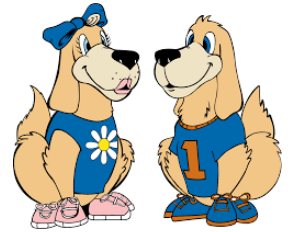


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



Upcoming Important Dates:

November 6	Grade 6 to U17 World Hockey Game
November 7	No Stone Left Alone - Grade 4
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Remembrance Day (No School)
November 15	Stomp Assembly
November 16 & November 17	PEITF Convention/Cupe 1770, 1145, 3260 Annual Convention (No School)
November 23	Parent-Teacher (Evening)
November 24	Parent-Teacher (No Classes)
December 7	Report Cards Go Home
December 19	Grade 4 Christmas Concert
December 22	Last Day before Christmas Break

Forks, Spoons and Water Bottles: a reminder that forks and spoons are not provided by the provincial lunch, so if you are ordering, **you must send utensils with your child on those days**. The school does not supply these from a cost and environmental standpoint. As well, students must bring a filled water bottle each day to school. Our water bottle filling stations and classroom sinks are available for refilling throughout the day.

Parent Conferences: Will be held this year during the evening of Thursday November 23rd and during the day of Friday November 24th. Appointments can be booked using our school appointments website. <https://eliotriver.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

You will need to re-register as this is our first set of conferences this year. To register for an account, click on the "REGISTER" tab on the top of the website. You can register anytime, but booking for appointments will be open on Sunday November 12 at 8am and will close on Friday November 17th at 10 pm. If you are unable to find a suitable time, please reach out to your child's teacher to set up an alternate time.

Scholastic Book Fair: We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair in school starting on Tuesday November 21st until Friday November 24th. It will be located in the library. The Book Fair is open during the school day and your child's class will be visiting the book fair at a time selected by their teacher. The Book Fair will also be open after school until 4:30 and on Thursday evening until 8:30 for Parent Conferences. We close the Book Fair on Friday at 1:00pm to allow enough time for packing up all the books. Proceeds from the Book Fair go towards purchasing new books for our school library.

Help Needed – Book Fair Volunteers: We need your help! Mrs. Arsenault is in need of volunteers to help run the book fair. The shifts we need help with are:

- Tuesday November 21, 9:00am -12:00pm and 1:00- 2:30pm.
- Wednesday November 22, 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00 – 2:30pm.
- Thursday November 23, 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00-2:30pm.

If you are available for a morning or afternoon shift, could you please e-mail Mrs.Arsenault at adarsenault@edu.pe.ca. A criminal record check is required. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Learning Reports: Report cards will be sent home on Thursday December 7th, 2023.

Battery Challenge Update: 151 boxes have been shipped to Call2Recycle so far! That's about 6000 lbs of batteries and 4 more boxes than we collected last Fall. School winners will be announced later this Fall, but we are hopeful we will be one of the top three. Over the last few years, we have been putting our prize money towards the build of our future outdoor learning space.

Coupon Books: Thank you for your support for another successful coupon book campaign. Funds raised by our coupon books each year go towards programs, resources, and activities for our students. Our coupon books should be here by the end of the week and we will have them organized and ready to go home early next week.

Terry Fox Update: Thank you for your support of another amazing Terry Fox run! Our school was able to raise \$6030.15 for cancer research and we had a great run at our school in beautiful weather in September.

Cross Country Update: Eliot River had outstanding representation at the Provincial Cross Country Meet on October 21st. We placed 5th in the province in Novice Boys (Grade 5 and 6), and came in first for both the Novice (Grades 5-6) and Pre-Novice (Grades 3-4) Girls divisions. Double Provincial Champions! Special congratulations to our top three runners, Stella Brioux (1st in pre-Novice), Evy Brioux (3rd in Novice) and Daniel Grandy (9th in Novice). Thanks to Mr. MacDougall and Mr. MacDonald for the time and effort in coaching the team this season!

Grade 4 Christmas Concert: For the first time in quite a few years, our grade 4 classes will be presenting the annual Christmas Concert for a live audience on **Tuesday December 19th** (storm date of Wednesday December 20th). There will be two performances to allow grade 4 families to attend.

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

More details to come in the coming weeks!

Dressing for the Weather: a reminder that our students go outside in all kinds of weather for recess and activities, including light rain/drizzle. As we head to colder temperatures, please remind your child to dress warmly every day. Jackets, boots, hats, and mitts will soon be required every day. A

change of clothes, especially socks, is great to have in your child's school bag each day for emergencies.

