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Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter - October, 2026

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Principal's Message:

We have officially entered autumn which means beautiful leaves, crisp mornings and cool evenings. It is important for children to be outdoors in all types of weather. I encourage you to make sure your child has lots of layers of clothes; rubber boots; splash pants, etc., so that they can be comfortable outside at recess! It would be a good idea to add a pair of mitts and cap to the change of clothing stored in kitbags.



Dates To Note On Your Calendar:

October 7th (Wednesday)-6 p.m. Home & School Meeting
October 4th – 10th...Fire Prevention Week
October 8th (Thursday)..Cross Country Zone Meet (Rain Date: Friday, October 9th)
October 12th (Monday)..Thanksgiving—No Classes
October 20th (Tuesday).....Gr.6 HPV Vaccinations-a.m.
October 23rd (Friday).....Picture retakes
October 30th (Friday).....Black & Orange Day or Costumes **without** masks

Good News Thursdays!

An assembly was held to explain to students the Prince Street Values. Students who display on a regular basis one/or several of the character traits from our "PRINCE" values of **Proud, Respect, Inclusive, Never give up, Caring, Empathy** as well as "Safe" and "Responsible" will be recognized on the announcements each Thursday and they will be given a card to take home to show what trait they demonstrated.



Physical Education News:

- Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation highlighted by a school-wide Terry Fox Walk/Run event and freezie fundraiser.
- Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 who desired to participate in an After-School Cross Country Club have been busy

practicing and learning running skills. On October 1st, timed races will be held and a team will be selected to represent Prince Street School at the Zone 3 Cross Country Meet to be held at the Terry Fox Complex in Cornwall, P.E.I. on Thursday, October 8th (Rain Date: Friday, October 9th). An information and permission form will be sent home to parents/guardians once the team has been selected.

Pictures:

Emmanuel, Everest Solutions photographer, was with us on September 17th to take student pictures. You should have received a QR code to view your child's portraits on-line. If you have not received the code or have problems, please email Everest Solutions at the following address:
info@everestsolutionsgroup.ca



Please include your child's name; school name; home room and grade. If a retake is required, please send a note to the photographer on retake day (**Friday, October 23rd**) stating what improvements need to be made. Photo orders are due 14 days after picture day to receive free shipping to the school.

Home and School:

-Our Home and School Association plays a critical role in ensuring that our children have the best possible experience here at Prince Street. We are excited to have 3 new members join our team. Getting involved is a wonderful way to get to know the school staff and see what happens. The first meeting for this school year will take place on **October 7th (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.** in the school Library. For further information/questions, please email Tanya Arsenaault, President, at tanyahughes@eastlink.ca. Parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend!

-The PEI Home & School newsletter for October will be posted on our website under the "About" tab/Home & School.

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Breakfast Program:

-Donations of the following items would be appreciated: cream cheese; margarine; blocks of cheese; frozen fruit; cereal: Cornflakes; Rice Crispies; regular Cheerios; Chex (gluten free). If you have any questions, suggestions or wish to volunteer, please contact Greg Anderson (gzanderson@edu.pe.ca).

-A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time to prepare and serve breakfast to our students. Please Note: Breakfast will not be served if school is delayed.

Music:

Grades 4-6 students interested in participating in Glee Club were given a Permission Form to take home. The Club will practice at lunch recess on Days 1 & 5 and after school (optional) on Wednesdays with the first after-school session (optional) starting on October 7th; 2:35-3:20 p.m.

Kindness Kits:

-First Baptist Church is providing food packets for families who may need them. The "Kits of Kindness" program was started by a woman in Charlottetown who recognized that food security is a growing need and there are ways we can make a difference for the families in our community. If you know of a family who would benefit from a weekend package, please contact Amanda Petrie, School Counsellor, at amandapetrie@edu.pe.ca or 902-368-6950 (extension 211). In order to maintain anonymity, all kits are placed in students' backpacks discreetly.

Coupon Books:

Once again we are offering the 2026 Stocking Stuffer Coupon Books as part of our fundraising efforts. Funds will be used to support various school projects. Please watch for the order forms which will go home on October 7th. Orders are due the last week of October. There are cash prizes for the top sellers (\$50-first; \$25-second; random draw-\$25—at least one booklet must be sold to enter the random draw.)

Happy Halloween!

Students and staff are invited to wear their Halloween costumes (no masks please) on October 30th or dress in orange and black. We will be having a school dance and in the gym during the afternoon as well as other activities.

Healthy Eating:

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 daily and they are invited to "help themselves."

Every Day Counts. Every Student Matters.

Regular attendance helps students build friendships, stay connected to learning, and develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed. We understand that families may face challenges that affect attendance, and schools are committed to partnering with families to support student success. For tips on building healthy routines that promote regular attendance, and for available supports, visit the Department of Education and Early Years website.

Web Link:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/school-attendance>

Fire Prevention Week-October 4th-10th:

The city of Charlottetown reminds everyone of the importance of preparing children in case of fire within the home. The theme this year is "Charge Into Fire Safety-Safe Charging Is A Superpower!" The focus is to remind people of all ages on the everyday safe charging habits to reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires. They would like us to direct parents to the child's learning site at sparky.org. In order to keep students safe, Prince Street School has completed 3 school-wide practice fire drills.

School Occupational Therapy (OT) Program:

Information was sent home regarding this in-school program. Lindsay Cameron will be at our school on a regular basis every Tuesday. She may be reached at lindsaycameron@ihis.org or 902-213-5743.

Public Health Update:

-Public Health nurses will be here on the morning of October 20th to administer HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine) vaccinations to Grade 6 students whose parents/guardians have completed and returned a Consent Form. Consent Forms and information were sent home with students the first day of classes in September.

-Our school's Public Health Nurse for this year is Kate Laurin. If have a concern about a family health matter, please contact her at 902-368-4354 or kilaurin@ihis.org.

Welcome:

-Later this month we will welcome Urmila Khanel (6A) and Emilee Keizer (KA). They will be observing and helping in the classroom as part of their UPEI Practicum placement until the middle of December.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

