

Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



Upcoming Important Dates:

March 7th	Parent Teachers Conferences (Evening)
March 8th	Parent Teacher Conferences (No Classes)
March 21st	Report Cards Go Home
March 22nd -28th	Mid Term Break (No School)
March 29th	Good Friday (No School)
April 1st	Easter Monday (No School)
April 2nd	First Day back after March Break.
April 11th	Internet Safety Parent Presentation - 6:30pm
April 19th	Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
May 2nd	Understanding Your Brain Parent Presentation - 6:30pm
May 3rd	Area Association Day (No Classes)
June 13th	Grade 6 Spring Fling
June 25th	Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies
June 26th	Last Day of School

Easter Seals Fundraiser 2024:

ERES will be doing an Anne of Green Gables Chocolates Fundraiser until March 10th to raise funds for Easter Seals 2024. You can go to the link below to place your order. When checking out, be sure to select the student you are supporting so orders can be delivered to the correct buyer. Students will be responsible for getting orders to buyers.

<https://www.efundrs.com/fundraiser/dn9w53o4bos9y5ofu1e9gpiy>

Orders will go home the week before March Break.

Please feel free to share the link with friends and family. .

Early Morning Sports: Will finish on Thursday March 21st, 2024. We had a great turn out over the winter months and it was a great way for lots of our students to get active before school. Special thank you to Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ford and Mr. MacDougall for offering the program. As well, a special thank you to MacPhee Meats for donating proceeds from some of their sales to this program.

Spring Fling: Rehearsals are underway for our Grade 6s for this year's Spring Fling "*Worst Summer Ever!*". More details will follow in the coming months, but please save the date of Thursday June 13th for the show. There will be two performances (11am and 6:30pm). We will be presenting the show at UPEI's Performing Arts Centre.

Grade 6 Closing: Our closing ceremonies for Grade 6 classes will be held during the day on Tuesday June 25th, 2024. Each class will have a 30 minute ceremony. The schedule will be shared as we get closer to June.

Parent Presentations: Our Home and School Committee was able to secure a grant to host two parent sessions in the Spring. We plan to offer snacks and provide childcare. The sessions (presented by our school counsellors) will mirror presentations done with our students to help bridge the conversations between home and school. More information to follow, but please put these dates in your calendar.

- **Internet Safety Parent Presentation –Thursday April 11th, 2024 at 6:30pm** – This presentation will provide parents with a broad overview of the Internet Safety presentation that is delivered to students, foster an opportunity to discuss challenges that families and children have, and gain some tools on how to address some of those challenges. Our hope is that together we can help our children make safe, healthy and responsible choices when engaging in online behaviours.
- **Understanding your Brain Parent Presentation – Thursday May 2nd, 2024 at 6:30pm** – This presentation will provide parents with a snapshot of the psychoeducation that is taught to students that deals with the physiological response to emotions. Our hope is that together we can support children when they have challenging emotions by giving them knowledge about what is happening in their bodies, the language to support their understanding, and the tools to help them better regulate their emotions.

Croc Charms: Our Croc charm sale will continue for the month of March. 1 charm is \$6, or you can order the Ozzy and Daisy set for \$10. Charms can be ordered via our Hot Lunches page.

Forks, Spoons and Water Bottles: please continue to send utensils if your child orders from the provincial lunch program, as they are not provided. As well, please send a water bottle to school each day as most of our fountains are now water bottle filling stations only.

Eliot River's 50th Anniversary: 2023 was the 50th Anniversary of Eliot River Elementary. We have special clothing available from All Star Cresting. It might make a great gift for current and former students! https://allstarcresting.ca/eliot_river_elementary_school/shop/home

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

Twitter: @eliot_river

Home and School on Facebook: Eliot River Home and School

Home and School News

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

TO HELP FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, THE PROVINCE HAS RELEASED THE **2024-2025** SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, WHICH INCLUDES **182** INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS. FIND THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://WWW.PRINCEEDWARDISLAND.CA/EN/INFORMATION/EDUCATION-AND-EARLY-YEARS/2024-2025-SCHOOL-CALENDAR](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR --- 71ST AGM & CONFERENCE

THE P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ITS **A.G.M. &**

CONFERENCE 2024 WILL TAKE PLACE ON **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**, AT THE **RODD CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL**, CHARLOTTETOWN.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AGM/](https://peihsf.ca/agm/)

BY THE EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE, **MARCH 21**.

