



## Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter- May, 2026

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### Dear Families:

Where has the time gone? Only 2 months of school left and still lots to do. We have a busy few weeks coming up. I love that the days are getting longer and we have lots more sunlight! Please keep an eye on the weather and make sure rubber boots and splash pants come to school on wet days! And please make sure there is a change of clothes in your child's school bag in case they get wet playing outside.

### Dates to Remember:

May 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday)--Area Association Professional Development Day/CUPE Annual Convention—No Classes

May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>—Grade 6 Candy Kabob Sale--Cost: \$2

May 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)-6 p.m.—Home & School Meeting

May 8<sup>th</sup> (Tentatively)—Coupon Booklets Go Home

May 13<sup>th</sup>(Wed.)—Wear Purple (Family Violence Prevention)

May 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri. a.m.)—Grades 2-6 at Confederation Centre

May 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday)--Statutory Holiday—No Classes

May 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday-4:30-5:30 p.m.)—Welcome to Kindergarten

May 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday-a.m.)—Orientation Morning for New Kindergarten Students (9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)

May 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday)—No Classes for Existing Kindergarten

June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tue.-6:30 pm)—Gr.7 Stonepark Parent Meeting

June 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday)—Spring Fling 6-7:30 p.m.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)—Grade 6 Closing (9:30 a.m.)

June 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)—Learning Reports Go Home

June 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)—Last Instructional Day

September 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)—Classes Resume for the 2026-2027 school year.

### Home & School Spring Fling:

Reserve **Friday evening, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, for the annual Spring Fling. As soon as the plans are finalized, details will be sent home. *We are looking forward to this evening of fun for the whole family!*

### Additional Home & School News:

-Plan now to attend the upcoming Home & School meeting to be held in the school Library on **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** New members welcome!

-The PEI Home & School Federation newsletter for the month of May will be posted on our website under the

About/Home & School tab.

### Kindergarten Orientations:

**Kindergarten**

-Orientation will be held after classes on May 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) for parents/guardians with students attending Kindergarten this fall. Information was sent to these families.

-On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> our new Kindergarten students will come to the school for orientation in the morning (9:30 a.m.-11:45a.m.); therefore, there will be no classes for this year's Kindergarten students on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Easter Seals:



Thank you for supporting the many student fundraising initiatives for Easter Seals over the past few weeks. We were pleased to present the Easter Seals Ambassador, Rowan MacDonald, with the proceeds when the Easter Seals Tour arrived April 27<sup>th</sup>. Students decorated the gym focusing on the theme of Rowan's motto "There is ability in every disability. We are no less. We are unstoppable." In addition to our student population; Rowan's family and friends; Easter Seals Tour representatives: Della Parker, Chair; Janice Blacquere, tour organizer; Mayor Phillip Brown; Susan Dillon, MLA; Karla Bernard, MLA; Pat Campbell, Former PSS Principal; and several additional guests were in attendance. What an exciting morning!

### Dental Clinic:

The clinic has concluded student screenings at Prince Street. The staff extended compliments of the welcoming and mannerly atmosphere our students presented to them.

### Coupon Booklets:

The booklets will be sent home within the next 2 weeks. Profit will be used for school projects. The winners of Principal and Vice Principal for the day were announced as well as the random draw winner. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. *continued*→



### **Good News Thursdays:**

We continue to recognize students who display, on a regular basis, any of the Prince Street School values of **P**-proud/**R**-respect/**I**-inclusive/**N**-never give up/**C**-caring/**E**-empathy. Did you know that we now have 3 Power-Ups! They are **Respect**, **Safety** and **Responsibility** and they come from our Behavior Matrix. You may notice that Respect is a value and a Power-Up! That is because it is so important to our school. If you would like to learn more about Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports, please contact Mrs. Courtney, PBIS School Lead at [jlcourtney@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jlcourtney@edu.pe.ca).

### **Attention Grade 6!**

-Do you have students zoned to attend Stonepark Intermediate School in September? If so, there will be a parent/guardian meeting on **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the cafeteria at Stonepark, 50 Pope Avenue.

-A band registration link will be sent soon to parents of students attending Birchwood Intermediate School in September.

-We will continue to forward information from the intermediate schools as soon it is received.

*The first day of school in September 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) will be an orientation day for all Grade 7 students. Grade 7 will be the only students attending classes on that day.*

### **Grade 6 Closing Fundraising:**

There will be a candy kabob sale (\$2 each) to help defray the celebration costs of saying “goodbye” to our Grade 6 students. Orders will be taken on May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and will go home with students on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The kabobs are Nut and gelatin free.

### **Music:**

Mr. Jeff and our talented musical students have been busy practicing for in-school assemblies and events:

-A Spring Concert called “A Fresh Start” will be performed by Grades 4-6 students. This presentation includes the Grade 4-6 Glee Club and Rock Band! Doors open at 1 p.m. Parents, guardians, invited guests welcome to attend.



-The Rock Band and Glee Club will perform at the Grade 6 closing on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Physical Education:**

-Students in Grades 5 & 6 interested in after-school Volleyball with Ellen Beck, teacher at Colonel Gray High school, received Permission Forms outlining the schedule. The sessions are May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> concluding on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Grades 5 & 6 Track & Field after-school club with Mr. Toombs will commence on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Students will continue to practice after school on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with timed races on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Following the timed races, Permission Forms will go home with students who are eligible to compete in the Zone Meet at UPEI on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: May 28<sup>th</sup>).

### **Family Violence Prevention Week May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>:**

The Premier’s Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) Youth Engagement Working Group established in May, 2010, to foster youth engagement in violence prevention started an annual call on schools to observe the Island’s annual Family Violence Prevention Week. This year’s theme is “Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities.” This initiative aims to raise awareness, promote safety, and prevent abuse through community action and education. In observance of this week, we invite students and staff to wear purple on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Extra Curricular Event:**

-Students in Grade 2-6 have the opportunity to attend “The Wizard of Oz” performance at Confederation Centre of the Arts on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This musical play is presented by the students of Charlottetown Rural High School. The public may purchase tickets from the Confederation Centre Box Office for the shows at 7:30 p.m. on May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Looking Ahead-Year End:**

-The process is beginning to determine the plans for year-end celebrations. We’ll advise you of upcoming events as soon as they are finalized.

-If you plan to move to another school zone in September, please notify this office with the particulars in order to give ample time to complete the transfer process.

### **Additional News:**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> AGM & Spring Conference of the PEI Home & School Federation passed a resolution urging the Department of Education & Early Learning and the Public Schools Branch to “establish playground equipment and accessible outdoor play spaces as standard components within the provincial capital budget for new school builds, expansions, and major renovations” and that “this capital funding commitment cover not only installation, but the timely replacement of expired or unsafe equipment according to best practices and CSA standards.” Having the Provincial Home & School Federation advocate for this change will benefit not only Prince Street School, but all elementary and consolidated schools across PEI. A huge thank you to Tanya Arsenault, our Prince Street Home and School President, for supporting this cause in an effort to acquire funding for our playground!