




Mount Stewart Consolidated

Home of the Eagles

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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PD Day No Classes	2
3	4 Home & School Meeting	5	6 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am	7 Teacher Convention No Classes	8 Teacher Convention No Classes	9
10	11  No Classes	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Book Fair	19 Book Fair	20 Book Fair Islanders Hockey Game "School Days Game" Grades 2-8	21 Book Fair PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS Picture Retakes	22 Book Fair PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS No Classes	23
24	25	26	27 Family Night "Scientists in the Schools"	28 Entrepreneur Market Open 4-6pm for the Community	29	30

Safe Arrival Line 902-676-7990

At Mt. Stewart Consolidated School we have a Safe Arrival Line which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 am. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Attendance

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

Parent Teacher Interviews Online Sign Up

This year we will be moving our parent teacher interview sign up to an online platform. You will be able to choose a time for an interview under your child's teacher's name. This platform works well for families with more than one student in the school. Booking for the parent teacher interviews will begin on November 12th and close on November 18th. Please create an account from this link to get started.

<https://mountstewart.schoolappointments.com/?action=login-form>

PBIS

We are pleased to announce that Mount Stewart Consolidated has been selected as one of the 19 schools in PEI to implement PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports). This initiative underscores the commitment to creating a positive, supportive school environment where students can thrive. By focusing on prevention and teaching positive behavioral strategies, PBIS aims to foster better school safety and behavior, which can have lasting benefits for everyone.

The hiring of a PBIS coordinator is a great step forward, and it's wonderful to know that the school will continue to develop this program further. Congratulations to the school community for the ongoing success of PBIS over the last four years, and we look forward to seeing its continued positive impact as the program expands!

Entrepreneur Market

Our grade 7 & 8 students are learning about small businesses and they are creating their own. The Entrepreneur market will take place on Thursday, November 28th. It will be open to students during the day and the community from 4-6p. What a great time to do Christmas shopping!

Kindergarten Registration

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten prior to **November 22, 2024**.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2025, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of government-issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport.

- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the Spring of 2025

Picture Retakes

School picture retakes will be taken **Thursday, November 21st**. You **MUST** sign up online if your child will be getting retakes. For more information visit harveystudios.fotosource.com/faq

SEL

We continue to work on our Social Emotional school goals. The National Library of Medicine published a study conducted in June 2023 Entitled "Effects of Excessive Screen Time on Child Development: An Updated Review". **This study indicated that ideal screen time limits are 30-60 minutes/day for three to seven-year-olds, one hour for 7-12-year-olds, and 1.5 hours for 12-15-year-olds.** Studies have shown that excessive screen time (computer, TV, phone...) can negatively affect executive functioning, sensorimotor development, and academic outcomes. Early screen exposure has been associated with lower cognitive abilities and academic performance in later years. Language development is also affected by screen time, as it diminishes the quantity and quality of interactions between children and caregivers.

Please monitor not only the time your child is in front of a screen, but also what they see on that screen. **Many of our students are demonstrating anxiety, fear and violence from what they have seen on screens at home.**

Milk, Pizza and Frozen Treat Orders

Starting in December, you will be able to order milk, frozen treats and pizza online. You will be able to order for one month at a time and e-transfer the school. We will also continue to accept payment for frozen treats on Fridays if you prefer to pay that way.

Starting November 18th you will be able to do online orders. More information to follow.

Breakfast/Lunch

We will continue with our breakfast program for those who did not have an opportunity to have breakfast or need nourishment after a long bus ride. Students are also encouraged to bring an extra snack to have off the bus if they choose. At present, we have 107 students receiving breakfast everyday. If you do not wish your child to participate in the breakfast program, please contact the homeroom teacher. We are always appreciative of any food or monetary donations to our breakfast program.

The **PEI School Food Program** team is gearing up for another year of providing healthy, and affordable meal options to Island students.

The menu has also been revised for this fall! Please check out the website at www.peischoolfood.ca for more information on what's new.

The program will remain a pay-what-you-can program. As the cost of food and supplies continues to rise, the PEI School Food Program will be increasing the asking price for parents to \$5.75 per meal. We kindly ask school staff, families, and students to pay for their meal if they're able to, to help those who are not! **Please remember to bring your own cutlery!**

Water bottle filling stations and fountains are open! Please ensure your child comes each day with a clean, filled water bottle. The school is providing water bottles for every student again this year.

Equity

For parents of students in grade 7 & 8, our grade 8 students who will be going on days 1, 3, 5 and grade 7 students will be attending Equity on days 2, 4, 6.

PSB – Bussing Update

HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S BUS INFORMATION

To find your child's bus information for September please check online at the following website:

psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca

Home & School

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FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st

The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers' effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers -- parent, teacher and student.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Ellerslie Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eliot River Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 1st to ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186. FREE.
Refreshments provided.

Thank you for Ellerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees

PEI Home and School Association **membership fees are due: Nov. 1.** Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

School Crossing Guard Award

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. **The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8.**

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Parent Leadership Grants

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and

engagement in school communities. [Click here for Application](#). For more information, contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186. **Submission deadline Nov. 8th.**

What's on your Home and School meeting's agenda?

1. Ask the principal for a school report.
2. Inquire about integrated inquiry-based curriculum, Gr. 5 pilot.
3. Invite a PSB staff person to talk about the recent PSB school study review.
4. Involve everyone around the meeting table. List committees and ways for volunteers to help.
5. Motions are required for all financial decisions; use basic parliamentary procedures.
6. Sign up for Home and School Volunteer Leadership Training workshops coming up on the Nov. 4th (Ellerslie School) or Nov. 5th (Eliot River School)

Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference, follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31.

More school community news...

~ **Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night** - Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5 to tammynorden@gmail.com

~ **Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair** - Nov 16th, 9 AM-3 pm & Nov 17th, 12 - 4 pm. Over 80 tables, Raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: annamariarsenault@gmail.com

~ **Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair** - Nov. 15th, 5:30–9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield Band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is 3\$ / Children under 12 are free.

~ **Are you a school food volunteer?** Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>. Note: *May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.*