

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
Parent Newsletter #13
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026
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David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

VRCS Mascot: This past week, students got to meet our new Vernon River Mascot for this first time. Congratulations to Lenlee McCabe, Brinley O'Brien, and Ayda O'Reilly who are the winners of our Mascot Naming Contest with the name "Mustang Blaze". Big thank you to our Home and School Committee for taking on this initiative and providing the prizes for our contest. We can't wait to see more of the Blaze at our upcoming games and events!

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

Ayda O'Reilly
Julia Duron-Esparza
Harper Clow
Jackson Harris
Evan MacLeod
Aleah Powers
Austin Jones
Darcy Martens
Finley Doiron
Jacob Johnston
Jack Lee
Emma Meerburg
Blake Smith
Bridgette Somers
Cullen Young
Ronan Lee
Kohl Enman
Robert Morrison



Band – Ali Kenny

Music – Emelyn Kenny

Phys. Ed – Ben Edgar
Kohl Enman

French – Emelyn Kenny
Leif White

Readers of the Month –
Nya Macleod
Rhys Martin
Bo Visser

January Awards:
Jenita Deleep
Emerson MacLeod (French)

Used Book Sale Fundraiser:
A used-book sale fundraiser will be taking place in the library this Thursday at both recess and lunch. Don't forget to bring in your change, as this is a cash-only event with items ranging in price from 50 cents to \$2. The sale will also run during parent-teacher interviews. All proceeds support library programming and activities.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, March 5th and Friday morning, March 6th during the day. The link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews was emailed to parents and posted to the school's website.

Lost and Found: Parents are asked to please check the lost and found table when they are in for parent-teacher interviews, for any items that may belong to their child.



Basketball: Congratulations to the A Boys Basketball Team on an exciting and successful season! After finishing first in their division, they battled hard in the final against Queen Charlotte and proudly earned the silver medal.

Well done to all players and coaches on a fantastic season — we are so proud of your dedication, teamwork, and effort!

A big thank you to coaches Sean Drake, Tara Watts, Jill MacDonald, and Tawnia Enman for their time, leadership, and encouragement throughout the season.

Home and School Meeting:
The next Home and School meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00pm (re-scheduled from February 24th). Child care will be available.

World Water Day

Fundraisers: In recognition of the UN's World Water Day, VRCS will once again take part in a Global Leadership Project aimed at raising funds and awareness for countries suffering from clean water insecurities. Each class will raise money and participate in a Futsal tournament on March 12th and 13th. The money raised will go to support building water systems in Ghana. The class that raises the most money will win an ice cream party!

From March 9–13, James Redmond will be selling wristbands and raffle tickets for our World Water Day fundraiser. The wristbands will be sold for \$5 each and the raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and the winner will receive a beautiful set of hand-carved elephants. The wristbands and elephants have come directly from the Tamale Cultural Center in Ghana. This is a cash-only fundraiser, so be sure to bring your money and get yours while supplies last!

No Classes: Reminder there will be no classes on the following dates:

March 6th (Parent-Teacher Interviews)
March 16th–20th (March Break)

Student of the Month Assembly for March:

Student of the month assembly for March will be held on Friday, March 27th at 2:15pm.

Badminton: Tryouts for the Novice, Bantam and Intermediate Badminton teams have now begun! The dates for the Zone 4 Meets are as follows:

March 30th -Intermediate (9)
@ Morell High

March 31st - Novice (5 & 6)
@ Montague Consolidated

April 2nd - Bantam (7 & 8)
@ Montague Intermediate


Concert - Holland College Community Band & Montague Regional High School Band:

The Holland College Community Band will be performing in a concert with the Montague Regional High School Band on Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm at MRHS. This is an excellent opportunity for our current and future band students to hear where their musical studies can take them. It is also a chance to see their band teacher (Ms. Ling!) practice what she preaches — following a conductor, preparing her parts in advance, and being a team player in the percussion section. The theme of the concert is "Kaleidoscope", and all of the pieces of music have been inspired by paintings or are meant to evoke thoughts or moods with certain colours. Come join us for an exciting evening of music!

