

CENTRAL QUEENS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 19 – Day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth (no school)
Sept 29 – Every Child Matters – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
Oct 5 – Lifetouch picture day (retakes Nov 21)
Oct 10 – Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct 21 – Professional Learning Day- Joint staff (NO CLASSES)
Oct 11 – Dental Clinic Begins
Oct 31 – Black and Orange day



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are so very excited to be back in School! It is hard to believe how fast the summer went. I am so very proud of the students, parents and staff for making the start up so positive and smooth. We will continue to follow the direction of the Chief Public Health Office regarding Covid. Currently, we are following routine measures. These guidelines can be found on the following website https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/pei_covid-19_back-to-school_guidance_2022-23.pdf.

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff who take the time to understand where our learners are and provide specific instruction to move them forward. All of our learners will learn at a rate and speed that is appropriate for them. However, we cannot do this alone. We will need your continued support at home to help move your child along with their learning goals. We encourage you to spend time each night reading with your child or checking in on the work they've done. Please make sure that you are in contact with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress so you can support the learning at home.

We have such a fantastic team of staff, students and families, and I am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

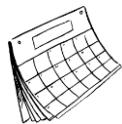
Sincerely,
Mrs. Craig

A WORD ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION

Newsletters will be **sent out electronically** and **only once a month** – the first Thursday. The newsletters are also located on our school website, centralqueens.edu.pe.ca.

School Messenger (mass email system), the school handbook, and our website are ways we communicate events, expectations, and policies that affect our school community. The student handbook can be found on our website, and if you wish to have a hard copy, please inform your child's teacher, and one will be sent home.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND GOOGLE CALENDARS



Our school calendar was sent home with students the first week. It will also be posted on the Central Queens website. The the PSB calendar can be found as a Google Calendar which you can sync to your own device and have up-to-date information.

SCHOOL DAY START TIME & END TIME

Instruction begins at 8:40 am each day so please ensure that if you're dropping your child(ren) off, that they are here by 8:25am as not to miss important information. Students are considered "late" when they arrive after O' Canada at 8:40am. The school day ends at 2:40 pm. **There is no supervision for students arriving prior to 8:15 am, so please do not drop your child off before this time. If you arrive before 8:15, please keep your child with you and not on the playground as the playground is for the students enrolled in the Before School Program.**

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – EVERY CHILD MATTERS

September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Schools will be closed on that day. We will wear our Orange Shirts on the 29th to remember the history of residential schools, through the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, and the intergenerational impacts of its legacy on First Nations and Indigenous people. As we will not be in School on September 30th, students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on Wednesday, September 29th. We are proud to be a part of reconciliation. For more information about Orange Shirt Day and how to continue the conversation at



home, CBC kids is a great website: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/what-is-orange-shirt-day>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is necessary in order to achieve success in School. Students who are frequently absent or late tend to become discouraged, often lose interest in their school work and, in general, fall behind in their studies. If a child is absent, parents are asked to:

1) Call the School **before 8:30am** to advise **why** your child is absent from School and when we can expect them to return. There is an answering machine, so please feel free to leave a message.

2) If you request work to be sent home, please do so at the time of the call as this will allow the teacher time to prepare and/or collect work from other teachers.

The Public School Branch attendance policy can be found on their website, psb.edu.pe.ca

PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)

The community of Central Queens Elementary promotes a safe, peaceful and supportive environment for everyone. Our staff have been specifically trained in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) with a program called PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies). The PATHS curriculum is a comprehensive program for promoting emotional and social competencies and reducing aggression and behavior problems while simultaneously enhancing the educational process in the classroom.



The PATHS Curriculum consists of separate volumes of lessons for each grade level, all of which include developmentally appropriate pictures, photographs, posters, and additional materials. Five conceptual domains, integrated in a hierarchical manner, are included in PATHS lessons at each grade level: self-control, emotional understanding, positive self-esteem, relationships, and interpersonal problem-solving skills.

At Central Queens Elementary School we support each other in our efforts to achieve a safe and supportive school atmosphere.

ON LINE LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEMS

We are continuing to partner with Central Queens Elementary Home & School and the Province of Prince Edward Island to provide two online lunch ordering programs. *Hotlunches.net* and www.peischoolfood.ca. Both of these systems require a small amount of setup time if you are planning on ordering lunches for your child. Once the initial setup process is complete, your lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple. A notification letter was sent home on the first day of School with your child on how to register for each program.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch School Portraits will be at our School on October 5th to take student photos. Any students who are absent will have their pictures taken on November 21st. After Picture Day, order your pictures on mylifetouch.ca using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.

BUS PARKING LOT REMINDER

The start of the school year provides the opportunity to remind parents **not** to use the bus parking lot off of Rte 2 when visiting the School. Please park in the lower parking lot by the dental office when dropping off and picking up students.



BUS PASSES

We will not be able to provide bus passes for students at this time **UNLESS** it is for primary child care purposes only. We appreciate parents making their own arrangements for after-school plans. Just a reminder to parents - when you are writing bus notes, it is **very** important that you to put your child's **full** name, the **full** name and **civic address** of the person where they are going, the date and the **bus number**. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES

Parents, please be sure to let your child's teacher know what the arrangements are for after school care. If these arrangements change, a note from you is expected.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are kindly requested **not** to bring electronic items like iPods or cell phones to School. It is difficult to ensure their safe keeping during the school day and the School **will not be responsible** for these items. These items can also distract students from reaching their learning outcomes throughout the school day. **Students are not permitted to use these items at School or on the bus without written permission from the parent and administration.**

REGULAR HAIR CHECKS AT HOME

We are asking parents to check their child(ren)'s hair on a regular basis for head lice. This is the most proactive way to control the spread of lice. Parents are reminded to contact the office if head lice are found. As per the PSB Head Lice Management Protocol, when a child is in a class where a case of head lice is detected, a "letter of attention" will be sent home to parents of all students in that class so parents can check their child's hair at home and provide treatment if necessary. Information is available in our handbook and on our website regarding treatment and controlling the spread of head lice.

