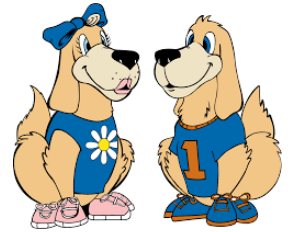


Eliot River Elementary

Mission Statement: Making choices for positive learning



Upcoming Important Dates:

April 8th	Early Dismissal at 12:40 pm for solar eclipse
April 9th	Grades 5 and 6 go to Bluefield's "Mean Girls"
April 10th	Grades 5C/5A Water School Field Trip - Town of Cornwall
April 11th	Grades 5E/5B Water School Field Trip - Town of Cornwall Internet Safety Parent Presentation - 6:30pm
April 12th	Grades 5F/5G Water School Field Trip - Town of Cornwall
April 15th	Grade 5D Water School Field Trip - Town of Cornwall Zone Wrestling Meet at Birchwood
April 19th	Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
May 2nd	Understanding Your Brain Parent Presentation - 6:30pm
May 3rd	Area Association Day (No Classes)
May 20th	Statutory Holiday (no Classes)
June 13th	Grade 6 Spring Fling
June 25th	Grade 6 Closing Ceremonies
June 26th	Last Day of School

Spring Coupon Books: Our Spring coupon books are being sent home today (Wednesday April 3rd). Summer Saver Coupon Books are full of excellent "BUY ONE GET ONE" offers from everyone's favourite restaurants, attractions and service businesses. The books sell for only \$10.00 each. A great value for your family and friends!

- There will be cash prizes for our Top Sellers - 1st- \$100; 2nd - \$75; 3rd - \$50; 3 Cash Draws of \$25 - One Ballot for every three books sold.
- As well, students who sell 5 or more books will be credited \$2 for each book he or she sells toward the cost of his or her year end field trip. Any student, with a credit remaining, after his or her trip is paid for in full, will be given that money back in cash.
- Orders and money are due April 23rd, 24th and/or 25th. Books will be delivered to families in early May.

Funds raised by our coupon books will continue to support various school projects. As well, funds will also be directed towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Pediatric Unit and Nursery Unit at the QEH.

Solar Eclipse: Students across PEI will be dismissing early on Monday April 8th so that they are home ahead of the solar eclipse. Eliot River students will be dismissed at 12:40 pm and buses will arrive home about 2 hours earlier than most days. Solar Eclipse viewing glasses provided by the Department of Education will be sent home with students on Thursday April 4th. Please see the following Government of Canada site for information on how to view the solar eclipse safely: [How to safely watch a solar eclipse - Canadian Space Agency](#) and information from the Government of PEI: [Solar Eclipse](#)

Internet Safety Presentations for students: Like most schools, Eliot River often deals with the fallout of inappropriate internet and social media use by our students during the evenings and weekends. Although there have been many benefits and opportunities created with the advent of the internet, students today are being exposed to a whole new level of pressure from technology and social media. Over the next month, our counsellors (Kirsten Stairs and Angus MacDonald) will again be visiting classes to talk about internet safety and social media use. For the last number of years, we have found these presentations to be very effective in making kids aware of some of the dangers of social media, but also to provide them with appropriate tools to handle situations that are uncomfortable and/or unsafe. When we speak to parents, we often hear that parents are also at a loss of how to handle their child's social media and internet use. We invite you to attend our session for parents (see next item). It is our hope that we can all learn together on how to best support our kids in this digital age.

Internet Safety Parent Presentation: *Thursday April 11th, 2024 at 6:30pm.* Hosted by our Home and School and facilitated by our school counsellors, 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.

If you plan to attend next Thursday's session, would you please register using the following form.

<https://forms.gle/WDEFuXrMc2Sc2T72A>

Please indicate if you require childcare. This will help us plan for the evening. We intend to have high school students from Bluefield supervise children during the session.

Save the Date:

Thursday May 2nd, 2024 at 6:30pm will be the second presentation in our series – **Understanding your Brain Parent Presentation.** 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.

Wrestling Club: on April 15th, we will have about 50 wrestlers heading to Birchwood for our zone competitive wrestling meet. We wish all of our wrestlers good luck at the meet.

Spring Fling: Rehearsals are underway for our Grade 6s for this year's Spring Fling "*Worst Summer Ever!*". More details will follow, but Grade 6 families are asked to 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.

