



St. Louis Elementary School Newsletter

October 3rd, 2024



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 4th - Grade 6 Needles

Oct 4th – Run-A-Thon

Oct 10th - Cross Country Zones (Rain date Oct 11th)

Oct 14th - Thanksgiving (No School)

Oct 15th – Girls Soccer Tournament

Oct 15th – Boys Soccer Tournament (Rain date Oct 16th)

Oct 19th - Cross Country Provincial Championship

Nov 1st - Professional Learning Day (No School)

Nov 7th & 8th - PEITF Convention (No Classes)

Nov 11th – Statutory Holiday (No Classes)

Nov 22nd - Parent & Teacher Interviews (No Classes)

Attendance and Engagement in the PSB

As we mentioned at our Meet the Staff night, schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let’s continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year.

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 2:30pm as the end of day can be quite busy and this way, we can ensure that everyone gets to where they need be. 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 waiting for the bus when the bus arrives. Just a reminder that children should be out at the end of the laneway for when the bus is scheduled to arrive for pick up to keep the busses on time as much as possible. 5-10 minutes before their scheduled pick up time is the recommendation by the department for the children to be out ready for the bus pick up.

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.

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 trading cards (hockey cards, Pokémon cards, etc.) not come to school as it is impossible to keep track of which cards belong to which students in the event of a disagreement.

Thanks 😊