STEAM PEI March Break Camp:

Step into the digital world and become an online detective! STEAM PEI is hosting an exciting, hands-on March Break Camp where students in grades 4–6 will learn how to stay safe, smart, and confident online through fun challenges, creative games, and teamwork. Learn more and register here:
<https://steampei.jumbula.com/Winter2026/MarchBreakCamps>

From the PEI Home and School Federation: **Home and School Newsletter, March, 2026**


 **AGM Registration is OPEN**
PEI Home and School Federation 73rd AGM Theme: "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging."
Saturday, April 18, 2026, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown

Keynote: Alain Pelletier,
"5 Faces of Bullying"

Deep Dive Workshops:
RCMP Child Exploitation Unit,
Cst. Robert Yaschuk


"5 Faces of Bullying," Alain Pelletier
Food, Finance, and Fundamentals, Home & School Reps

Each Association may designate **up to five of its attendees as voting delegates** for this meeting. All parents and educators are welcome to attend and advocate for the education and well-being of our students.
REGISTER by April 1st:
<https://forms.gle/xUjANKnh61VhRnGy8>


 **2026 Proposed Resolutions**
Proposed resolutions are being circulated to Local Home and School presidents and executive members for discussion at your March Home and School meeting. Find resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Action steps:

1. Review and discuss each resolution.
2. Hold a vote on each resolution.
3. Select your H&S voting delegates (2 or more individuals) and share the voting results with them so they can vote on behalf of your Home and School at the AGM on April 18th.

 **School Food Environment Policy - Virtual Info Session with Margaret Young**
Would you like to learn more about the draft school food policy?
Margaret Young, School Food Project Coordinator, Education and Early Years, invites Home and School executive members to attend a virtual information session on the draft School Food Environment Policy. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 3, 6 - 7 pm (in English)
Wednesday, March 4, 6 - 7 pm (in French)
Follow this link to register by Feb. 27th: <https://gov.questionpro.ca/t/AB3utlkZB3vAw6>

 **Add the following discussion topics to your March meeting's agenda...**

1. **AGM 2026 Registration:** Ask 2-5 parent and/or teacher reps to attend the AGM as your Voting Delegates. The AGM invitation is open to ALL parents and educators. Send as many as wish to attend, with the required designation of five as your voting representatives.

2. **Proposed Resolutions 2026** = Review 4 resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

3. **Home and Schools are urged to pay** for your delegates' registration fee, travel, and offer to pay for a hotel room as an incentive to thank them for their time.

4. **School Food Policy:** Plan to attend the March 3rd virtual School Food Policy session with Margaret Young, Dept. Education and Early Years, to learn about and ask questions about the proposed policy.


5. **Review Hon. David Jenkins' Report:** [Hon. Judge David Jenkins Report StudentSafety](#)

Volunteer of the Year Award

This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Home and Schools can submit nominations to the Federation office by **March 6**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Nominate a Federation Director

The PEI Home and School Federation is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the AGM. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates from within their Home and School, who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. The 2026 Nomination Form is available at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Contact Shirley at 902-620-3186 for more information.

 **PSB School Trustee Reports:**
Charlottetown, Zone 5 = As spring approaches, we would

like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. We encourage you to review these resources to stay informed about board discussions and decisions. In February, we had the pleasure of attending the Home and School Association meeting in Charlottetown Rural High School. These meetings provide Andrew and me with a valuable opportunity to connect with families, listen to parents' and school administrators' perspectives, and learn about the many creative ideas and initiatives taking place within our school communities. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting at your school – we are happy to do so. Additionally, if you have any upcoming activities that you would like us to attend, we would be happy to participate and support your efforts. Happy March Break to All!

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Bluefield, Zone 4: It was lovely meeting members of the East Wiltshire Home and School Association in February. I'm looking forward to touching base with other Bluefield Family of Schools' Home and School Associations in the coming months. I enjoy learning more about each school and sharing information about the role of School Board Trustees and our activities to-date. I do welcome any questions or feedback!

Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Great Big Crunch!

Register [here](#) to participate in the Great Big Crunch (or [Munch](#)) anytime in February, March and April, and let us know how your students or team members are taking part. You can also join 1000s of students and school food supporters at the virtual Great Big Crunch, Thursday, March 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#) for

virtual event! Explore the [2026 Activity Toolkit](#) / View the [2026 Communications Guide](#)

Have a wonderful March Break!

