

ELIOT RIVER ELEMENTARY

THE OZZY HERALD

“HOME OF THE HOUNDS”

ERES MISSION STATEMENT:
MAKING CHOICES FOR POSITIVE LEARNING.



Dates to Remember:

October 1	Joint Staff Day (no classes)
October 8	Professional Learning Day (no classes)
October 11	Statutory Holiday (no classes)
November 11	Statutory Holiday (no classes)
November 12, 15	PEITF Convention / CUPE 3260 Annual Convention (no classes)
November 26	Parent Teacher Interviews, K-12 (no classes)

June Closing

As was shared yesterday by PSB Director, Norbert Carpenter, the last day of school for students of Eliot River Elementary this school year will be Friday June 10th, 2022. This early end to the school year will provide the opportunity for our contractors to do some necessary and vital work for the scope of our extensive renovation.

We were asked to find an additional 10 minutes a day to add to our instructional time to help compensate for this. As we are tied to three other schools for busing, there was very little we could do to simply extend the day. We also firmly believe in the importance of recess and outdoor play and as such, felt that our current recess breaks needed to remain as is. Instead, we looked at our schedule to see where we could tighten up our day. As you can see below, we grabbed minutes where we could; by shortening our announcements, by dismissing a few minutes later in the afternoon and by shortening our lunch from 25 to 20 minutes (as was our schedule prior to COVID). As always, our teachers will accommodate any students that need more time to eat.

Current Schedule	New Schedule (starts October 5th)
8:20 am - DOORS OPEN 8:37 am - O'CANADA & ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40 am - CLASSES BEGIN 10:20 am - RECESS (15 minutes) 12:10 pm - LUNCH RECESS (25 minutes) 12:35 pm - LUNCH (25 minutes) 1:00pm – Afternoon Classes Begin 2:40 p.m. DISMISSAL	8:20am - Doors Open 8:35am - O' Canada and Announcements 8:37am - Classes Begin (Gain 3 minutes) 10:20am – Recess (15 minutes) 12:10pm – Lunch Recess (25 minutes) 12:35pm – Lunch (20 Minutes) 12:55pm - Afternoon Classes Begin (Gain 5 Minutes) 2:42pm - Dismissal (Gain 2 minutes) Total Instructional Gain Daily: 10 minutes

In the letter, it was mentioned that teachers will provide learning opportunities for students while at home for the two weeks. We will work on sharing more information on this aspect as we get closer to June. These activities, however, will be general in nature, focus on Literacy and Numeracy, and will be completely optional for students. All grading and marks will be entered as of June 10th. We still intend to host a grade 6 closing ceremony on June 10th, 2022, but we have been asked to carefully consider any field trips and other activities to ensure that they are curriculum and educational based.

Construction Update

Phase 1 of our construction continues to go well despite delays with supplies and labour shortages this summer. This Fall, we are looking forward to:

- New washrooms downstairs being completed (accessible washroom and boys washroom – to replace one removed for elevator)
- New sound (PA) system being installed in classrooms
- Geothermal wells have been drilled and will be hooked up to our new heating system in our next phase.
- Gym change rooms and storage spaces have been gutted and are now being restructured
- Bus and Staff Parking lot is complete
- Addition foundation has been laid – including the elevator shaft.
- Construction of the new addition will begin in a few weeks.

Phase 2 and 3 which will begin next summer and the following school year will include:

- Addition completed (slated for Fall, 2022)
- Elevator installed
- Updated heating system throughout the school
- New LED lighting throughout the school
- New boys and accessible washrooms created upstairs (to replace those removed to make room for the elevator)
- Reconfigured Student Services work spaces and offices
- Updated classrooms and work spaces

Terry Fox

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Tuesday October 5th. Students will participate in cohorts and spend some time outside running or walking our trail. Pledge forms are due back to the school on Thursday October 7th, 2021. Thanks to our community for all of your support in this worthwhile cause. Last year, we were the top fund raising school for Atlantic Canada. We are looking forward to making another great impact on cancer research this year.

