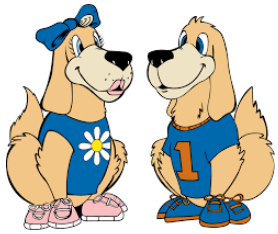
Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



November 2026

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday November 4th	Spirit Assembly (afternoon)
November 5th & 6th	PEITF Convention - No School for Students
Monday November 9th	No Stone Left Alone - Grade 4 (morning)
Tuesday November 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am
Wednesday November 11th	Remembrance Day - No School for Students
Monday November 16th	Report Card Day - No School for Students
Tuesday November 17th	Picture Retakes (rescheduled)
Thursday November 26th	Parent Conferences (evening)
Friday November 27th	Parent Conferences (day) - No School for Students
Tuesday December 15th	Grade 4 Christmas Concert (10am and 1pm) (storm date: Dec 16th)
Friday December 18th	Last Day of School for 2026!
Monday December 21st	Professional Learning for Teachers (no school for students)
Monday January 4th	First Day back to school for 2027!

Let Grow Experience: October

INDEPENDENCE: Spread Your Wings

We had a very successful first month of our Let Grow project. 208 students participated in the challenge to *Spread Your Wings* and get out of your comfort zone. Huge congratulations to our classes 4C, 5E/5G and 6C for hosting our first assemblies and doing an amazing job showcasing all the independent growth and learning that happened in October. November's theme focuses on Leadership with the challenge to **Take Initiative.**

Grade 4 Christmas Concert: Grade 4 families, please save the date of Tuesday December 15th (storm date of Wednesday December 16th) for the Grade 4 Christmas concert. There will be two performances to allow grade 4 families to attend.

- 10am will be for families of 4A, 4B, 4C
- 1pm will be for families of 4D, 4E, 4F

We will be performing the entire show at both of those times. More details to come in the coming weeks! Our Home and School will also be sponsoring the "Best Seats in the House" contest to win VIP seating for our concert. More details to come!

Battery Blitz: Eliot River will once again be collecting used/dead batteries this year, with a few adjustments. While there is no Call2Recycle national campaign this year (and sadly no big prize money), we would like to keep ERES's culture of caring for our environment alive and well. Many families may have continued collecting after our last successful campaign, assuming that we would once again be going ahead, so we wanted to give you an opportunity to bring them in. As in previous years, our school will offer prizes for the top-collecting class in each grade. Our campaign will start officially next week and run until the end of November

Hot Lunches: Please Note: Chef Stef will be away November 13th - 24th. Her menu items will resume Nov 25th

Parent Conferences Booking: Parent conferences will be happening at the end of the month. It is a great time to meet with your child's teacher to learn about your child's progress, challenges and successes. We will be using the online booking platform, School Appointments again this year. Registration will open on **Friday, November 13th** at 8:00am and will close on **Friday, November 20th** at 10:00pm. Please register for an account, assign your children to their designated classrooms, and select convenient appointment slots to connect with your child's teachers.https://eliotriver.schoolappointments.com

Photo Retakes: Will now be on Tuesday November 17th. If you want your child to have a re-take, please let their homeroom teacher know.

Fall Coupon Book Campaign: Thank you for your support of our Fall coupon fundraiser. Coupon books will be going home with students when they arrive from the printers. We expect this will be around the end of next week, but we will send an email to let you know they have been sent! .

Christmas Families: Each year, the Bluefield Family of Schools supports families in need with clothing, food, and presents for children over the holidays. At our school, we often support upwards of 30 families. If you would like to donate towards this cause, you can make a

contribution on our hot lunches website. Finally, if you would like to sponsor one of our families, please contact our counsellors (Mrs. Stairs kdstairs@edu.pe.ca or Mr. MacDonald angusjmacdonald@edu.pe.ca) for more information.

Scholastic Book Fair: Our Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving around November 19th. Classes will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair during their scheduled library times over the following week. Families will be able to visit the Book Fair Thursday November 26th during parent conferences. It will also be open on Friday November 27th from 9-12pm (during conferences). It's always a great time to pick up some Christmas gifts!

No Stone Left Alone: Our grade 4 classes will be once again participating in the *No Stone Left Alone* ceremony at Sherwood Cemetery on Monday November 9th. The No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation is a Canadian organization dedicated to honouring fallen military members by engaging youth in hands-on acts of remembrance. Through local cemetery ceremonies, students learn about military history and express their gratitude by placing poppies on the headstones of Canadian veterans. This personal experience helps children build a meaningful connection to Canada's service members while fostering lifelong respect, empathy, and appreciation for peace and freedom.

