St. Louis Elementary School Newsletter
October 1st, 2026

Dear families,

With Fall in full swing the days have become noticeably colder. Because our playground is not sheltered, there is almost always a cool breeze, even on sunny days. It would be great if students could come with a hat and mittens – even in their school bags as a "just in case". Sweaters and/or jackets are also recommended at this point.

Please register online for PEI's Healthy School Lunch Program which will provide all island students access to healthy and affordable lunches this school year. It's a pay-what-you-can model, up to a max of $5.50 per meal. Nut free, gluten free and dairy free and vegetarian options will be available. To learn more and create your log-in for ordering go to www.peischoolfood.ca Once you register, they will send you a username and password.

Dates to Remember:

Oct 6th - Cross Country Zones (Rain date Oct 8th)
Oct 12th - Thanksgiving (No School)
Oct 14th – Girls Soccer Tournament (Rain date Oct 15th)
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Oct 16th - Grade 6 Needles
Oct 17th - Cross Country Provincial Championship
Oct 27th – Picture Retakes
Nov 5th & 6th - PEITF Convention (No Classes)
Nov 11th – Remembrance Day (No Classes)
Nov 16th – Non-Instructional Day (No Classes)
Nov 27th - Parent & Teacher Interviews (No Classes)

Attendance and Engagement in the PSB

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the office to let us know. Also, if your child's bussing or pick-up arrangements are changing from their normal day to day plan, please contact the office before 1:30pm as the end of day can be quite busy and this way, we can ensure that everyone gets to where they need to be. Email the office at stlouis@edu.pe.ca or call 902-882-7358 Thanks 😊

Drop Off Times

Just a reminder when dropping children off in the mornings that drop-off times are between 8:30 and 8:45. This ensures that children are here for the start of the school day. It can be hard for students to settle in when they miss the start of a lesson or activity, and it can be distracting to the class when students are arriving late.

Bussing

We have received a few reports of children not being outside when the bus arrives. Just a reminder that children are expected to be at the end of their driveway when the bus arrives. Public Schools Branch recommends children be outside 5 minutes before their scheduled pick-up time.



Toys

Just a reminder that we have some children bringing toys to school. For some students, this can be helpful on longer bus rides. For others, toys can be quite distracting. If students come to school with toys, they are encouraged to keep them in their school bags unless they are required for a specific activity (i.e. show and tell).

We ask that fidgets, squishy and trading cards (hockey cards, Pokémon cards, etc.) not come to school as it is impossible to keep track of which items belong to which students in the event of a disagreement. Thanks 😊

Halloween

Students can dress up, but masks and weapon replicas are not allowed. We do go outside for recess/lunch if the weather is nice.

AI Permissions and RUA

There have been some questions at a lot of schools from parents and guardians regarding AI permissions and the updated Responsible Use Agreement (RUA).

To help address these questions and ensure clear, consistent messaging, an email was sent out on Monday September 28th. It outlines the Department of Education and Early Years' approach to AI, highlights safety and privacy protections for student accounts, and explains how teachers manage AI use by grade level (including alternatives for families who opt out).

Home & School

Home & School will be holding their first meeting of the school year. It will be on Thursday Oct 1st at 4:30 in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

