

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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DAVE WOOD, PRINCIPAL

LORI TARGETT, VICE-PRINCIPAL

Staffing Update: Dave Wood has accepted the Principal position at Stratford Elementary School. We want to thank Mr. Wood for his hard work and dedication over the past 25 years at VRCS and wish him all the best in his new position! We would like to welcome Chrissy Appleby as the new Principal at Vernon River Consolidated School!

End-of-Year School BBQ & Principal Farewell - Friday, June 12th, 1:45–2:45 PM:

Please join us for a special end-of-year celebration BBQ, hosted in partnership with the Vernon River Lions Club! This is a double celebration: a chance to mark the end of a great school year and an opportunity for family and community members to say goodbye to our principal, Dave Wood. Dave has been a cornerstone of our school community for the last 25 years as both a teacher and administrator, and his last day is approaching. Come celebrate his dedication and wish him well!

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Linda Roach Fun Run and the Home and School Spring Carnival. The events were a huge success!

Zone 4 Track & Field Meet: Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in the Zone 4 Track & Field Meet. Those who qualified will compete in the Provincial Track & Field Meet at UPEI on June 5th and 6th.

Novice (Grade 5 & 6)	Bantam (Grade 7 & 8)	Intermediate (Grade 9)
4x100m Relay: Paisley Drake, May McQuillan, Ellie Valley, Lydia Matheson - 2nd place	4x100m Relay: Jaynie MacKinnon, Julianna Naddy, Gracie Dougan, Brooklyn Compton - 2nd place	4x100m Relay: Aivah Douse, Maggie Valley, Sadie MacDonald, Ada Bruce - 2nd place
1000m: Ethan MacLeod - 2nd place	Liam Roche, Julianna Naddy, Ali Kenny, Ronan Lee - 2nd place	100m: Leif White - 3rd place
60m: Paisley Drake - 4th place Rowan Kelly - 1st place	80m: Brooklyn Compton - 2nd place Liam Roche - 4th place	200m: Leif White - 3rd place
600m: Makaeda De La Cruz - 2nd place May McQuillan - 4th place	150m: Brooklyn Compton - 2nd place	800m: Leif White - 1st place
Long Jump: Lily Hoffman - 2nd place Rowan Kelly - 2nd place	Long Jump: Stephen Constable - 4th place	Shotput: Brayden Blackett - 3rd place
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Student of the Month Awards for May: Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month Awards for May:

Kindergarten – Jayla Fay, Sunny MacLaren
Grade 1 – Noah Beaudoin, Isla Shaw, Nash Sincennes
Grade 2 – Noah Jackson, Jace MacDonald, Avery Postma
Grade 3 – Gracie Drake, Dylan Wilson
Grade 4 – Ben Edgar, Ellie McCabe, Nora McCabe, Evelyn Somers
Grade 5 – Sadie White
Grade 6 – Lily Hoffman, Locklyn MacDonald
Grade 7 – Liam Douse, Jaynie MacKinnon, Avery McCabe, Mason Visser
Grade 8 – Julianna Naddy
Grade 9 – Grace MacPherson
Music – Callie Enman
Band – Gracie Dougan, Eireann Whalen
Phys. Ed. – Meredith MacLeod, Tyson McIsaac
French – Grace Meerburg, Jack Morrison
Readers of the Month – Avery Postma, Owen Shaw



Kindergarten Orientation: Reminder of kindergarten orientation on Friday morning, June 5th for students entering kindergarten in September 2026. **Please note: There will be no classes that day for the present kindergarten students.**



Spring Concert: Reminder of the Spring Concert on Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00 and 6:30pm.

Year End Field Trips:

Kindergarten to Grade 3 – Kings Castle Provincial Park – Monday, June 15th (Rain Date – June 16th)

Parents are asked to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have sunscreen and insect repellent. Students should bring their own lunch, but the canteen will be open if students wish to purchase items at their own cost. The prices for canteen items will be made available before the field trip.

Parents are welcome to attend! **If you are taking your child home from Kings Castle, please let your child's teacher know – thank you!**

Grades 4 to 9 – Emmanuel Bible Camp – Thursday, June 18th (Rain Date – June 23rd)

The following is information on the grades 4-9 field trip to Emmanuel Bible Camp:

- Bring sunscreen, hats, and insect repellent
- Bring a bag lunch (no microwave available)
- A canteen is available for each student to spend \$3.00. This amount will give them their choice of 2 items from the following: pop, chips, ice cream, chocolate bar
- Students will take part in the following throughout the day:
 - 45 minutes of directed games by camp employees (4-6 group and 7-9 group)
 - Approx. 1hr scheduled pool time (lifeguards are provided)
 - Free play activities: games room, ball hockey, basketball, volleyball, gaga, square 9



Congratulations!



