

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #8
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
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Theme Days in December: The following theme days are scheduled for the remainder of this week. Participation is optional and no donations are being collected.

Wednesday, December 18th – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Thursday, December 19th – Red and Green Day

Friday, December 20th – Christmas PJ Day

Thank You From Grade 9: The grade 9 class would like to thank everyone for supporting their fundraising efforts at the Christmas concert. A total of \$685.00 was raised from fudge/cookie/water sales!

Thank You: Thank you to the Vernon River Home & School for providing lunch to the staff on Monday, December 16th – in memory of Linda Roach. ❤️

Mary O'Donnell-New Bus Number: Effective immediately, Mary O'Donnell's new bus number will be #462.

Friday, December 20th: On Friday, December 20th there will be Christmas stations in the morning and Christmas movies in the afternoon. Grade 9 students will be selling popcorn for the movies, as part of their fundraising - \$1.00.



Student of the Month Assembly for December: Student of the month assembly for December will be held on Friday, December 20th at 2:15pm.

Badminton Club: Badminton club for grades 5-9 takes place on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:15pm.

Futsal Program: We are excited for the return of our Futsal Program starting in January 2025. Mike Redmond and Matt Kenny will be running an 8-week session with a focus on skill development, game strategy, and teamwork. Sessions will take place on Monday nights from January 6th to March 10th. Grades K-3 will run from 6-7pm, followed by grades 4-6 from 7-8pm. The cost of the program will be \$35 and can be paid directly to Mrs. Adams or the school office. Please email smadams@edu.pe.ca to register and reserve your place!

Dental Preventative Clinic at Vernon River Consolidated School Starting January 6th, 2025:

Attention Parents/Guardians:

The School Oral Health Preventative Program will be operating at Vernon River Consolidated School on

January 6th, 2025.

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher.

Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventative services are covered by the Provincial School Dental Care Program.

Further Information: Please note that only preventative services will be provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Provincial Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices for all ages who meet the eligibility requirements. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

Babysitting Course: Belfast Consolidated School is looking to see if there is any interest in a Babysitting course or an At Home Alone / First Aid course at Belfast Consolidated. If your child is *12 years or older* and is interested in either of these courses, please email Alyssa at athaxter@edu.pe.ca by December 20th with your child's name, age, and contact information. If your child is *10 or 11 years old* and is interested in an At Home Alone & First Aid course, please email Alyssa at athaxter@edu.pe.ca by December 20th with your child's name, age, and contact information. There is a cost of \$55+tax for the courses. More information will be sent out, once there is a list created. We need to have at least 10 participants per course to run them. We will be in contact with the instructor for her availability.

From the PEI Home and School Federation: **Home and School Newsletter, January 2025**



2025 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>



Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2025**.



President's Annual Reports

Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit their 2024-2025 annual reports to the Federation office by **Feb. 28**. All reports are compiled in the Federation's Annual Book of Reports and posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.



School Staff Appreciation Week, February 10-14, 2025

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!



Annual General Meeting Notice

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 12, 2025**. All Member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is asked to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

 **PSB Consultation on Memorials and Grief Support in Schools**

The Public Schools Branch is conducting a consultation to review a policy and procedure entitled "Memorials and Grief Support in Schools." Draft versions of the proposed documents have been made available for your review and participation in the Consultation Survey.

[Participate in the Consultation Survey](#) and [Memorials and Grief Support In Schools - Policy and Procedure Consultation.pdf](#)

 **Home and School Monthly Newspaper Column**

Read David Schult, PEI Home and School Federation president's monthly columns at:

<https://peihsf.ca/news/>

Best wishes of the Holiday Season to you and your families!

Christmas Break: The last day of classes in 2024 is Friday, December 20th. The first day of classes in 2025 is **Monday, January 6th**. It will be **Day 4** in the cycle.



**The Staff of Vernon River Consolidated School
Would Like to Wish All Students and Their Families
a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

