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CENTRAL QUEENS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 3 & 4 – PEITF & CUPE Annual Convention (NO CLASSES)
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day assembly (10:45am)
- Nov 10 – Tree and Wreath Fundraiser Due
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov 21 – Lifetouch picture retakes
- Nov 22 – Report cards issued
- Nov 24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Classes)
- Dec 20 – Last Instructional Day for 2022



NO SCHOOL OR NO CLASSES

There will be no school on Friday, November 11th as it is Remembrance Day. Also there will be no classes on Thursday, November 3rd or Friday, November 4th as staff will be participating in their annual conventions; there are no classes on Friday, November 25th due to Parent Teacher Conferences.

REPORT CARDS

On Tuesday, November 22nd your child will bring home their report card. This will be the first formal communication of your child's progress.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Parent/Teachers Conferences will be held November 24th and 25th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRESENTATION

Our annual Remembrance Day presentation will be held on November 10th, at 10:45am.



CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRIASER

Thank you to all of those who are taking the time to sell Christmas wreaths and trees for our first school fundraiser. We have had great success with this in the past and look forward to collecting forms and money on November 10th. Tree and wreath tickets will be sent home the week of November 18th for pick up at Smith's Tree Farm in Mayfield or at the Charlottetown Canadian Tire parking lot.

PROTOCOL FOR PICK UP OR DROP OFF - during regular, in class teaching hours (8:40-2:40)

Drop off: If you are dropping off your child, please park in the main parking lot. You can bring your child in the main doors regardless of what door they typically use daily. You can bring them to the office, or say goodbye in the lobby. We would appreciate if parents remain in the lobby or in the office and avoid walking through the hallways while classes are in session.

Pick up: If you are picking up your child, please park in the main parking lot, come into the main office and we will arrange for your child to meet you in the lobby or in the office.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON

This can be a stressful time of year for families - especially with the possible added pressures we are seeing in our economy. We have supported many families in our community in the past and we look forward to helping out families again this year. Many times, we have reached out to families or families have reached out to us. If you would like some support, or know of a family who could use some support to make this holiday season just a little bit less stressful, please contact the school principal.



Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten *prior* to or during the week of November 16-20, 2021.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2022 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office (902-368-6990) or Summerside Office (902-888-8400). Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.
- 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. Examples are:
 - Birth Certificate
 - PEI Health Card
 - Passport
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2022.

Please keep in mind that:

- Parents are reminded to wear a mask at the school when registering their child.
- Only one parent should visit the school to complete the registration.
- Parents will have to sign in upon arrival.
- Parents should only visit the school if feeling well and are not required to self-isolate.
- Please refer to the school website for additional information around visiting schools.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If you have an unexpected change in plans, **please try to call before 2:00 pm** to ensure your child's teacher is aware of the change. This will help us make sure that we don't have children missing the bus or taking the bus when they shouldn't. Thank you for your help in this matter.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR FOOTWEAR

With winter weather approaching, it is even more important that students have indoor footwear to change into when they enter the school. Our school is a safer and cleaner space when snow, mud, and salt are left at the front door and not tracked throughout the school. Please ensure that your child has a change of footwear for indoor use only.



DRESS FOR COOLER WEATHER

Winter is fast approaching and temperatures can be quite crisp. Students who dress properly for the weather with coats, hats, and gloves enjoy being outside more. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the weather conditions during this time of year. It would also be beneficial to send in an extra set of clothes for younger children or extra socks and gloves for the older kids. These can be kept in your child's backpack to use as needed.

PROVINCIAL FOOD PROGRAM DATES

The most up to date information regarding the school's menu and ingredient lists is now also available on the government website at the following link for viewing between or during a meal period. Please scroll to #3 *Local Restaurants Prepare and Deliver Meals to Schools* to see the menu and ingredients list. A winter menu will be coming out soon.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/healthy-school-lunch-program>

RE-USEABLE CUTLERY AND WATER BOTTLES

We are working really hard at CQES to be responsible citizens to our environment. We are asking families to put **re-useable cutlery** in their child's lunch kit daily. This cutlery will come in handy if your child orders from either one of the meal services provided or takes something from home that requires utensils.



LITERACY LOWDOWN

The Tumble Book Library is a collection of online, animated, talking picture books children are sure to love. You're only a click away from an eBook adventure! Please note: In order to enjoy these books, you will need to have internet access. A direct link to Tumble Books can be found on the CQES web site.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the school or PSB

EVENT: Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair. Friday, November 18, 2022 5:30 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday November 19, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

• Door Prizes • Band Music Entertainment • Canteen Services. Admission: \$2.00.

Contact Bluefield High School at T:902-675-7480 or April at adcarr1978@gmail.com or T:902-978-0886 to reserve a table.

Bluefield High School, 924 Colville Rd, Hampshire.

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Junior Golf Development program offered through Game Changers Golf Fitness. This program combines both athlete development through fitness and golf specific skills on two trackman golf simulators. Game Changers offer 3 different age groups and small class sizes.

For more information contact: Marcel West , [marcel@gamechangersgolffitness.com](mailto:marcel@gamechangersgolffitness.com)  
902-754-3922

### Invitation to all students, staff and parents to:

Hunter River & Area Remembrance Day Service

November 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM at

Hunter River Presbyterian Church. Veterans Memorial

Following the service Hunter River Community Council will host a reception at the Community Centre.

### Home and School News, November 2022

#### SIGN UP for FREE Volunteer Training Workshops

The Federation is hosting three in-person Home and School Training Workshops. Any parent, teacher, or student may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home and School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Register a.s.a.p

**Tuesday, Nov. 8,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Westisle Composite High School Register by Nov. 4

**Monday, Nov. 14,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Montague Intermediate School Register by Nov.11

**Tuesday, Nov. 29,** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parkdale Elementary School Register by Nov. 25

E-mail: [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca) or Phone: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664

No Cost. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### Reminder to pay 2022-2023 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit 2022-2023 membership fees in November. Forms were mailed to Associations. As well, these can be accessed [online](#).

Contact the Federation office at: 1-800-916-0664 / 902-620-3186 / [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

#### Playground Equipment Funding Program

If your school is seeking funding for the school playground, applications are available for the Playground Equipment Program at: [Apply for the Playground Equipment Fund](#).

#### Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$1,000 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.

Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/grants>. Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

#### Recognition and Awards Programme 2023

PEIHSF's awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The Federation's 2023 Programme Begins with the Extra Mile Award to celebrate school staff personnel (i.e., educators, admin, custodians, EAs) with nominations due Jan. 20, 2023. [Find more online at PEIHSF Awards](#)

#### November dates

- November 10 [PSB School Board Elections Day](#)
- November 11 [Remembrance Day](#)
- November 20 [National Child Day](#)
- November 21–27 [Canada History Week](#)

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