Scream Park: Thank you to our amazing community for your support with our Scream Park event. We had our biggest turn out yet and raised just over $12 000. These funds will be used to support our Phys Ed department. Mr. Ben has already been putting in orders to freshen up and add equipment to our Phys Ed department, recesses and activities. Our amazing night could not have happened without our 140 incredible actors from Eliot River, East Wiltshire, Bluefield and our fabulous school community! Special thank you to North River Fire Department, Town of Cornwall, Dylan Sanderson, PEI Inflatables, Department of Transportation, Good's Independent Grocery, Beryl Diamond, DSR, The Thriller Dancers, Cavendish Farms, CBC Compass, Pizza Delight - Cornwall, Buns and Things Bakery, Bianca Boutillier with Hot 105.5, and the entire staff at Eliot River (both past and present) who worked hard to make this happen.

Donations of Gently Used Clothing: We always appreciate donations of gently used clothing for our students. Lots happens during the day and students sometimes need to change due to wet or dirty clothing. We are currently looking for sweat pants and leggings in larger sizes (adult large and XL).

Attendance: Every day counts. Every student matters: Regular attendance helps students build friendships, stay connected to learning, and develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed. We understand that families may face challenges that affect attendance, and schools are committed to partnering with families to support student success.

For tips on building healthy routines that promote regular attendance, and for available support, visit the Department of Education and Early Years website.
Web Link:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/school-attendance

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. As we head to colder temperatures, 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

Forks, Spoons, and Water Bottles: If your child orders from either lunch programs, 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: You can find our Home and School also on Facebook by searching: *Eliot River Home and School*

Provincial Home & School News

🍎 **Recognition and Awards Program 2026/2027**
Awards recognize deserving individuals in our school communities.
Nominations for **Crossing Guard Award of the Year** are due November 6, 2026.
Nominations for **Extra Mile Awards** for school staff members are due January 16, 2027.
Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year Award** are due March 1, 2027.
Nominations for **School Bus Driver Awards** are due May 7, 2027.
More at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

🍎 **Parent Leadership Grants :** Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.
Go to: https://peihsf.ca/grants. Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026.**

🍎 **Reminder to pay 2026-2027 Membership Fees & Update Executive Contacts**
Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees.
Pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.
Presidents are reminded to update executive member's contacts using our Google Form at:
https://forms.gle/vagSKKaY4hBEvqeQ8

🍎 **What's on your Home & School meeting's agenda?**

- Add the November 2026 newsletter topics to your local meeting's agenda for discussion
- Invite your principal to present an overview of the COMPASS 2025-26 results at the next Home and School meeting. https://peihsf.ca/news/
- Invite your Public Schools Branch Trustee to report on school review reports and other PSB news.
- Discuss issues needing change in PEI schools. View a slideshow about writing and submitting a resolution at https://peihsf.ca/home-and-school-training/

🍎 **Pubic Schools Branch Board of Trustees News**

The next Board of Trustees public meeting is at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, at Tignish Elementary School. The public is more than welcome to observe in person or virtually: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/board-meetings-and-minutes. Following a school study, the Board of Trustees approved a public consultation for Montague Interm. School (October 14, 2026) and Westwood Primary School (Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., November 18, 2026, at Westwood Primary School). After each consultation date, the public can provide feedback for a full month. Please visit the Public Schools Branch Website for more information: https://psb.edu.pe.ca. If you would like to connect with the Trustee for your zone, please visit the Board of Trustees Website for their e-mail address, Board of Trustees meetings and minutes, school studies and other reports, and news: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees.

Community News

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

STEAM PEI fall programming: PD Full Day Camps (Grades K-4) featuring hands-on topics like sound, digital art, weather, and innovation offered on November PD days in Charlottetown and Summerside. Clean Tech Club (Girls, Grades 5-9): An evening club focused on renewable energy, green tech, environmental solutions, and connecting with girls in STEM. Contact: Veronica veronica@steampei.com

Dates to remember:

November 5-6	PEI Teachers' Federation Convention (no classes)
November 11	Remembrance Day (no classes)
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 16	Report Card Day (no classes)
November 27	Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
November 15-21	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 20	National Child Day
November 23–27	Canada History Week

💦MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE CHARLOTTETOWN NAIADS!💦

We are looking for Aqua Go and Novice Swimmers to grow our club!
Does your child love the water, swimming, music, and having fun with friends?