SCENT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that Central Queens Elementary School is scent-free as per the Public Schools Branch's scent-free policy. All perfumes, colognes and other scented products can cause a significant reaction to those affected and are prohibited in our building.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH PEANUT/NUT ALERT



Central Queens Elementary needs to be as safe an environment as possible for a number of students who attend School with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts. Due to a number of students with severe allergies to peanuts, peanut products and other forms of nuts, Central Queens will continue to be peanut & nut-free. We do this because all students travel throughout the building to specialist classes, assemblies, water fountains, playground, etc, and the only way to provide the safest environment is to exclude all peanut and other nut products from lunches and snacks. This also means that imitation peanut butter products such as WOW Butter are prohibited as well.

CQES HOME & SCHOOL NEWS – Join our Facebook page!

Home & School is a group of parents and staff that meet every other month to discuss issues and plan events. New members are always welcome. It is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the School. Our first meeting will be announced shortly. We look forward to meeting new and returning members.

The following is a list of the CQ Home & School executive:

President Patty - Jo-Hickey

Past President - Rayanne Frizzell

Vice-President - Vacant

Secretary - Sue Ridgeway

Treasurer - Ashlee Ramsay

Please join Central Queens Elementary Home & School Facebook page and note that Home & School has its own email account. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Home & School through the following email: cqhomeandschool@gmail.com. Home & School's first meeting this year will be in late September/early October. The date will be announced at a later date.

PEI SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Every student attending a PEI school is automatically insured by the PEI School Accident Insurance Program's basic student coverage. This program is provided without a deductible and at no cost to the student, parents/guardians or schools. Basic coverage is provided during school hours, school activities, community-based learning activities and travel to and from School and community-based learning activities. The student accident insurance information is on the Public Schools Branch website at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/psb/departments/corporate-services/school-accident-insurance-program/>

CQ'S LITERACY LOWDOWN

Central Queens School focus continues to be improving the literacy levels of our students. Two main aspects of these are reading and writing. Everyday teachers work on essential skills such as *word work*, *conventions*, *comprehension* and *guided reading* to help students improve their literacy. Please feel free to chat with your child(ren)'s teachers about these and the many other areas of literacy being covered in class. Please look in the *Literacy Lowdown* section in each newsletter for ways that you can support these efforts with your child(ren).



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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

Home & School News, September 2022

Slow down and watch for students on the road

Another school year begins Sept. 7. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to School. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to School and back home again safely.

PEI's Healthy School Lunch Program

It's a new school year and everyone is invited to sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. Register and order by Sept. 8 at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids! | PEI School Food Program](https://www.peischoolfood.ca) / www.peischoolfood.ca

Meet the Teacher

"Meet the Teacher" Nights are planned for parents to meet your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. It's an informal opportunity to chat, face-to-face, say hi, to become acquainted with your child's teacher. Our meet the teacher is scheduled for September, 22nd.

Home & School Contact Information

Are you still the President? Treasurer? The Federation requests your current details.

Presidents - Fill out your Home and School's info on the Contact Form and email to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Treasurers - Submit 2022-2023 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by mail or pay online at: https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/ (Eventbrite fees apply for online payments)

Forms are also online at: https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/

Semi-Annual Meeting

The 2022 Semi-Annual will be an in-person meeting held Tuesday, October 18th, 6:00 pm, Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI. More details to follow.

School Board Elections Mail-In Ballot Only

Consider putting your name forward to run as a trustee candidate in your school zone. Candidates submit nomination papers, Sept. 23. Check Candidate Profiles at: www.peihsf.ca , Sept 26
GO to Elections PEI to request your ballot. NO in-person voting for this important election. Eligible voters must request their ballot beginning Sept 1. Fill it out and return by mail to Elections PEI by Oct. 21. Learn more at:
<https://www.electionspei.ca/school-trustees-elections/>
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/role-of-school-board-trustees>

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"A school needs to be a place for all children, not based on the idea that they are all the same, but that they are all different." - Loris Malaguzzi

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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CANCER.....What would you give so that your friends and family would never have to hear that word? What would you be willing to do to help find a cure? An hour or two of your time and a few kilometers can help do just that. Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is the Hunter River Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Join your friends, family and neighbors at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Heritage Park on September 18<sup>th</sup> , registration starts at 1:30 pm with a 2:00pm start for the 1km, 2km or 5km, walk/run or bike. Challenge your friends, family and co-workers to join you as well. You can register online at [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org) or pick up a pledge sheet at the Hunter River Municipal Office. For more information you can contact Sarah at 902-621-2170 or email [admin.hunter.river@gmail.com](mailto:admin.hunter.river@gmail.com). Help us carry on the legacy Terry Fox has left for all of us....help find a cure for cancer.

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Dear parents/guardians,

The Dental Preventive Clinic will be at Central Queens school starting October 11, 2022.

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child’s individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. **If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or homeroom teacher.**

Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the Children’s Dental Care Program.

Covid-19 Considerations: *While receiving dental treatment it is not possible to maintain a distance of 2 meters (6 feet). In addition, there may be an elevated risk of contracting Covid-19 while in the dental setting. Please note that we will be using enhanced infection control protocols. For further information please call: 902-314-7666*

Contact: If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 902-368-4918 or Summerside 902-888-8145.

Further Information: Please note that only preventive services will be provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment.

For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>