

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
Parent Newsletter #13
Tuesday, March 4th, 2025
www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs



David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Staffing Update: We would like to welcome Shannon Harding-Walker (day custodian) back from maternity leave, effective Monday, March 3rd! Thank you to Jared Morrison who has been day custodian at Vernon River for the month of February!

Student of the Month

Awards for February:

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

Ellie MacDonald
Jace MacPherson
Jake McCabe
Avery Postma
Gracie Drake
Eliza Richards
Annabelle Beaudoin
Jacob Johnston
Emma Meerburg
Micah Shaw
Jorja Doiron
Locklyn MacDonald
Gracie Meerburg
Jacob Beamish
Ali Kenny
Wyatt MacKenzie
Brad MacLean



Band – Britt White

Music – Adaya Smith
Jake McCabe
Rilla Drake

Phys. Ed –Micah Shaw
Brad MacLean

Grade 2 World Water Day

Fundraiser: Grade 2 students will be selling popcorn with lucky charms on Wednesday, March 5th - \$1.00 per bag. For those who need a gluten-free option, lucky charms will be replaced with M & M's. Thank you for your support!



Parent-Teacher

Interviews: Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, March 6th and Friday, March 7th 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: Well done to the Intermediate A Boys Basketball team on a fantastic season! It was an exciting season with lots of close games and we are so proud of all they accomplished. A big thanks to coaches Sean,

Monica, and Jill for their dedication and support this season.

Just a reminder that if you happen to see any VRCS Jerseys around your home, please return them to the school office.

Badminton: Tryouts for the Novice, Bantam and Intermediate Badminton teams have now begun! The dates for the Zone 4 Meets are April 1st (Grades 5 & 6), April 2nd (Grades 7 & 8) and April 7th (Grade 9). More information on times and locations will be provided once the teams are selected.

French Week: VRCS will be celebrating French Week from March 10th -14th. Croissants will be sold each day for \$1 each. Also, reminder to wear red, white and blue on Wednesday, March 12th!



Home and School Meeting:

The next Home and School meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm.

World Water Day

Fundraiser: 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 14th. 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!

Grade 9 Bake Sale: On Friday, March 14th the grade 9 class will be holding a bake sale, as a fundraiser for their end of year activities. All items will be nut free.



St. Patrick's Day: Students and staff are encouraged to wear green on Friday, March 14th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early!



No Classes: Parents are reminded there will be no classes on the following dates:

March 7th (Parent-Teacher Interviews)
March 17th – 21st (March Break)

Student of the Month Assembly for March: Student of the month assembly for March will be held on Friday, March 28th at 2:15pm.

Grade 6 HPV: On Friday, April 4th grade 6 students will receive their 2nd dose of the HPV vaccine at 9:00am.

From the PEI Home and School Federation: Home and School News, March, 2025

🍎 Registration is now OPEN
The 72nd Annual General Meeting & Conference of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation will be held Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown. This year's theme is **"Tackling Digital Influences on Youth."**

This meeting will focus on the impact of technology on children's development and education. Our keynote speaker, **Carl H. Burke, R.N.**, will discuss the **Online Harms Act** and share his family's personal experiences with online dangers. Burke has been advocating for stronger online protections for youth. Workshop topics include Artificial Intelligence, Gaming Addictions, Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports and Home & School Communications.

Parents, administrators, other school staff & students are welcome to register. Each Association is encouraged to register up to **five voting delegates** for this meeting. Your participation is crucial in advocating for the future of online safety/total well-being for our children and youth.

***SHARE** this information in your school newsletter and on social media platforms.

***REVIEW speaker bios and** AGM documents, etc.:
<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

***REGISTER by March 26th:**
<https://forms.gle/UpCNXiZ9xc mHsgqp7>

🍎 2025 Resolutions/By-Laws
Proposed resolutions and by-law revisions are circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for

discussing the topic. Then hold a vote to determine how your voting delegates will vote on April 12th. Voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments.
REVIEW AGM Meeting Documents:
<https://peihsf.ca/agm/> If you have any questions, call 902-620-3186.

🍎 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 7**. Find details:
<https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

🍎 Nominate a new Director for your region
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 who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Remember – We learn by doing! 2025 Nomination Form is online at:
<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

🍎 Province launches new multiyear school calendar
The government introduced a [multiyear calendar](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars) for upcoming school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Check online at:
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars>

Community News...
~~ Great Big Crunch! Get your apples 🍎 or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 6, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](#). Find more info at:

<https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

~~ Introducing The Heart Squad Volunteer Club! – A 12-week experience about building leadership, teamwork, and community service skills...while having fun and making a real impact! For: Ages 12-15 & Ages 16-24... Youth who are ready to learn, lead, grow, and give back! Starts: March 16, 2025
Time: Contact: Renita Bartlett
Compassioncornerpei@gmail.com Call/Text: 902-859-3427



~~**So, what role do parents play in education?**

Parental involvement in education refers to the active participation of parents in their children's learning process, both at home and in school. It involves a wide range of activities and behaviors that support a child's academic and social development.

At home, parental involvement includes:

*Helping with homework;
Creating a dedicated study space and time

*Providing ongoing encouragement; Monitoring homework completion

*Modeling desired behavior

In school, parents can be involved by:

*Communicating regularly with teachers; Volunteering for school activities

*Attending parent-teacher interviews; Participating in school governance by attending Home and School meetings where parents and teachers, together, meet to discuss school activities and learn about advocating for the gaps in PEI's education system.

**We hope everyone
has a wonderful
March Break!**