



St. Louis Elementary School Newsletter

January 2025



Dear families,

Hopefully you had a chance to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the holidays. It is great to be back to school and to get back into a regular routine.

PEI's Healthy School Lunch Program

Anyone who is not registered for the Provincial School Lunch Program can still register @ www.peischoolfood.ca

Dates to Remember:

Jan 27th – Family Literacy Day

Feb 3rd – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)

Feb 10th-14th – Staff Appreciation Week

Feb 17th - Islander Day (No classes)

Feb 21st – Winter Wellness Day

Feb 26th – Pink Shirt Day

March 7th - Parent & Teacher Interviews (No Classes)

March 14th – St. Patrick's Day (as March 17th falls during March Break)

March 17th -March 21st - Midterm Break (No Classes)

Weather

January weather can be deceptively cold as we not only experience colder weather, but also wind chills as well. 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!

Advantages to Being on Time to School

- Smooth transition period - students who arrive at school with time to spare have the opportunity to settle into the classroom, prepare their materials and focus their minds on the lessons to come.
- Important information – a typical school day starts with announcements and introductions to new lessons and concepts. Students who show up late may miss out on important details and be unprepared for future class events or key learning concepts.
- Develops long-term positive habits – when students show up on time to school every day, they develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments.
- Self-esteem - arriving on time every day ***makes children feel good about themselves.***

Arriving on time for school ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert. Set your child up for success and make certain he/she arrives to school **On Time. Every Time.**

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2025 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2025**.

President's Annual Reports

Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit their 2024-2025 annual reports to the Federation office by **Feb. 28**. All reports are compiled in the Federation's Annual Book of Reports and posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

School Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!

Annual General Meeting Notice

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 12, 2025**. All Member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is asked to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

PSB Consultation on Memorials and Grief Support in Schools

The Public Schools Branch is conducting a consultation to review a policy and procedure entitled "Memorials and Grief Support in Schools." Draft versions of the proposed documents have been made available for your review and participation in the Consultation Survey.

[Participate in the Consultation Survey](#) and [Memorials and Grief Support In Schools - Policy and Procedure Consultation.pdf](#)

Home and School monthly newspaper column

Read David Schult, PEI Home and School Federation president's monthly columns at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/>