

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #7
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025
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David Wood, Principal

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Student of the Month Awards for November: Congratulations to the following students who received student of the month awards for November:

Evelyn Doucette, Sawyer Dawson, Meredith MacLeod, Scarlett Demeulenaere, Ruthie MacPherson, Marcus Mercado, Eli Shaw, Landon Drake, Rosie McQuillan, Jackson McQuillan, Brinley O'Brien, Jorja Doiron, Bo Visser, Kase Enman, Grace Meerburg, Lyric O'Brien, Wyatt MacKenzie, Ada Bruce, Lenlee McCabe, Maggie Valley

Readers of the Month: Jayla Fay, Lauren Visser
Music: Maggie Young
Band: Ali Kenny
French: Mason Doughart, Sadie White
Phys Ed: Noah Jackson, Jack Lee



Book Fair - Thank You: Thank you to everyone who purchased items at our fall book fair. Total sales were \$4,374.25, with \$1,609.72 worth of books going back into our school library. Thank you for your support!



Johanne Ings - Bus Number Change: Please be advised that Johanne Ings' permanent bus number is now 474.



VRCS Christmas Concert: The VRCS Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 9th. There will be two performances - 1:00pm and 6:30pm. All students in K-6, plus the grade 7/8/9 band students will be participating! Some classes have specific colours they are being asked to wear:
Grades 1, 2, 3 are ELVES: any combination of red, white, green, or Christmas shirts! Elf hats provided.

Grade 4 and 5 are PIRATES: any black, white, red, brown, or pirate costume pieces you might already have. Accessories (hats, eye patches, etc.) will be provided.

If you have costume pieces (elf hats or shoes, pirate hats, bandanas, eye patches, hooks) you can lend, please send it in and Ms. Ling will make sure it's well-labelled, taken care of, and then returned to you after the concerts. Please don't feel obliged to purchase anything! Check those dress-up bins!

We're looking forward to showing you what we've been working on!

Best Seats in the House!

On concert day, there will be a chance to win a seat on the best seats in the house - front row, and on something other than the hard plastic chairs! Tickets will be \$2 or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will help support the music and band program.

Theme Days in December: The following theme days are scheduled for the week of December 15th to 19th. Participation in these days is optional and **no donations will be collected** – just spreading some holiday cheer at VRCS!!

- Monday, December 15th – Jersey Day
- Tuesday, December 16th – Crazy Socks Day
- Wednesday, December 17th – PJ Day/Bake Sale
- Thursday, December 18th – Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- Friday, December 19th – Red and Green Day



Bake Sale – On Wednesday, December 17th the grade 9 class will be holding a Christmas bake sale. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the grade 9 end of year travel. Thank you for your support!

Student of the Month Assembly for December: Student of the month assembly for December will be held on Friday, December 19th at 2:15pm.



Christmas Break: The last day of classes in 2025 is Friday, December 19th - dismissal will be at regular time. The first day of classes in 2026 will be **Monday, January 5th**.

From the PEI Home and School Federation-Home and School News, December 2025:

📌 Extra Mile Award 2026

The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff member for recognition by **Jan. 16th**. Details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

📌 Resolutions = Positive change in P.E.I.'s School System

Resolutions are developed to address issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 2026 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 18. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Check our online assistance: How to Write & Present a Resolution / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#) or call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions.

📌 School Staff Appreciation Week 2026

Set up a committee to plan for School Staff Appreciation Week, coming the week of **February 8-14**. Brainstorm ideas for thanking all school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

📌 President's 2025-2026 Annual Report

Presidents are asked to start writing their annual reports, which are due by **Feb. 28**. Write about your Association's activities in a one to two-page report detailing Home & School's accomplished and planned activities, September to June.

📌 Add the following items to your Home and School agenda...

January	16	Extra Mile Award nominations deadline
	31	Resolutions submission deadline
February	28	President's Annual Reports submission deadline
March	01	Registration is open for AGM & Convention
	06	Volunteer of the Year / Life Membership nominations deadline
April	18	AGM & Convention Speaker topic: Bullying
May	08	School Bus Driver of the Year nominations due
	31	Parent Leadership grant final reports deadline
June	1-30	Associations elect new officers

📌 Kindergarten Registration is Open for the 2026-2027 School Year

Island parents and guardians can register their child who is turning five years old by **Dec. 31**. Click on this link to learn more about [registering your child](#) in Island schools.