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

1. STILL TIME TO REGISTER

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR HOME AND SCHOOL DELEGATES BY APRIL 8 FOR THE P.E.I. HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONVENTION. THE RODD CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL AND THE FEDERATION OFFICE PREPARATIONS REQUIRE OUR TOTAL ATTENDANCE. HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

AGM DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

TIME: 08:45 A.M. – 01:30 P.M.

FEE: \$40 PER PERSON

PLACE: RODD CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL (75 KENT ST. CHARLOTTETOWN)

*****ASSOCIATIONS ARE URGED TO PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE, TRAVEL, AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS FOR THEIR DELEGATES TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO ATTENDING.**

PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH EACH HOME AND SCHOOL ASKED TO DESIGNATE UP TO FIVE REPRESENTATIVES AS YOUR ASSOCIATION'S VOTING DELEGATES.

[REGISTER ONLINE \(HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AGM/\)](https://peihsf.ca/agm/) OR CALL **902-620-3186**.

2. REMINDER TO REVIEW 2024 RESOLUTIONS BEFORE APRIL 13

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON AT THE **AGM** ON **APRIL 13**. ENSURE YOUR VOTING DELEGATES (PARENTS, GUARDIANS, EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS) REVIEW THESE PRIOR TO THE **AGM**. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS INCLUDE:

2024-1 REQUEST INQUIRY INTO THE INDOOR TEMPERATURE OF **PEI** SCHOOLS

2024-2 REQUEST **PSB** POLICY AMENDMENT FOR EXTREME HOT WEATHER

2024-3 FEASIBILITY STUDY OF INSTALLING VAPING DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS

2024-4 CREATION OF A POLICY REGARDING SCREEN USE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2024-5 LATE RESOLUTION: KINDERGARTEN EXEMPTION FROM **SPLIT-LEVEL CLASSROOM COMPOSITION**

ALL RESOLUTIONS CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://PEIHSF.CA/AGM/](https://peihsf.ca/agm/)

3. SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AWARD

[SCHOOL BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD](#) RECOGNIZES SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ON **P.E.I.** FOR KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL DAILY. [SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY MAY 3, 2024](#).

4. SOLAR ECLIPSE

ON **APRIL 8** STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED TWO HOURS EARLY DUE TO THE SOLAR ECLIPSE. **PEI** WILL EXPERIENCE THE EFFECTS OF THE ECLIPSE BETWEEN **3:26 P.M.** AND **5:44 P.M.** "THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OFFERS A RARE EDUCATIONAL OCCASION, BUT PRIORITIZING SAFETY IS CRUCIAL FOR ALL OF US TO FULLY EMBRACE ITS WONDER. DOING A SYSTEM WIDE EARLY DISMISSAL ENSURES OUR BUS DRIVERS WILL BE OFF THE ROAD BEFORE THE ECLIPSE BEGINS, AND STUDENTS WILL BE HOME SAFELY." - EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS MINISTER NATALIE JAMESON. LOOK UP: [SOLAR ECLIPSE](#)

5. CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS DAY

A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL BROUGHT FORWARD BY **SOURIS-ELMIRA MLA ROBIN CROUCHER** PROCLAIMED **APRIL 25, 2024**, AS **CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS DAY**, MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF ISLANDER **HARRY BURKE'S** DEATH.

[HTTPS://WWW.CBC.CA/NEWS/CANADA/PRINCE-EDWARD-ISLAND/PEI-HARRY-BURKE-SEXTORTION-1.7150941](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941)

OTHER

~**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 14-20, 2024** IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND THANK CANADA'S 24 MILLION VOLUNTEERS.

THE THEME "EVERY MOMENT MATTERS" HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY VOLUNTEER AND EACH CONTRIBUTION THEY MAKE AT A MOMENT WHEN WE NEED SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER. LET'S RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE EVERY VOLUNTEER AND EACH CONTRIBUTION THEY'RE MAKING, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN INCLUSIVITY AND WELLBEING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW MORE THAN EVER, **EVERY MOMENT MATTERS!**

