



Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter-April, 2024

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Dear Families:

We have turned the corner to spring! With three months of school left, we are working hard to meet all the outcomes and supporting student achievement. You can support your child(ren) by reading with them and asking questions about what they are learning.

Dates to Remember:

- April 8th (Monday)—Early Dismissal (12:30 p.m.)
- April 18th (Thursday)-10 a.m.—Spring Concert
- April 8th-12th – Grade 3 Math Assessments
- April 19th (Friday)-- Professional Learning Day—No Classes
- April 20th (Saturday)—PEI Junior Honour Choir Performance
- May 3rd (Friday)—Area Association Professional Development/3260 Annual Convention—No Classes
- April 29th (Monday)—Easter Seals School Tour
- May 4th (Saturday)-5 p.m.—Rock Band Concert
- May 23rd (Thursday)-4 p.m.—Welcome to Kindergarten
- May 31st (Friday a.m.) Orientation Morning for New Kindergarten *Students (no classes for existing Kindergarten students)*

Early Dismissal:

On **Monday, April 8th** an amazing astronomical event—a full solar eclipse—will take place over Canada, including PEI. Out of an abundance of caution, schools will be dismissed 2 hours early. This allows bus drivers to be off the road before the eclipse begins, and students will be home safely. Students will eat an **early lunch** at 11:45-12:15 p.m.--before dismissal. **Prince Street School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8th.**

Easter Seals:

PEI’s 2024 Easter Seals Ambassador is 10-years old Lucie Gallant—the first Ambassador representing

PEI’s Francophone community! Lucie is a Grade 5 student at Ecole-sur-Mer in Summerside. Diagnosed on the autism spectrum, Lucie has experienced social and cognitive challenges but is excited to help increase awareness about neurodiversity and the power of optimism with her motto: “With a positive mind you can do extraordinary things.”

Easter Seals has an important role in Island communities. The organization hopes to raise as much money as it can to help meet the needs of children with disabilities. This year the school tours are slated for the week of April 24th-30th. Lucie will arrive at our school around **10:15 a.m. on Monday, April 29th.**

The following is a list of our student fundraising initiatives for Easter Seals:

Good News Thursdays!

We continue to celebrate 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. The name of each student is recognized on the announcements each Thursday. This month the focus in on the “Never Give Up” value.

The following is a list of our student fundraising initiatives for Easter Seals:

- April 12th (Friday)--Ice Cream Sandwich sales-\$1.00
- April 18th (Thursday)—Neon Day--\$1.00 donation
- April 23rd – 26th Tuesday-Friday)- Candy jar guesses. Guesses are .25¢ each at a.m. recess
- **In addition, monetary donations may be sent to your child’s homeroom teacher.***

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French Week:

La semaine de français will be celebrated during the week of April 15th-18th. There were special activities throughout the week celebrating the French language and culture. Merci beaucoup to Mme. Allen, our Core French teacher, for organizing this event!

Change of Clothing:

As warmer weather arrives; we strongly recommend that all students have a change of clothing at school. There are lots of mud and puddles on the school grounds.



Please Remember: Students should have clean indoor shoes and outdoor shoes/boots.



Physical Education:

-Intramurals continues for Grades 4-6 on the following days: Day 2-Grade 6; Day 4-Grade 5; Day 6-Grade 4.

-The next after-school club will focus on Volleyball and will be open for students in grades 5 and 6. Permission forms will be available soon!

Library:

-Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair which was held during the week of March 4th -12th. Because of your support, we were able to order some new material to update the Library selection for our students.

Music:

-A Spring Concert called "What A Beautiful World" will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 18th in the school's Gymnasium. This concert features 4A,5A,5/6Z and 6A along with the Glee Club and Rock Band. Everyone is welcome to attend!

-The "PEI Junior Honor Choir" featuring 10 students from our school and over 100 singers in total from 11 elementary schools will be performing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th at Park Royal United Church, 11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown. The public is welcome to attend!

-The PSS Rock Band will be performing at the "PEI School of Rock Showcase Concert" to be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th at the PEI Armories, 3 Haviland Street, Charlottetown.

-On March 15th several Music Classes (6A,5/6Z,4A,5A) enjoyed the MacPhail Woods presentation by Danielle McRae.

Welcome To Kindergarten:

-Orientation sessions will be held for parents/guardians and students on May 23rd (Thursday) commencing at 4 p.m. Parents will be contacted to arrange for an appointment time.

-On May 31st (Friday morning) Kindergarten Orientation for students attending Kindergarten in September. **There will be NO CLASSES for existing Kindergarten students on May 31st.**

-If you know of anyone who hasn't registered their child for Kindergarten, it would be very much appreciated if you could advise them do so as soon as possible.

Home & School:

-Please watch for information on the date of the next meeting. New members welcome!

Digital Literacy:

In today's fast-paced digital world, our children have access to a wealth of information and social connections at their fingertips. While the internet has undoubtedly opened up new opportunities for learning and communication, we also know it's possible to create unwanted potential risks to their well-being and safety if not properly monitored. We remind parents/guardians to please monitor children's online activities, including their social media usage and mobile phone interactions.

Grade 3:

During the week of April 8th-12th Grade 3 students will be taking part in the Grade 3 Mathematics School-Based Assessment. This will be administered to students in April across the province of PEI.

Fundraising:

Information will be going home with students soon regarding the upcoming Spring Coupon Booklet fundraiser.

Welcome:

-Dawn Murl, EAL teacher will be with us in the afternoons on Days 2 and 5.

-Becky Muttart, EAL Youth Services Worker, will be working with students in the afternoons.

-Jesse Clarus, Holland College student will be with us until the end of April for her on-the-job training as an Educational Assistant.

-Allison McCabe was the successful candidate for the position held by Kaylee Walker who is off on Maternity Leave.