📌 COMPASS Report 2024-25

[COMPASS](#) is a comprehensive longitudinal study collecting student-level data from youth in secondary

school on various topics, including: obesity (e.g., BMI), sedentary behaviours, physical activity, mental health, healthy eating and diet, substance use, bullying, equity and inclusion, school connectedness, academic outcomes, sleep duration, and demographic characteristics (e.g., age, gender, income, ethnicity). Ask your principal about PEI's provincial COMPASS report 2024-25 is available at: <https://www.livewellpei.ca/compass-project-0>

Other community news...

****International Volunteer Day (IVD) is celebrated on December 5** to highlight the impact of volunteers worldwide. The UN emphasizes the power of collective action, suggesting that if everyone volunteered, we could achieve sustainable development goals such as food security, clean environments, and peaceful societies. Volunteers are crucial in addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges, often stepping up in crises. For more, visit <https://volunteer.ca/international-volunteer-day/>

****The Public Schools Branch's newly elected Board of Trustees** started their 3-year term on Nov. 1. Trustees' names/contact are listed at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees>

Message from the Charlottetown, Zone 5, trustees = Gaylene Carragher, and Andrew MacFarlane
"We're excited to introduce ourselves. You can see our bios at www.trusteeandrewmacfarlane.ca (902-200-1804) & [MEET GAYLENE | My Site](mailto:MEET_GAYLENE@My_Site) (902-626-7432) and welcome you to reach out to either or both of us whenever it's convenient for you. As we've just stepped into these roles on November 1st, we're looking forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. We are happy to attend any upcoming Christmas concerts, public meetings, etc., in December if you could send us a schedule of your events. All the best in the upcoming busy month."

Best wishes of the holiday season to you and your family!

Christmas House Tours: St. Andrew's United Church is hosting: Light the Way - Christmas House Tours, on Saturday, December 13th from 4-7pm. Entrance pass is \$20. The 4 houses taking part are all within 5 minutes of each other and the final stop is seeing the church all lit up while enjoying some treats. Three of the homes taking part have children or grandchildren attending Vernon River Consolidated School. To get your pass, please contact Donna Serres at 902-626-5482 or Cheryl Drake at the church office 902-651-2009.

On Friday, December 19th at 7pm the St. Andrew's United Church Choir and Chamber Orchestra is performing "Born a Savior, Born a King". Tickets are \$20. Children 12 and under are free. The last couple of years have been sold out concerts. Contact Cheryl Drake at the church office at 902-651-2009 or Donna Serres at 902-626-5482 for tickets.

Delta Soccer's Indoor Winter Soccer Programs: In Montague offers boys and girls born between 2014 and 2024 an opportunity to participate in structured play, games, and activities. The winter season is divided into two six-session sections: Section I runs from January 5 to February 12, and Section II from February 19 to April 2. Participants may register for either section individually or for both sections together, with a 20% discount for those registering for both. Registration opens on Monday, December 8. For more information please visit deltasoccer.ca or contact joel@deltasoccer.ca.

STEAM PEI - GIRLS GET WISE Challenge Day: On Saturday, December 6th, STEAM PEI is hosting a free Girls GET WISE Challenge Day for female-identifying students. The event features hands-on activities including *The Science of Seeing*, *Coding with Cards*, *Adaptive Engineering Studio*, and more! With guidance from women in STEM, participants build confidence, develop problem-solving skills, and gain a stronger sense of belonging in STEM fields. Please see the poster below for more information/to register.



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BUILD CONFIDENCE. SPARK CURIOSITY. EXPLORE STEM.

DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS, EXPLORE REAL STEM PATHWAYS
THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND GET ADVICE FROM FEMALE
STEM ROLE MODELS.



December 6th

8:30AM - 4:30PM



FREE



UPEI Campus

OPEN TO ALL FEMALE-
IDENTIFYING/TWO-SPIRITED
INDIVIDUALS IN GRADES 7-12

WHAT YOU'LL EXPLORE

INTERCONNECTED EARTH: FOOD WEBS

Discover how ecosystems work and how every species plays a role.

THE SCIENCE OF SEEING

Hands-on activities exploring perception, light, and optical science.

CODING WITH CARDS

Build coding logic and critical thinking using fun, screen-free programming challenges.

ADAPTIVE ENGINEERING STUDIO

Design, create, test, and improve inventions using real engineering thinking.

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Learn how chemical reactions can help create a more sustainable world.

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