AQUA GO - A great introduction to artistic swimming for younger or newer swimmers!

✨ Learn basic artistic swimming skills
✨ Build confidence in the water
✨ Have fun with music and friends
✨ No previous artistic swimming experience needed!

NOVICE - Perfect for swimmers who are ready to learn more and take their skills to the next level!

✨ Learn artistic swimming skills and routines
✨ Improve strength, flexibility, and swimming ability
✨ Make new friends
✨ Have fun while being part of a team!

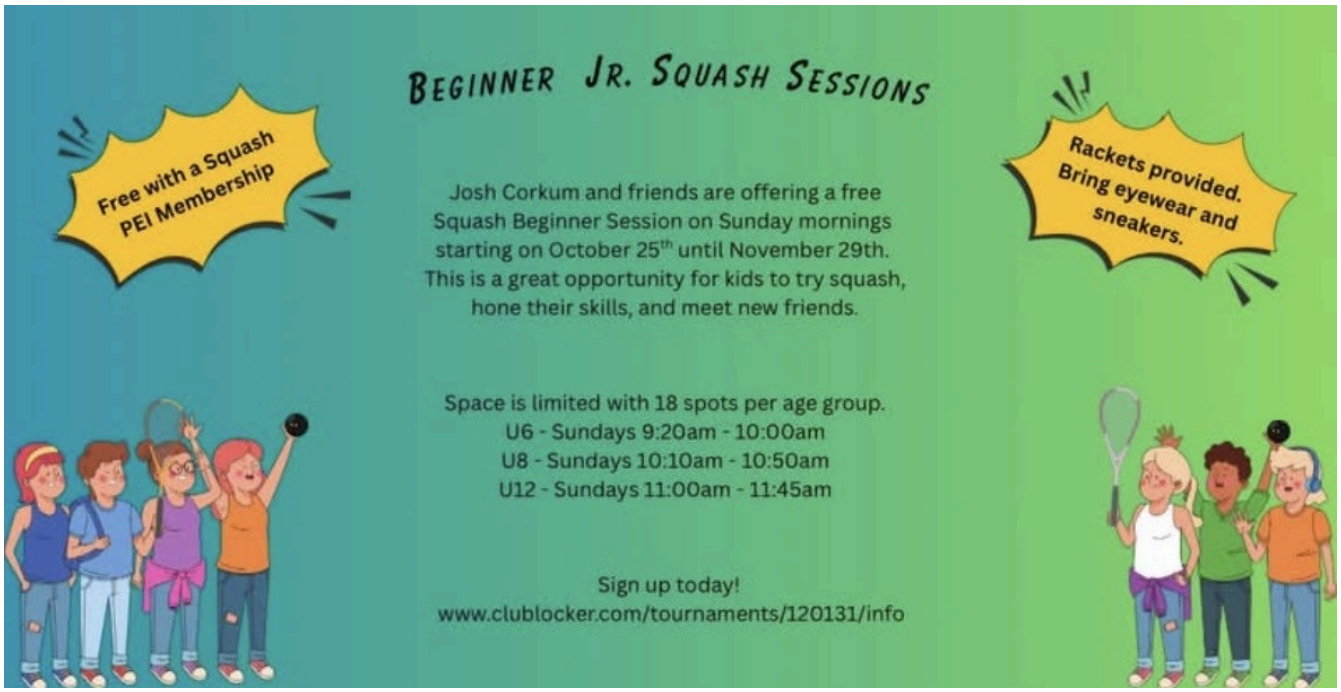
Come try something new and make a splash with the Charlottetown Naiads!

