



Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter-September, 2024

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Welcome Back!

We are very excited to welcome all of our students back to school as well as a number of new students who have moved into our zone. This newsletter is a brief overview of upcoming events. Homeroom teachers will forward further details as things evolve over the coming weeks.



Dates To Remember:

- September 12th (Thursday)..Meet-The Teacher-5:30 p.m.
September 16th (Monday)...Breakfast Program Resumes
September 19th (Thursday)...School Pictures
September 20th (Friday)..Terry Fox Walk/Run
September 23rd (Monday)...No Classes-P.D. Day
September 27th (Friday).....Orange Shirt Day
September 30th (Monday)...No Classes--"Truth & Reconciliation Day"

Lunch Programs-Resuming Next Week:

The on-line food ordering programs are often confusing. Please refer to the brief description below. Further information is being sent home with students today.
-Hot Lunch Program (ps.hotlunches.net.) Information for registering is available on our website and the program is open for ordering for the following week (September 9th). The menu is as follows: milk (Monday-Friday), pizza and ice cream sandwich (Tuesdays); Subway and fudgesicle (Wednesdays); Chicken Poppers (Thursdays). Payment is required. PLEASE NOTE: PEI School Milk is supplying "free" white milk to all kindergarten students for the month of September.

-The Program of PEI School Food is underway as well. The ordering site is www.peischoolfood.ca This is a "pay as you can" initiative on behalf of the Provincial Government. Please remember to pack cutlery and condiments in your child's lunchbox.

Breakfast Program-Resuming September 16th:

Our volunteers are prepared to serve students requiring breakfast on school days resuming Monday, September 16th. Breakfast will not be served if there is a school delay. If you could volunteer on a Thursday or Friday, please contact Shylo Burke at scburke@edu.pe.ca.

Meet-The-Teacher:

This is an invitation to attend the Meet-The-Teacher

evening on Thursday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m.. Plan now to attend!



School Pictures:

Pictures of all students from K-6 will be taken on Thursday, September 19th by a representative from Everest Solutions.

Absences:

If a student is going to be absent or late, please notify the main office by phone at (902) 368-6950, or leave a message on our safe arrival line by pressing "1". Please indicate student's full name, homeroom teacher and specific symptoms/reason, when notifying the school.

Clothing:

-In order to reduce the number of lost and unclaimed items, please label your child's clothing.

-To avoid inconveniencing you by having to drop off dry clothing on those wet/muddy weather days, it would be helpful to pack a change of clothing.

Bussing:

Our busses are filled to capacity; therefore, we will not be able to issue a bus passes for students wishing to travel on a different bus to a friend's house, etc.

Indoor/Outdoor Footwear:

We ask students to continue to have indoor sneakers and outdoor footwear. We recommend that students have sneakers for outside (not flip flops or sandals). There will be times when teachers may take their lessons outside, particularly the gym classes.

Safety:

We continue to remind students to please use the crosswalk when crossing the street to and from school. There is no supervision prior to 8 a.m.

Water Bottles:

Please continue to send a reusable water bottle with students. It is important that students stay hydrated throughout the day. Please note that juice and milk would be reserved for snack or lunch time. We do not recommend drinks with high sugar or energy content, including caffeinated beverages (i.e. iced coffees).

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### **Forms & Handbooks:**

-A package of forms along with other pieces of correspondence is being sent home with students today. Please sign the forms and return to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

-Handbooks are being sent home with students who are new to our school this year. As well, this document is posted on our website under the "About" tab.

### **Truth & Reconciliation Week Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>:**

Throughout this week teachers will be providing numerous opportunities for students to understand the impact of the residential school system and the vibrant cultures of indigenous people—in particular, the importance of children to the community. In addition, we will be celebrating Orange Shirt Day on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, "Every Child Matters," is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. We look forward to seeing everyone wearing their orange shirts on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 looking for volunteers for the Home and School executive. Getting involved is a wonderful way to get to know the school staff and see what happens within the school. If you would like to put your name forward for one of the executive positions, please email Tanya Arsenault, President, at [tanyahughes@eastlink.ca](mailto:tanyahughes@eastlink.ca) and watch for the Home & School meeting date!

-The P.E.I. Home & School Federation provide monthly newsletters. The newsletter for September is posted on our website ([princestreet.edu.pe.ca](http://princestreet.edu.pe.ca)) under the "about" tab/Home & School.

### **We are a Peanut and Nut Restricted School:**

Please note that due to life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) for some students and staff, peanuts and nut products are not permitted in school or on any of our school busses.

In addition, **Prince Street is also a Scent Free School.** *Thank-you for your understanding and cooperation.*

### **Terry Fox Walk/Run-September 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday):**

The Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held in the afternoon of **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. In order to raise funds to donate to this worthy cause, students are invited to purchase a freezie for **50 cents**. Please send in 50 cents (maximum of 1 freezie per student) on or before

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will enjoy the freezie on the day of the walk. In addition, students will be receive a ballot for a chance to win a Terry Fox t-shirt. Small, monetary donations also accepted. Please mark this date on your calendar!

### **Attendance:**

For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. In the 2023/2024 school year, **5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch schools have missed 10% or more of total school days**, that's approximately 18 school days, and it can have a lasting impact on their academic success. To help understand how our school is doing, each month we'll include PSB data in our newsletter with hopes to see improvement throughout this school year.

### **Staff List:**

Principal--Natasha Bromley  
Vice Principal—Shylo Burke  
Administrative Assistant—Judy Nicholson  
School Counsellor-- Greg Anderson  
Resource-- Ashley Hamm, Shylo Burke, Allison McCabe, Kaylee Walker  
Behavioralist—Stephanie Hatton, Katrina Shea  
Music/Library—Ellen Davis  
Core French—Kelly Allen  
Gym—Josh Toombs

### **Home Room Teachers:**

KA-Karla Willdey; KB-Denise MacDonald; 1A-Rebecca Sulis; 1B-Kelly Doiron Mighty; 2A-Josie Courtney; 3A-Kelly Joudrey; 2/3Z-Carrie Lundy, 4/5Z-Jennifer Sirois-Curtis; 4A-Lesley Benson 5A-Jo-Anne Parsons; 6A-Mary Grace White 5Y/6Y-Jennifer Ghiz; 5Z/5Y Math—Chevon MacPhee

### **EAL:**

JoAnne McNevin, Alex Stelmashchuk

### **STEP Program:**

Angela Killeem, Becky Muttart (Youth Worker)

### **Support Staff-Educational Assistants:**

Allison Butler, Mark Campbell, Rebecca Churchill, Victoria Davis, Kate Ford, Nicole Leger, Robbie Larter, Connie MacDonald, Madelyn MacDonald, Heather Murley, Monica Ready, Kathie Stevenson, Shelley Thompson-Burhoe, Nathan Toombs, Hannah Uyterlinde, Danielle Whiten, Anne Zakem

### **Youth Worker:**

Kenny Stanley

### **Property Caretakers:**

Michelle Buell--Day Custodian,  
Ben LeClair--Evening Custodian

### **Bus Drivers:**

Angus Davis--Bus 056 (a.m.)  
Vince Mallett—Bus 125  
Lyle Bruce--Bus 133 (p.m.)  
Leo Shea—Bus 191 (p.m.)