Grade 9 Closing Ceremonies: The grade 9 closing ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome!

Student of the Month Assembly for June: Student of the month assembly for June will be held on **Thursday, June 25th (time TBD).**



Last Day of School: The last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year will be **Thursday, June 25th**. Dismissal will be at regular time – 2:45pm and report cards will be issued that day. Students who are absent on June 25th may pick up their report cards at the school until Tuesday, June 30th. The first day of classes for students in the 2026-2027 school year will be **Tuesday, September 8th**.

Montague Student Well-Being Team Summer Programming 2026: The poster with the Montague Student Well-Being Team Summer Programming has been posted to the school's website.

PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, June 2026:

🍷 COMPASS Results 2025-26

NEW COMPASS survey shows improvements in the health and well-being of Island youth.

https://www.livewellpei.ca/sites/test.livewellpei.ca/files/2026-04/2025-26_Provincial%20Report_ENG_0.pdf

🍷 Heritage Fair Winners

Congratulations to PEI Home and School Federation's Heritage Fair Specialty Prize Winners.

1. Liz Lykow, "The History of the Tuplins", Queen Elizabeth Elementary School
2. Nicky Hansen, "Ledwell Legacy", Morell Consolidated School

More at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/provincial-heritage-fair-celebrates-student-achievement>

🍷 Home & School Executive/Board changes

Do you have executive members who will be transitioning to the next school level with their children?

If so, consider establishing a nomination committee and working with your principal to identify and recruit

new volunteers for your local Home and School board.

Tip #1: Executive roles can be structured as co-chair positions to encourage shared leadership, strengthen

collaboration, and support continuity.

Tip #2: Make a point of inviting new families to get involved. Early engagement helps them feel welcomed and fosters

a sense of belonging within the school community.

🍷 Home and School Monthly Column

Federation president Tom Deelstra writes a monthly column for The Guardian. It is published on the first Saturday of the month during the school year and is available online. Read the next column on June 6. [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://www.peihsf.ca/news)

🍷 School Calendar 2026-2027

The first day of school for students for 2026-2027 will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/84f6/School%20Calendar%202026-27%20%28MD%202026%2001%29%202026%20ENG.pdf>

🍷 Post-Annual General Meeting 2026

The post-AGM 2026 summaries are available online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

🍷 Encouraging summer reading...

Keep children/youth of all ages' minds active during the summer by regularly visiting your local library. There are 25 public library locations across Prince Edward Island.

Locations/Hours: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/public-libraries-locations-and-hours>

Kids: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/kids>

Teens: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/teens>

🍷 The Walled Garden Education - A Conversation with The Dais at TMU

On best practices, community outreach, and the effects of removing phones from the school day
The discussion was moderated by **Dr. Travis Saunders**, professor of applied human sciences at the **University of PEI** and advocate for reducing screen use in classroom settings. Panelists: Matthew Shapiro, Vice Principal at Westmount High School. Montréal, Québec, and Tim Mushumanski, Principal of Trafalgar Middle School, Nelson, British Columbia. Both Matthew and Tim have been instrumental in advancing successful [bell-to-bell phone restrictions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXIKVV7439E) in their schools. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXIKVV7439E>

🍷 PSB Trustees' Updates:

Westisle Family of Schools (Zone 1): As the Zone 1 trustee, I want to take this time to congratulate all students who will take part in the Graduation and Closing Ceremonies in June. Take the time to attend one or more of the ceremonies in your communities. *Andrew Avery* (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)

Graduation and Closing Ceremony Dates 2026:

June 22 - Tignish Elementary, 6:00 pm / June 22 - Hernewood Intermediate, 7:00 pm
June 23 - Alberton Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 23 - Westisle Composite High, 7:00 pm
June 24 - Ellerslie Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 24 - St. Louis Elementary, 4:30 pm
June 24 - O'Leary Elementary, 4:30 pm / June 24 - M.E. Callaghan Intermediate, 7:00 pm
June 25 - Bloomfield Elementary, 6:00 pm

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As the school year end draws near, I want to congratulate students on all their hard work this year. I also want to thank teachers, staff, and volunteers for their dedication and care as they support our students every day. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break this summer. Take care, *Karen* (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Charlottetown Family of Schools (Zone 5): As the 2025–2026 school year ends, students, staff, parents, and caregivers across Prince Edward Island celebrate achievements, year-end activities, and milestones. Home and School's June events and planning are underway. In May, we attended Spring Park and Prince Street meetings and were inspired by the volunteer spirit. We will attend the Prince Street Spring Fling Fundraiser on June 5, where Andrew will be in the dunk tank. Please reach out if we can support fall planning. We recognize the conclusion of the PBIS pilot and its valuable insights. Congratulations on a successful year. Happy summer, everyone!

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