

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
Parent Newsletter #13
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024

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Dave Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Welcome Back:

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a wonderful March break and a lovely Easter!

Student of the Month Assembly for March:

Student of the month assembly for March will be held on Friday, April 5th at 2:15pm.

Early Dismissal on Monday, April 8th:

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Prince Edward Island will experience a full solar eclipse. Out of an abundance of caution for student and staff safety, the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing 2 hours early on Monday, April 8, 2024. Students at Vernon River Consolidated will be dismissed at **12:45pm**.

Solar Eclipse Glasses:

Solar eclipse glasses will be distributed to all students and staff this week. For safe viewing protocol, staff and students are asked to please visit the following website, provided by CPHO:
<https://solareclipse.princeedwardisland.ca/Safely-Watch>

Futsal:

Attention all Futsal players: Mike Redmond and Matt Kenny have kindly offered their skills and expertise for one more round of Futsal! Sessions will begin on Monday, April 15th and run until May 27th with three sessions: K-3 / 4-6 / 7-9. **6:00-7:00pm for grades K-3, 7:00-8:00pm for grades 4-6, 8:00-9:00pm for grades 7-9.**

Registration is by donation. Please contact Ms. Adams to register smadams@edu.pe.ca

Basketball:

Katelyn and Damon Ansems will be running a basketball club for **grades K-3**. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 10th and run until May 15th from 6:00-7:00pm. Registration is by donation.

Please contact Ms. Adams to register
smadams@edu.pe.ca

Jays Care Introduction to Baseball Program:

This program is for children in grades K-2 who would like to learn the skills of baseball/softball. No experience is necessary and basic equipment will be provided. Sessions will begin on Friday, April 5th and run until May 17th, from 3:00-4:15pm.

No Classes:

There will be no classes on Friday, April 19th (professional learning day).

Welcome To Kindergarten:

Children starting kindergarten in September 2024 and their parents are invited to the Welcome to Kindergarten event on Friday, April 19th, 2024 from 3-4pm at Vernon River School.



Theme Days/Spring Bake Sale:

The following fundraisers are scheduled for the week of April 22nd, with proceeds going towards the grade 9 end of year activities:

- April 22nd – Hawaii Day
- April 23rd – Hat Day and Spring Bake Sale
- April 24th – Neon Day
- April 25th – Anything But a Backpack Day
- April 26th – School Spirit Day – Wear School Colors

Participation in theme days is by donation, any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for supporting the grade 9 class!

Easter Seals Ambassador Visit:

The Easter Seals Ambassador tour will visit Vernon River School on Thursday, April 25th at 8:50am. Students are asked to please bring in a toonie to donate to the Easter Seals campaign – thank you for your support!

From the PEI Home and School

Federation:

Home and School News, April 2024

1. Still time to register

Please register your Home and School delegates by April 8 for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting & Convention. The Rodd Charlottetown Hotel and the Federation office preparations require our total attendance. Here are the details:

AGM Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024
Time: 08:45 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.
Fee: \$40 per person
Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel (75 Kent St. Charlottetown)

***Associations are urged to pay the registration fee, travel, and accommodation costs for their delegates to remove barriers to attending.

Parents, educators and students are welcome to attend with each Home and School asked to designate up to five representatives as your association's voting delegates.

Register online (<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>) or call 902-620-3186.

2. Reminder to review 2024 Resolutions before April 13

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and **voted on at the AGM on April 13. Ensure your voting delegates (parents, guardians, educators and students) review these prior to the AGM. Proposed resolutions include:**

2024-1 Request inquiry into the indoor temperature of PEI schools

2024-2 Request PSB policy amendment for extreme hot weather

2024-3 Feasibility study of installing vaping detectors in schools

2024-4 Creation of a policy regarding screen use in primary schools

2024-5 Late resolution: Kindergarten Exemption from Split-Level Classroom Composition

All Resolutions can be viewed online at:
<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

3. School Bus Driver Award

School Bus Driver of the Year Award recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our

students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 3, 2024.](#)

4. Solar Eclipse

On April 8 students will be dismissed two hours early due to the solar eclipse. PEI will experience the effects of the eclipse between 3:26 p.m. and 5:44 p.m. "The solar eclipse offers a rare educational occasion, but prioritizing safety is crucial for all of us to fully embrace its wonder. Doing a system wide early dismissal ensures our bus drivers will be off the road before the eclipse begins, and students will be home safely." - Education and Early Years Minister Natalie Jameson. Look up: [Solar Eclipse](#)

5. Cyberbullying Awareness Day

A private member's bill brought forward by Souris-Elmira MLA Robin Croucher proclaimed April 25, 2024, as Cyberbullying Awareness Day, marking the anniversary of Islander Harry Burke's death.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941>

Other

~National Volunteer Week, April 14-20, 2024 is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 24 million volunteers.

The theme "Every Moment Matters" highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. Let's recognize and celebrate every volunteer and each contribution they're making to strengthen inclusivity and wellbeing in our communities. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters!
#NVW2024 #EveryMomentMatters

~Virtual LungNSPEI 'Engaging Youth Stakeholders in Youth Vaping Cessation' Workshop,

April 3, 2024, 10:00-11:30 am! We need your voice and experience to help us better understand the opportunities and challenges organizations are facing in their work to support youth vaping cessation on P.E.I. **This online workshop is FREE and open to anyone who works with youth.** Please register and you will be sent a link to join the workshop before April 3:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-online-tickets-851673728047?aff=oddtcreator>

Camp Buchan (Summer Camp Ages 5-12):

Activities include: Archery, Canoeing, Tenting, Swimming, Nature Exploration.

Address: 379 Camp Buchan Rd, Belfast, PE

Register now: <https://www.scouts.ca/summercamp>

Camp Buchan is also hiring for the following positions: Day Camp Leaders, Program Coordinator, Lifeguard, Maintenance Assistant. Apply online at:

<https://www.scouts.ca/about/careers/summer-camps.html>