ENSURE YOUR SCHOOL IS REPRESENTED.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE **HON. NATALIE JAMESON**, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS, **HON. ANTIONETTE PERRY**, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF P.E.I., AND ROUND TABLE EXPERTS, WHO WILL PRESENT ON **SUICIDE PREVENTION**, **DEPT. EDUCATION'S INCLUSION REPORT**, **COMPASS 2023-24 YOUTH SURVEY**

RESULTS, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN E.A.? WHAT IS FOUNDATIONS? AND YOUTH & SPORTS NUTRITION.

2024 RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED **2024** RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO **P**RESIDENTS WITH DIRECTIONS TO DISCUSS THESE AT A **H**OME AND **S**CHOOL MEETING. **U**SE EACH RESOLUTION AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR DISCUSSING THE TOPIC; THEN

HOLD A VOTE, RESOLUTION BY RESOLUTION, TO DETERMINE HOW YOUR SCHOOL'S DELEGATES WILL VOTE AT THE **ANNUAL MEETING**. YOUR VOTING DELEGATES CAN VOTE "IN FAVOUR," "OPPOSED," OR THEY CAN PRESENT AMENDMENTS. **2024** RESOLUTIONS ARE ONLINE AT [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/RESOLUTIONS/](https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL **902-620-3186**.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

DO YOU KNOW AN AMAZING **HOME AND SCHOOL** VOLUNTEER IN YOUR SCHOOL? YOU CAN NOMINATE THIS PERSON FOR THE **FEDERATION'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES ONE PERSON ANNUALLY FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL. **SUBMIT** NOMINATIONS TO THE **FEDERATION** OFFICE BY **MARCH 8**. FIND DETAILS: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AWARDS/](https://peihsf.ca/awards/)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

YOU CAN ALLOW YOUR NAME TO STAND FOR A PROVINCIAL **HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION** TWO-YEAR TERM? **VACANT** POSITIONS INCLUDE **PRESIDENT**, **VICE PRESIDENT**, AND **DIRECTORS** FOR THE **CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL**, **COLONEL GRAY**, **KINKORA**, **MONTAGUE**, AND **MORELL FAMILIES OF SCHOOLS**. THE **FEDERATION** IS THE **UMBRELLA** ORGANIZATION OF **HOME AND SCHOOLS** ACROSS **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND** AND IS OVERSEEN BY A **VOLUNTEER BOARD** ELECTED BY **DELEGATES** AT THE **A.G.M.** **MEMBERS** ARE ENCOURAGED TO **NOMINATE** SUITABLE CANDIDATES WHO, IN YOUR OPINION, HAVE THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS TO DO THE WORK OF THE PROVINCIAL **FEDERATION**. FIND THE **2024 NOMINATION FORM** AT: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AGM/](https://peihsf.ca/agm/)


PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT


IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** IS A **BROAD TERM** THAT CAN TAKE MANY FORMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL. **SO**, WHAT **ROLE** DO **PARENTS** PLAY IN **EDUCATION**? **DEPENDING** ON **SCHEDULES**, **PARENTS** CAN **HELP** THEIR **CHILDREN** BY **PARTICIPATING** IN **SCHOOL FUNCTIONS** OR **OBLIGATIONS**, **ADVOCATING** FOR THE **SCHOOL** AND **IMPROVING** THEIR **CHILDREN'S SCHOOLWORK**. **EXAMPLES** OF **GETTING INVOLVED** AT **HOME** INCLUDE **HELPING** WITH **HOMEWORK**, **MODELLING** DESIRED **BEHAVIOUR**, **PROVIDING** **ONGOING ENCOURAGEMENT**, **MONITORING** **HOMEWORK COMPLETION**, AND **CREATING** A **TIME** AND **SPACE** FOR **STUDY**.

PARENTS CAN BE MORE INVOLVED IN THEIR **CHILD'S SCHOOL** BY:

- **COMMUNICATING** WITH **TEACHERS** **REGULARLY**
- **VOLUNTEERING** FOR **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- **ATTENDING PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
- **HELPING WITH THE GOVERNANCE OF A HOME AND SCHOOL**

 **GREAT BIG CRUNCH! GET YOUR APPLES  OR OTHER CRUNCHY FRUIT OR VEGETABLE READY TO CRUNCH LOUD! ON MARCH 7, THOUSANDS WILL GATHER IN PERSON AT THEIR SCHOOL, AT WORK, AND ONLINE WITH STUDENTS, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF EATING HEALTHY FOOD AT SCHOOL. YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST A CRUNCH IN YOUR SCHOOL OR WORKPLACE OR JOIN THE VIRTUAL GREAT BIG CRUNCH AT 1:00 PM E.S.T. REGISTER FOR THE EVENT [HERE](https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch). CRUNCH TO CELEBRATE HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD. FIND MORE INFO AT: [HTTPS://WWW.HEALTHYSCHOOLFOOD.CA/GREAT-BIG-CRUNCH](https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch)**