📍 Charlottetown, PEI | synchroswimpei@gmail.com
📩 Contact the Charlottetown Naiads for registration and program information

CHANCES Smart Play Program


CHANCES
SMART PLAY SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAM 2026-2027
CHANCES Smart Play School Age Program currently has limited spaces available for school-aged children. We offer a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment where children can learn, play, and grow through fun activities, outdoor play, and meaningful connections. Contact us today to learn more and reserve your spot!
Locations Available:
Smart Play Murphy's
Smart Play Valley St
Smart Play Ferry Rd
Smart Play Donagh
Smart Play Rustico
Smart Play Cardigan
LEARN MORE
Email: michelledalton@chancesfamily.ca

🎾Squash PEI🎾


BEGINNER JR. SQUASH SESSIONS
Free with a Squash PEI Membership
Josh Corkum and friends are offering a free Squash Beginner Session on Sunday mornings starting on October 25th until November 29th. This is a great opportunity for kids to try squash, hone their skills, and meet new friends.
Rackets provided. Bring eyewear and sneakers.
Space is limited with 18 spots per age group.
U6 - Sundays 9:20am - 10:00am
U8 - Sundays 10:10am - 10:50am
U12 - Sundays 11:00am - 11:45am
Sign up today!
www.clublocker.com/tournaments/120131/info


PANTHERS

⭐1st Step Basketball Camp⭐

We've built out a full season this year — three blocks running October through April, all at the UPEI Sports Centre, all coached by UPEI Panthers players.

Our Winter Basketball Development Camp starts this Sunday, November 1st, and runs six Sundays through December 6th, 12:30 to 4:00.

Registration link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/mvbhi1A1J7

WINTER DEVELOPMENT CAMP (Grades 3–9)
Six Sundays: Nov 1 – Dec 6 — **$200**
12:30–4:00. Elementary and middle school in separate groups.

PANTHERS SEASON PROGRAM (Grades 3–9)
Twelve Sundays: Jan 10 – Apr 11 — **$300**
Our first full season. New format, three months of it.

Winter Development Camp — Grades 3–9 – Fill out form
Panthers Season Program — Grades 3–9 – Fill out form

⛷️LEARN TO SKI ⛷️

The Learn to Ski Program provides children aged 6-9 years the opportunity to learn the basic skills of classic cross-country skiing from former Canada Games coaches John and Anne Keuper. This program is held on Saturday mornings from 10-12 am from January 9 to February 27. Space in the program is limited so don't wait to register.

Equipment needed: Classic cross country ski equipment. Rental equipment is available from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club (on first come/served basis) or from the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park.

Program fees: $30 plus rentals (if required, $30). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of $30 for the year. Participation requires a valid trail pass to the Nordic trails at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale. These passes must be purchased directly from the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park. Early bird student season's passes are $75+tax. A discounted season's pass rate may be offered for participants registered in the program by December 1 (pending approval by the ski park -discount to be determined). Alternatively, daily trail passes can be purchase before each session for $11.

Biathlon Bears Program
The Biathlon Bears Program gives children aged 8-13 the opportunity to learn the basic skills of biathlon (marksmanship and skate skiing) as they progress through 3 levels of the program. Sessions are held twice weekly (Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm and Sundays 12-2:00 pm) and runs from January to March. There are also additional summer and fall activities offered.

Equipment Needed: Air rifles (provided during practices for use by participants) and skate ski equipment. Ski rentals are available on first come/served basis from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club.

Program fees: $65 plus ski rentals (if required, $75). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of $30 for the year. Participation requires a valid trail pass to the Nordic trails at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale. These passes must be purchased directly from the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park. Early bird student season's passes are $75+tax. A discounted season's pass rate may be offered for participants registered in the program by December 1 (pending approval by the ski park -discount to be determined).

If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of these programs please contact the program manager (Brad Haltli, brad.haltli@nordicsportspei.ca) with the following information: **1) program you are interested in, 2) child's name, and 3) child's age** and online registration information will be provided. Gear fitting for these programs will be held on **Sunday, December 13th** at the biathlon wax building adjacent to the **Brookvale Nordic lodge** of the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park from **12:00 - 4:00 PM.** Space in the program is limited so please register early.

- Parent involvement in the Learn to Ski and Biathlon Bears Programs is essential to sustaining these successful programs. We are looking for new coaches to join the programs.
- For more information about registration or if you are interested in volunteering as supporter or coach for either program, please contact the Brookvale Biathlon Bears Program manager.
- Financial support for program fees can be obtained by applying to the Kids Sport program (https://kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/provincial-fund/)

🤸Island Gymnastics Academy🤸

Winter Gymnastics at Island Gymnastics Academy

Looking for a fun way to keep active this winter? The Island Gymnastics Academy is excited to offer programming in our Winter term from December 1 through February 27.

We offer classes for everyone, including Gymnastics, Parkour, Dance, Sensory Friendly Open Gym, and Adult programs.

Registration is officially open! Visit our website for more information and to secure your spot: https://islandgymnasticsacademy.com/