#NVW2024 #EVERYMOMENTMATTERS

~**VIRTUAL LUNGNSPEI 'ENGAGING YOUTH STAKEHOLDERS IN YOUTH VAPING CESSATION' WORKSHOP,**

APRIL 3, 2024, 10:00-11:30 AM! WE NEED YOUR VOICE AND EXPERIENCE TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES ORGANIZATIONS ARE FACING IN THEIR WORK TO SUPPORT YOUTH VAPING CESSATION ON P.E.I. THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP IS FREE AND OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WORKS WITH YOUTH. PLEASE REGISTER AND YOU WILL BE SENT A LINK TO JOIN THE WORKSHOP BEFORE **APRIL 3:**

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/YOUTH-VAPING-CESSATION-WORKSHOP-ONLINE-TICKETS-851673728047?AFF=ODDTDCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-online-tickets-851673728047?aff=ODDTDCREATOR)

Community News

Chocolate Bar Bingo and Vaping Information Session

The Bluefield Home & School Association invites you to a fun and informative event on Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Bluefield High School (924 Colville, Rd, Hampshire) in the cafeteria. They are hosting a Chocolate Bar Bingo and Vaping Information evening starting and ending with some Bingo games with a presentation in the middle. Julia Hartley from LungNS/PEI will be speaking on vaping. If you have concerns, questions, or just want to learn more about vaping, you are welcome. This is a parent/caregiver and youth friendly event. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please send an E-mail to bluefieldhomeandschool@gmail.com by April 10th to indicate the number in your group that will be coming for planning purposes. The event will not run if there are insufficient numbers. In that case, anyone who is registered will be contacted by email.

Eliot River Ramblers Soccer Club Registration

Registration is open for U5, U7, U9 and U11 programs and closes April 15, 2024!

U11 begins in May

U5-U9 begins in June

Find them and register at <https://ramblerssoccer.ca>

Outdoor Soccer Registration

Delta Soccer's registration for outdoor programs opens April 1st. Our programs feature registration options that allow you to register for parts or all of the outdoor season. We specialize in programs for players born 2020 to 2015 as well as supplemental skills training for players born 2014 to 2011, including goalkeepers. Our season begins May 14th and ends September 1st. This outdoor season, try different and experience the difference. For more information go to deltasoccer.ca.

Spring Indoor Soccer Programs

Delta Soccer is offering spring indoor programs that will run between April 1st and May 11th. Programs consist of six, 1-hour sessions and there are options for participants born between 2011 and 2020. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to deltasoccer.ca.

Inscription au soccer extérieur

L'inscription aux programmes extérieurs de Delta Soccer ouvre le 1er avril. Nos programmes proposent des options d'inscription qui vous permettent de vous inscrire pour une partie ou la totalité de la saison extérieure. Nous sommes spécialisés dans les programmes destinés aux joueurs nés de 2020 à 2015 ainsi que dans la formation complémentaire pour les joueurs nés de 2014 à 2011, y compris les gardiens de but. Notre saison commence le 14 mai et se termine le 1er septembre. Cette saison en plein air, essayez différent et découvrez la différence. Pour plus d'informations, visitez deltasoccer.ca.

Programmes printaniers de soccer intérieur

Delta Soccer propose des programmes printaniers de soccer intérieur qui se dérouleront entre le 1er avril et le 11 mai. Les programmes comprennent six séances d'une heure et il existe des options pour les participants nés entre 2011 et 2020. Pour connaître la description des programmes, les horaires et pour vous inscrire, rendez-vous sur deltasoccer.ca.

Cornwall & Area Softball Registration

Registration starts April 1, 2024! Sign up now to secure your spot on a team! This year, to ensure that teams are a manageable size, registration for each division is capped. As soon as one team fills up, a waiting list will begin until there is enough for another team!

Currently there are enough participants to field 2 full U13 teams and a wait list has started for a third team!!

Divisions are as follows:

U7 (learn to play) ~ Players born in 2017-2018 \$75.00

U9 ~ 2015-2016

U11 ~ 2013-2014

U13 ~ 2011-2012

U15 ~ 2009-2010

U17 ~ 2007-2008

\$200

A FREE softball clinic will be held April 13, 2024 at the Gym at Bluefield High School at:
9:15 - 10:15 am ~ U9/U11

10:30 - 11:30- am ~ U13-U15

Please make sure to pre-register for this clinic at cornwallsoftball@gmail.com.

Keep an eye on their facebook page for all updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/cornwallsoftball?miextid=LQQJ4d>

Or email cornwallsoftball@gmail.com

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>