 **YOUTH VAPING WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY ON MARCH 13 FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 PM AT THE CHARLOTTETOWN LIBRARY. THIS SESSION IS OPEN TO PARENTS/STAFF WHO WORK WITH YOUTH. PARTICIPANTS WILL GAIN KNOWLEDGE FROM LOCAL FINDINGS, SHARE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES, DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE YOUTH VAPING, AND LEARN ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CONNECTIONS. SIGN UP AT: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/YOUTH-VAPING-CESSATION-WORKSHOP-CHARLOTTETOWN-EVENING-TICKETS-816837863037](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037).**

HOME AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

THE FEDERATION'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES ONE VOLUNTEER'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELPING VOLUNTEERS IN THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL COMMUNITIES. **THE LIFE MEMBER** ACKNOWLEDGES SERVICE TO THE PROVINCIAL FEDERATION. **ASSOCIATIONS MAY NOMINATE HOME AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE AWARDS BY THE DEADLINE: MARCH. 3. CRITERIA AND FORM ARE ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AWARDS/](https://peihsf.ca/awards/)**

 **SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13, 2024**

THE P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 13, 2024, AT THE RODD CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL. THE FEDERATION OFFICE WILL MAIL THE AGM PACKAGE TO PRESIDENTS AND INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED AT: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AGM/](https://peihsf.ca/agm/) PLAN TO REGISTER 2-5 DELEGATES TO REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS AND PARENTS IN THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS?

PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE THE LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND OVERALL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. WE PLAY MAJOR ROLES IN THE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS OF STUDENTS. STUDENTS NEED A POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: ONE PROVIDING SUPPORT, MOTIVATION, AND QUALITY INSTRUCTION. WITH THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON THE FAMILY, PARENTAL SUPPORT IN THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS EXTENDS BEYOND THE SCHOOL BUILDING. IT'S A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY! YOU REALLY CAN BOLSTER A CHILD'S EDUCATION BY CREATING A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME. YOU CAN ALSO DO SO BY BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE RESEARCH SAYS THAT PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT CREATES BETTER OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS. [HTTPS://WWW.PRODIGYGAME.COM/MAIN-EN/BLOG/PARENTAL-INVOLVEMENT-IN-EDUCATION/](https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/)

Community News

Spring Outdoor Soccer Programs

Outdoor Soccer Registration Opens April 2nd - This season, try something different and experience the difference. Delta Soccer will be offering outdoor soccer programming between May 14th and September 1st. Our programs will provide you with the flexibility to register for all or only parts of the season. For program descriptions and schedules go to deltasoccer.ca.

Prince Edward Island Spelling Bee Registration

The P.E.I. Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions will take place in person in PEI on April 20, 2024. Every child will receive a participation certificate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each age category will receive cash prizes and trophies. The 1st place winner from each category will be eligible to participate in the Championship Competition in person in Toronto on May 26, 2024. Parents/guardians can register for the 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Competition at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration. All High school students 15 years and older are invited to be trained to be a Coach, Mentor or Tutor and gain community hours, while helping to make a difference in a child's life. They can email coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca for more information.

323 Blue Heron Sea Cadets in Cornwall, FREE TO JOIN!

Sea cadets is a **FREE** program for youth ages 12-18 that encourages self confidence, citizenship, and responsibility in a structured dynamic program. Our program gives the opportunity to learn about sailing, nautical activities, and to have fun! Cadets learn useful skills such as leadership, teamwork, and self discipline that will help them to succeed in the future. Cadets also offers various opportunities; to learn new skills, such as marksmanship, orienteering, music, and biathlon. Also, to experience summer camps, trips, international exchanges and achieve additional high school credits. It is a place where you can connect with other youth and build lifelong friendships.

We would love to invite you to come check us out, youth are able to join at any time! Drop in on parade nights when we meet every Wednesday night at the West River United Church at 6:15pm

For further information call 506-866-2460 or check us out on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/323blueheron>

Drum Lessons

Interested in learning a fun and challenging instrument to make music solo or with a band? Take drum sessions with Mat MacEachern at Long & McQuade Lesson Centre in Charlottetown!

For inquiries, please contact the Long & McQuade Lesson Centre at 902-367-3433 or charlottetownlessons@long-mcquade.com