 6 Healthy Me Presentations: *we are still hoping that the Healthy Me presentations will take place in June, but will depend on the RCMP members availability.* Members of the RCMP, led by Constable Tim Keizer, will be 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.

Cadets Presentation: Two of our students, Strider Reid and Callen Desroches will be delivering a presentation they have created to interested classes next week about the Cadet program and opportunities available to students through the Cadet program.

School Supplies: The Department of Education is covering school supplies for students again for the 2026-2027 school year. All students will need indoor shoes, a water bottle and lunch kit. As well, there are a few items that are not covered by the fee (headphones, calculator, etc) and your child's homeroom teacher will reach out in September if this applies to your child.

How to find your child's bus information: To find your child's bus information for September please check online at the following website: www.psbusing.princeedwardisland.ca Busing/Student information will not be available until mid-late June 2026. The Transportation Services department is available to assist even in the summer months. Please email Ashley in Transportation – ashleymcisaac@edu.pe.ca if you have any other questions.

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, June 2026

COMPASS Results 2025-26

NEW COMPASS survey shows improvements in the health and well-being of Island youth.

https://www.livewellpei.ca/sites/test.livewellpei.ca/files/2026-04/2025-26_Provincial%20Report_ENG_0.pdf

Heritage Fair Winners

Congratulations to PEI Home and School Federation's Heritage Fair Specialty Prize Winners.

1. Liz Lykow, "The History of the Tuplins", Queen Elizabeth Elementary School
2. Nicky Hansen, "Ledwell Legacy", Morell Consolidated School

More at:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/provincial-heritage-fair-celebrates-student-achievement>

Home & School Executive/Board changes

Do you have executive members who will be transitioning to the next school level with their children?

If so, consider establishing a nomination committee and working with your principal to identify and recruit

new volunteers for your local Home and School board.

Tip #1: Executive roles can be structured as co-chair positions to encourage shared leadership, strengthen

collaboration, and support continuity.

Tip #2: Make a point of inviting new families to get involved. Early engagement helps them feel welcomed and fosters

a sense of belonging within the school community.

Home and School Monthly Column

Federation president Tom Deelstra writes a monthly column for The Guardian. It is published on the first Saturday of the month during the school year and is available online. Read the next column on June 6. [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://www.peihsf.ca/news)

School Calendar 2026-2027

The first day of school for students for 2026-2027 will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/84f6/School%20Calendar%202026-27%20%28MD%202026%2001%29%202026%20ENG.pdf>

Post-Annual General Meeting 2026

The post-AGM 2026 summaries are available online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Encouraging summer reading...

Keep children/youth of all ages' minds active during the summer by regularly visiting your local library. There are 25 public library locations across Prince Edward Island.

Locations/Hours:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/public-libraries-locations-and-hours>

Kids: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/kids>

Teens: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/teens>

The Walled Garden Education - A Conversation with The Dais at TMU

On best practices, community outreach, and the effects of removing phones from the school day

The discussion was moderated by **Dr. Travis Saunders**, professor of applied human sciences at the **University of PEI** and advocate for reducing screen use in classroom settings.

Panelists: Matthew Shapiro, Vice Principal at Westmount High School, Montréal, Québec, and Tim Mushumanski, Principal of Trafalgar Middle School, Nelson, British Columbia. Both Matthew and Tim have been instrumental in advancing successful [bell-to-bell phone restrictions](#) in their schools. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXIKVV7439E>

PSB Trustees' Updates:

Westisle Family of Schools (Zone 1): As the Zone 1 trustee, I want to take this time to congratulate all students who will take part in the Graduation and Closing Ceremonies in June. Take the time to attend one or more of the ceremonies in your communities. *Andrew Avery* (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)

Graduation and Closing Ceremony Dates 2026:

June 22 - Tignish Elementary, 6:00 pm / June 22 - Hernewood Intermediate, 7:00 pm

June 23 - Alberton Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 23 - Westisle Composite High, 7:00 pm

June 24 - Eilerslie Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 24 - St. Louis Elementary, 4:30 pm

June 24 - O'Leary Elementary, 4:30 pm / June 24 - M.E. Callaghan Intermediate, 7:00 pm

