



St. Louis Elementary School Newsletter

February 2024



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe February is underway and we are already looking ahead to Winter Carnival. As we know from this past weekend, February weather can be deceptively cold as we not only experience colder weather, but also wind chills. Please ensure your children are dressed for the cold and the wind as we try to get outside as much as possible. In winter months we go outside in below zero weather. The cut off for going outside is anything colder than -19.

Thanks!

Valentine's Day

Students are welcome to bring Valentine's in to be shared with their class. Also, for anyone sending in treats - we are asking that the treats be nut free. You may want to touch base with your child's teacher regarding any class specific allergies/requests.

Candy Grams

We will be selling Candy Grams on Monday, Feb 12th & Tuesday, Feb 13th. They will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Candy Grams are 50 cents each with a maximum 5 Dollars per child.

Winter Carnival

We will be having some fun activities and theme days during Winter Carnival Week.

- Feb 12th - PJ Day
- Feb 13th - Crazy hat/hair day
- Feb 14th - Red & White Day
- Feb 15th - Jersey day
- Feb 16th - Winter Wellness Day – Activities @ the Rodd

Students will be spending the morning at the RODD, participating in a variety of outdoor activities as part of our Winter Wellness Day. It is shaping up to be a great morning! Students will participate in tubing, horse and sleigh rides, and their choice of either skating or disc golf. All students will have the chance to warm up inside with a cookie and hot chocolate break! Students will need to dress warm on this day (hat, mitts, snow pants, etc.), and those students who choose to skate will need to bring skates and helmets. Many thanks to the staff as well as the home and school members who helped make this day possible – we can do this at no cost to families!

Dates to Remember:

- Feb 19th - Islander Day (No classes)
- Feb 28th - Pink Shirt Day
- March 8th - Parent & Teacher Interviews (No Classes)
- March 22nd-March 28th- Midterm Break (No Classes)
- March 29th- Good Friday (No Classes)
- April 1st- Easter Monday (No Classes)
- April 19th- PD Day (No Classes)

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Presidents' Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due **February 29**. All reports **will be included in the 71st Annual Book of Reports**. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. You can get tips on how to write your report by reading other reports in last year's [2023 Book of Reports](https://peihsf.ca/agm/) at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Use a blog format by listing each month and related activities in bullet form. Use the Federation's new [President's Annual Report 2024 Google Form](#). If you need help, contact the office peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 5-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

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/>

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/> Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?

Parent 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 create better outcomes for students.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/>

~**Pink Shirt Day** Canada 2024 is on **February 28th** **Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness!** A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

~**Early Childhood Development Association Handle with Care course** - provides parents, educators and all caregivers the understanding of children's social and emotional needs, as well as understanding and developing their own. Programs: BGC Charlottetown, Jan. 30th 6:00-8:00; Charlottetown Royalty Centre Rm 212, starting Feb. 5th 11:30-1:30; Stratford Town Hall, Southport Rm, starting Feb. 7th 6:30-8:30 pm. Materials/refreshments provided. Contact Sara MacDougall to register hwcepi@ecdaofpei.ca or 902-368-1870.

- HAPPY -
Valentine's Day