Orange Shirt Day

Eliot River celebrated our Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday September 29th. Throughout the week, we honored Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learned more about the history of those schools. At Eliot River, we honored those children by reading books, listening to first person accounts, and by committing to ensure it never happens again through our writing and artwork. At Eliot River, we believe that EVERY CHILD MATTERS. We were also very appreciative to have Taite Wooldridge and Kate Coade drum and sing for us the Mi'kmaq honor song on our morning announcements, as we took a moment to reflect on the legacy of residential schools. Ms. Mooney also invited Kate and Taite to be special guests in her music class on Wednesday so that they could share Mi'kmaq culture, music and dance with their classes. We are very proud of our school community. It was a very moving day.

Fall Fundraiser

Our annual "2 for 1" Coupon booklets go on sale this week. Order Forms will be sent home with your student on Wednesday. Due to COVID 19, we do not encourage students to go door to door to sell coupon books. We are asking them to keep their sales between family members, relatives, close neighbors, and co-workers of parents and guardians. We would prefer to have payments made by E-transfer but will be still accepting cheques or cash when required. E-transfers can be sent eliotriver@edu.pe.ca. In Your E-transfer message please indicate how many books you require, Student's Full Name and Teacher. Please use the password ERESCOUPONS21. With E- Transfers, we would only like parents from ERES to send us transfers. It becomes a bit confusing when we receive transfers from other family members or community members with coupon count. We require all order forms returned (regardless if paying by cash, cheque or E-transfer). Return Dates for orders are October 26th & 27th.

This fund raiser is invaluable to our school and helps us fund many important resources for our students (technology, literacy, numeracy and physical initiatives).

Cutlery

Please be aware that the Provincial lunch program will not be providing any cutlery. It is important that you remember to send spoons and forks with your children if you order lunch from the provincial program. Eliot River will not have any spare to lend.

Free Milk Day

The School Milk Program is pleased to offer a free milk day to Eliot River Students on Tuesday, October 26.

Home & School News, October 2021

🍷 **Save the date! The PEI Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting is Thursday, October 21st, 6:00 PM, Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Rustico, PEI . Theme: "Everything's Connected"**

A Panel Discussion will be presented as follows:

Panelists will present about

- Reconciliation: Art of Storytelling/Listening, Julie Pellissier-Lush, Poet Laureate
- PowerSchool & COVID Update, Norbert Carpenter, PSB Director
- Gender identity and how to address people, PEERS Alliance
- Social Media/Internet Safety, RCMP

The meeting is in-person and open to parents, students, administrators, and other school staff members. Registrants are asked to arrive at 5:45 p.m., enjoy light refreshments, meet people from other school communities.

No registration fee. You may bring a donation (dry goods, hats, mitts, scarves, etc.) which will be shared with Island Charities.

Register by Oct. 15/21. [CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#)

CPHO Vax Pass Requirements: Please bring your Vax Pass and government-issued I.D. as proof of vaccination. Youth aged 12 – 18 will only need to provide their proof of vaccination.

Contact the federation office for more details: 1-800-916-0664 / 902-620-3186 / peihsf@edu.pe.ca

🍷 **Input makes a difference!**

"Home and School provides a large table around which everyone involved directly with students sits and collaborates on matters of common concern related to"

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/input-makes-a-difference/>

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's column is written by Heather Mullen, President and published in The Guardian on the first Friday of the month.

🍷 **Free Volunteer Leadership Training Workshops**

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will facilitate two Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 1 = Summerside: School location TBA

Nov. 4 = Spring Park Elementary School

More information about registration to follow.

🍷 **Parent Leadership Grants** are available for up to \$1000 per Home and School Association to organize a parent / volunteer initiative in your school community. PL Grant Application is online at: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

🍷 **Sign up your child for School Lunch Program**

Healthy lunch options are available for your child/youth including nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options. [Sign up here.](#)

🍷 **Does your child need support?**

Contact your School Family Well-Being Team when your child/youth needs support. Links to Student Well-being Teams follow here:

- [Bluefield Family of Schools](#)
- [Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools](#)
- [Colonel Gray Family of Schools](#)
- [Kensington-Kinkora Family of Schools](#)
- [Montague Family of Schools](#)
- [Morell and Souris Families of Schools](#)

- [Three Oaks Family of Schools](#)
- [Westisle Family of School](#)

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Community News

Learn to skate Announcement:

Sherwood Parkdale Skating Club

www.sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com

Registration is now open on-line with programs starting in September and October. Register early to save your spot. Visit our website [sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com](http://www.sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com) for registration information.