June 25 - Bloomfield Elementary, 6:00 pm

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As the school year end draws near, I want to congratulate students on all their hard work this year. I also want to thank teachers, staff, and volunteers for their dedication and care as they support our students every day. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break this summer. Take care, *Karen* (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Charlottetown Family of Schools (Zone 5): As the 2025–2026 school year ends, students, staff, parents, and caregivers across Prince Edward Island celebrate achievements, year-end activities, and milestones. Home and School's June events and planning are underway. In May, we attended Spring Park and Prince Street meetings and were inspired by the volunteer spirit. We will attend the Prince Street Spring Fling Fundraiser on June 5, where Andrew will be in the dunk tank. Please reach out if we can support fall planning. We recognize the conclusion of the PBIS pilot and its valuable insights. Congratulations on a successful year. Happy summer, everyone!

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.

WISE SKATEBOARDING PARK: Is Charlottetown's new indoor skatepark, built to give youth a safe, inclusive space to learn, build confidence, and connect. This summer, we're offering our Summer Sk8 Camp! A fun, multi-activity day camp that blends skateboarding with games, creative activities, and group challenges, with no experience needed. Beyond summer, Wise also runs year-round programming in our new facility, giving kids and youth ongoing opportunities to stay active, be part of a positive community and learn new skills on and off the board. Register at www.wiseskateboarding.com, or contact megan@wiseskateboarding.com, hannah@wiseskateboarding.com for more information.

PEI Golf Association Junior Golf Event: The EF MacPhee Construction Tee It Up Tour is an introduction to competition for youth ages 8+. Events will be 9-hole, scramble format. Each group will have an adult with them on the course to ensure safety, help with pace of play, rules and course etiquette. Participants may request to be paired with one friend at the time of registration. Cost is \$75/participant – includes entry to all 3 events, a welcome gift, prizes and snacks at each stop!
<https://www.peiga.ca/ef-macphee-construction-tee-it-up-tour/>

STUDENT WELL-BEING TEAM:

Student Well-Being Team Summer Events:

Grade 6 and above:

The Student Well Being Team will also be doing drop-in events at EWS "Wellness Wednesdays" July 15th and 22nd and August 12th and 19th. Time is 9am till 12pm. During this time the Student Well-Being Team will be putting on a quick presentation around Topics such as "Health Relationships, School Anxiety, Technology, and Self Care vs. Self Maintenance". Followed by open gym time and crafts. Light refreshments will be provided. No referral needed, sign up required by emailing Amy Connell (anconnell@gov.pe.ca) or Devon Kelly (devonkelly@gov.pe.ca). Please provide an emergency contact and list of allergies.

Grades K – 5 from Bluefield FOS

Drop-in Community Activity Day July 8th, 10 am – 12 pm. Location: Cornwall Town Hall. No referral needed, sign up required by emailing Amy Connell (anconnell@gov.pe.ca) or Devon Kelly (devonkelly@gov.pe.ca). Please provide an emergency contact and list of allergies.

THE NEST: Charlottetown's bilingual children's music and movement studio — is launching its very first Creative Summer Camp, running July 6 to August 21, 2026 at 95 Capital Drive. Designed for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5, camp runs Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, and is filled with music, movement, dance, puppetry, hands-on crafts, and instrument play.

Each week has its own unique theme — from Islander Week and Magic All Around to Puppets & Stories and The Science of Music — and all activities are taught in a natural blend of English and French. No experience needed, and no minimum commitment: families can register for one week or as many as they'd like!

Spaces are very limited (only 14 spots per week), so we encourage families to register early. Camp is \$275/week, with a 10% sibling discount available.

👉 Register now and learn more at

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.thenestpei.com%2Fcamp&data=05%7C02%7Cmullen%40edu.pe.ca%7C40822ffbb1a143fdf35a08deb0320fc7%7C9872daac4f67480981dd082737f7d78b%7C0%7C0%7C639141927212383191%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOIjoiTWfPbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=n590mFVkWQP6NnC5XmAXdqDs9AuvWFrRsZzLiFDiNqo%3D&reserved=0>

📘 Follow us on Facebook @thenestpei for updates on camp, classes, music, movement, and bilingual learning!

The Nest also offers music and movement classes for children ages 0–6 with their caregivers throughout the school year — and we have even more exciting programming coming this fall. Stay tuned!