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

Scent Policy: All schools in the Public Schools Branch follow a scent free policy. https://psb.edu.pe.ca/sites/psb.edu.pe.ca/files/2022-05/604_Scented_Products_and_Fragrances.pdf
Please be cognizant of any scented deodorant, laundry, shampoo, and any other products that your child may be wearing to school. We want all of our students and staff to stay healthy and well.

School Cancellations: All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am with an announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Please remember we are in the Bluefield Family of Schools.

One Hour Delay: If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am.

Late Busses: In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #92 is running 30 minutes late).

School Closure During the Day: It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible. We will send an email as soon as we know. We will follow your child's early closure plan, unless you arrive at the school to pick up your child before we dismiss. Please understand that our phone lines become very busy and we are often tied up contacting bus drivers etc, so calling the school to change your child's plan is not recommended.

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

SIGN UP for FREE Volunteer Training

The Federation is hosting two Home & School Training Workshops. Parents, teachers, and students may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home & School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. New volunteer executive members should attend these sessions.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Miscouche Consolidated School

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., West Royalty Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 4 by emailing Shirley at: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca ... Or call 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. No Cost. Light refreshments provided.

Reminder: 2023-2024 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees by November 1st. You can now pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques to the Federation office. Questions? 902-620-3186 / ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

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: Nov. 30th.

Recognition and Awards Programme 2023-2024

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's 2023-2024 Programme begins with the Crossing Guard Award nominations due Nov. 24. Find more details online at PEIHSF Awards

🍎 ADD this to your agenda...

1. Plan a productive Home and School meeting by identifying tasks and duties
2. Focus agenda items on educational objectives/outcomes that work to benefit all students
3. Involve everyone around the meeting table
4. Ask the principal for a school report
5. Practice basic parliamentary procedure

Happenings in our community...

🍎 Donagh Home & Schools Craft Fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, 2023, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Donagh Regional School (928 Bethel Road, Donagh).

🍎 Literacy Champion Award - Call for nominations for our Literacy Champion Award. This award recognizes leadership and commitment in the field of literacy and lifelong learning. For more information, contact Amanda Beazley, PEI Literacy Alliance www.peiliteracy.ca

🍎 Dyslexia Canada - Alicia Smith, Executive Director of Dyslexia Canada, to speak about Dyslexia & The Right to Read on Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m. at Three Oaks Senior High School, Summerside.

🍎 Live Well PEI accepting applications for Wellness Grant Program
Community organizations may apply for Community Catalyst Grants. Schools may apply for School Health Grants. (\$2,500, \$5,000, and \$7,500). Applications for both grant streams will be accepted online until 9:00 AM on Nov. 6, 2023. More info at: [PEI Wellness Grant Program](#)

Community News

Coffee Sleeve Coloring Contest!

MADD Charlottetown and Eastern PEI have teamed up with Receiver coffee this holiday season and are planning on having all Receiver locations distributing a coffee cup sleeve featuring the artwork of Island youth with the purchase of a hot beverage (see attached template)

This is an island wide artwork contest where elementary aged kids will have the opportunity to submit their unique coffee cup sleeve design featuring a message or illustration that emphasizes the importance of driving sober. This is a very important part of the selection criteria so the artwork must have something to do with stopping impaired driving, driving sober, upholding the MADD mission etc.

They will be choosing more than one design. The submission deadline is November 24th.

Bluefield Band Christmas Craft Fair –November 17th and 18th

The Bluefield Band Program is happy to announce that their Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Friday, November 17th from 5:30 – 9:00 and Saturday, November 18th from 10 – 5. Many vendors will

be present with decorations, pottery, fiber arts, candles, jewelry, food and more! There will be a bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes, raffles, and musical entertainment by Bluefield's band students. Please join us at 924 Colville Road (Rte 9) in Hampshire. Admission is \$2 and children under 12 free.

Delta Soccer Indoor Programs

Delta Soccer will be offering a number of indoor programs for November and December at the APM Centre in Cornwall. Programs begin November 5th and there are program options for participants born between 2010 and 2019. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to deltasoccer.ca.

APM Centre Skating Schedule Current to December 21st, 2023

Fees for skates : \$2.50 Adult , \$2.00 Students, \$1.00 Preschool, \$7.00 for Family (*Max 6 people*)

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

All children under the age of 18 must wear a Helmet. (Limited Loaner helmets available at the Canteen)

All Regular Rules apply. Please visit website at www.apmcentre.com and follow our Facebook page "APM Centre" for up-to-date rules, skate additions and changes.

Family Skate:

Sunday	12:50pm to 1:50pm
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00am to 11:00am

Adult Skates:

Tuesday & Thursday	9:00am to 10:00am
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