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Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter - November, 2024



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Dates to Remember:

- October 29th-31st—Coupon Booklet Orders Due
- October 31st (Thursday)—Costume Day/Orange & Black (no masks please)
- November 1st (Friday)—PD Day—No classes
- November 7th & 8th (Thursday & Friday)...PEITF & CUPE Annual Conventions—No Classes
- November 11th (Monday)—Statutory Holiday—No Classes
- November 12th-22nd—2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration
- November 18th-22nd —Scholastic Book Sale
- Nov. 21st (Thursday-p.m.)—Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 22nd (Friday)..Parent Teacher Interviews—No Classes
- Dec. 4th (Wed.)—Winter Concert—10 a.m.- 2/3Z & 3A
1:15 p.m.- 1A, 1B & 2A
- Dec. 5th (Thurs)—Winter Concert—1:15 p.m.- KA & KB

Music News:

- ♪Glee Club is continuing with preparations for the upcoming Remembrance Day Assembly and December performances. Permission forms went home for after school bonus rehearsals on Wednesdays.
- ♪The Rock Band has been rehearsing after school on Fridays. We look forward to the group sharing their music in December.
- ♪A Winter Concert with the theme “winter fun and friendship” will be held in the school gym on **Wednesday, December 4th at 10 a.m. for 2/3Z & 3A and 1:15 p.m. for 1A, 1B & 2A. On Thursday, December 5th at 1:15 p.m. KA & KB** will perform. Storm Dates: Friday, December 6th for 2/3Z, 3A, 1A, 1B & 2A and Wednesday, December 11th for KA & KB. Approximate duration: 30 minutes. *Further information will be sent home closer to the dates of these performances.* A spring concert will be held for Grades 4-6.

Remembrance Day:

Remembrance Day is Monday, November 11th. This event will be recognized at a school-wide assembly on **Wednesday, November 6th at 10 a.m.** There will be **no classes** on **Monday, November 11th** (statutory holiday). Students return to class on

Tuesday, November 12th.

Library:

- Please watch for flyers and information regarding the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair to be held in the School Library during the week of **November 18th-22nd**. Students and parents/guardians will have designated times to preview and shop. The Book Fair closes at 11 a.m. Friday, November 22nd.
- Students in grades 4-6 participated in a “design a bookmark with an inspiring message” contest. Congratulations to all 36 participants!

Physical Education News:

- Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country Zone meet at the Terry Fox Complex. These students did a great job representing Prince Street School, showing great sportsmanship and hard work.
- After School:** Grades 5 & 6 after-school basketball has commenced and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays up to and including Tuesday, November 26th.
- Leadership Team:** Thirteen Grade 6 students have volunteered to served on the Leadership Team under the direction of Mr. Toombs. They will help with various activities throughout the school year. *Thank you!*

Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026:

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten in September, 2025. Please contact us during the weeks of **November 12th-22nd** in order to complete a registration form. Proof of child’s age (i.e. health card) and verification of home address (i.e. utility bill) are required.

Fundraising:

- The 2024 Stocking Stuffer Coupon Book orders are due. Students should return their form and money in a reusable plastic bag with their name clearly labeled. Booklets will be sent home soon. Proceeds from the sale will be used for school projects/activities. **Continued...→**



Home & School:

The minutes for the meeting held October 10th have been posted on our website. We are delighted to welcome the executive team for this school year is as follows: Tanya Arsenault, President; Greg Alsop, Vice President; Millefiore Clarkes, Secretary; and Keir MacLeod, Treasurer.

-The PEI Home & School Federation newsletter for November has been posted on our website.

Seasonal Change:

We value the importance of play in the growth and development of our students. Please check the weather station each morning to ensure your child(ren) has/ have outerwear to withstand the climate during outdoor recess play times. Also, a spare set of socks, pants, mittens, etc. in the backpack would be a good idea for sloppy, messy weather days. If you need help with supplying appropriate outdoor apparel, please contact us—we may be able to help.

-The time will change on Sunday, November 3rd. At **2:00 a.m.** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to **1:00 a.m.** local standard time.

Parent-Teacher Interviews & Learning Reports:

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place during the afternoons of November 18th – 20th (Monday-Wednesday 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.); November 21st (Thursday-3:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.) and November 22nd (Friday-9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.). On-line booking will **open at 9 a.m. November 6th (Wednesday)** and **close November 12th (Tuesday) at 3 p.m.** First Term Learning Reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Halloween:

-On Thursday, October 31st, classes will be having a Halloween dance/activities in the gym throughout the day. Students and staff are invited (but not required) to wear a costume (**without a costume mask**) or dress in orange and black. If you wish to send a nutritional treat to your child's class, it's welcome!

- The Public Schools Branch mandates schools to encourage and maintain supportive environments which promote healthy food choices. Studies show sugary drinks and sweets have a negative impact on a child's academic performance, learning and memory. As a result, we discourage drinks with high sugar or energy content, including caffeinated beverages (i.e. iced coffees); also, food that is high in calories from sugar, fat, and sodium but with little dietary fiber, protein or other forms of important nutritional value (i.e. candy, bars, chips, etc.) **With**

Halloween coming, it will be important to monitor what treats your child is taking and limit these coming to school.

As an alternative, we encourage servings of fresh fruit and vegetables. Students are reminded that a bowl of fresh fruit is placed on each floor of this school daily and they are invited to "help themselves."

Presenters:

-Our grade 3 students welcomed representatives from the "I'm Thumbbody" program. This 1-hour; 2-part series presented by a representative from the Canadian Mental Health Association focuses on building self-esteem and other skills.

-Grade 6 students enjoyed an informative presentation and discussion on budgeting by Joe White as well as a Career Day with the following presenters: Alex Daziel, Kevin Reynolds, Taylor & Sam Smiley, Sarah Dykerman, Brady McCloskey and Joe White.

-2/3Z (Mrs. Lundy) and 5/6Y (Mrs. Ghiz) welcomed STEAM PEI to their class.

Kindness Kits:

If you know of a family who would benefit from a weekend "Kindness Kit" package of food items, please contact Mr. Anderson (gzanderson@edu.pe.ca) or telephone 902-368-6950 (office). On the last school day of each week, kits are placed in students' backpacks discreetly in order to maintain anonymity.

Water Bottles & Cutlery:

As an environmentally friendly feature, our school fountains are water bottle filling stations. As a result, students **must** have a water bottle at school. Also, we remind parents/guardians that students are required to bring their own cutlery and condiments. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply these items.

Welcome:

-Mrs. Katie (Sheridan) Buchanan is the successful candidate for our grade 2A position. Welcome aboard Katie!

-Ryan MacKinnon will be with us 3 days a week until December 6th. He is a Holland College Youth Services student working on his practicum.

Good News Thursday:

This month students will focus on the "Caring" value.