The Sherwood Parkdale Skating Club offers skating programs and instruction at two locations: Our home site is at Cody Banks Arena, located in the Sherwood area of Charlottetown on Maple Avenue. We also offer a community program at the South Shore Actiplex in Crapaud. We are a Skate Canada authorized club, the programs are conducted by certified professional coaches. Whether your goal is recreational skating, figure skating, hockey, ringette, or becoming a competitive/test stream skater we have a program for you from Pre-Canskate (3-4yrs), Canskate (5yrs +), Starskate/Competitive Skating, CanPowerSkate for hockey and ringette players, Adult learn to skate (16yrs+), and Adult Synchro. Translators available by e-mail or on-site for some of our newcomers. We look forward to seeing you on the ice!

若需要中文信息, 请联系 spsctranslator@gmail.com

KZ Skating School:

Join us at the APM Centre to learn how to skate, improve basic skating skills or be part of our figure skating-specific program. Sessions are offered on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons for all ages, with certified coaches. The winter program begins on October 12. Register online at www.kzskatingschool.ca; Come Skate with Us!

Come Try Ringette/Nets

Rustico Ringette is hosting a Come Try Ringette session and a Come Try Nets session FREE of charge on Mon Oct 11 from 3:50 pm to 4:50 pm at the North Star Arena. Please have your players dressed and ready to check in by 3:20 pm.

Come Try Ringette (ages 4 and up): Players only need to bring skates, skating helmet, warm clothes, and mittens. There will be volunteers to assist in the dressing rooms, on the bench, and on the ice. Sticks and rings will be provided. Late registration fees will be waived for new players attending this session who would like to join a team this season.

Come Try Nets (ages 8-14): Players need to bring their own ringette/hockey equipment but goalie pads, blocker, and stick will be provided.

please pre-register by filling out the attached form. one per player

<https://docs.google.com/.../1cb.../viewform...>

A brief 10 min session at Information will take place 3:50 - 4:00 pm to provide details on registration, goalie incentives, etc. and to offer equipment donated by older players.

North Star Arena's COVID-19 Operational Plan will be followed.

Questions about the event can be directed to Stephanie at stephanie.arnold@alumni.utoronto.ca

Rodd's Taekwondo:

Your child can build their confidence while having fun learning a martial art from qualified black belt instructors. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights for all ages, \$70 a month.

Please contact Darcy Rodd at roddstkd@gmail.com or 902-[218-1781](tel:218-1781) for further information or check Rodd's Taekwondo on Facebook.

French for Parents

The Coopérative d'intégration francophone of Prince Edward Island (CIF) has partnered with the Language Learning Centre of the Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB) to provide free language courses for immigrants to our province with permanent residency status. One of these courses is tailored specifically to parents whose children are receiving their education in French on Prince Edward Island.

French for Parents was created for immigrants with permanent residence or refugees whose children are enrolled in a French immersion program or are attending a French school. This course will help these parents acquire basic French skills so that they can better accompany their children in their French-immersion learning or in the francophone school system.

The **French for Parents** course will run from October 18 to December 8. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Newcomers may also choose to enroll in the **CLIC** course (Cours de Langue pour les Immigrants au Canada). This free program helps learners to acquire basic French language skills and may allow learners to obtain proof of language proficiency for the application for Canadian citizenship (NCLC 4 or CLB 4).

The **CLIC** course runs until June and admission is ongoing throughout the year. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Many newcomers enroll in **CLIC** after having completed the **French for Parents** course, but both courses may be taken simultaneously.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all classes will be offered online.

Please contact Jacques Arsenault (jacques@cifipe.ca) for more information or to register.

Catechism Registration

Registration for Catechism, grades 1-9, is now open at St Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall, serving both St Francis and St Martin parishes.

Please email Ellen Dennis at catechism@goodshepherdunit.ca for more information, or call the parish office at [902-566-3876](tel:902-566-3876)