

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
Parent Newsletter #16
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
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Dave Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Student of the Month Awards for April:

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month Awards for April:

Taylor Rayner
Teslynn MacPherson
Levi Dicks
Bensyn Powers
Freya Jones
Ben Lee
Jackson McLeod
Liza Thaxter
Saul Visser
Wyatt Corrigan
Maridyth Francis
Kyaira Chappell
Renee McCabe
Ezekiel Tinton
Lydia Matheson
Ellie Valley
Chael McQuillan
Jacob Brothers
Nathan Caranguian
Finn Watts



Band – Stephen Constable

Music – Rilla Drake, Ben Edgar, Sadie Goeseels,
Emelyn Kenny, Tinley MacDonald

French – Everleigh MacPherson, Jacob Brothers

Phys. Ed. – Finn Dayan, Saul Visser

Readers of the Month – Wyatt Corrigan, Ethan
MacLeod, Renee McCabe

Cavendish Fry Truck at VRCS:

The Cavendish Fry Truck will be at Vernon River School on Wednesday, May 6th from 10:30am to 2:00pm. French fries will be \$2.00, and there will also be bottled water (\$2.00) and juice boxes (\$1.00) for sale. All proceeds will go towards grade 9 travel. Thank you for supporting the grade 9 class in their fundraising efforts!

Guest Band Performance:

On Friday, May 8th at 10am, the whole school will be treated to a guest performance by the band from

Georges P. Vanier Junior High School from Halifax. Our 7/8/9 band will also play a few pieces in that mini concert. We know our Mustangs will be respectful audience members for this visit!

The Wizard of Oz - Confederation Centre:

On Thursday, May 14th, our grades 1-6 classes and our 7/8/9 band students will be attending a matinee performance of Charlottetown Rural High School's production of the Wizard of Oz at the Confederation Centre of the Arts.

The Wizard of Oz is one of the most iconic stories in modern theatre and film history. This stage version closely follows the classic 1939 motion picture, which captures all the magic, heart, and unforgettable music that generations of audiences have cherished.

We tried very hard to get tickets for all of our students, but there just weren't enough available. We will have a fun morning planned for the remaining classes!

This awesome opportunity is made possible by our Home and School, who are paying for the tickets for our students!

Spring Concert:

Save the Date! Our spring concert date is set for Wednesday, June 10 (performances at 1pm and 6:30pm). All K-6 students and the 7/8/9 band will be participating, and we're very excited to show off what we've been working on.



From the Phys. Ed. Department:

Track and Field practices will soon begin for those students in grades 5-9 interested in competing at the Zone 4 Meet on May 26th at UPEI. Keep an eye out for permission slips and additional information about the event.

As the weather is starting to warm up, Physical Education lessons will be moving outside. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, sneakers, and sunscreen in order to fully participate in the activities.

No Classes:

Parents are reminded there will be no classes on Monday, May 18th – Victoria Day



Kindergarten Orientation:

Orientation for students entering kindergarten in September 2026 is scheduled for Friday morning, June 5th. Information will be emailed to the parents of incoming kindergarten students.



THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON JUNE 5th FOR THE PRESENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

From the PEI Home and School Federation:

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School Bus Driver Award

Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver for recognition in keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 8, 2026**. More at: <https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

Science Fair 2026 Specialty Awards

The PEI Home and School Federation's Science Fair Specialty Awards were presented to: Landon Seamon, Gr 9, East Wiltshire (Bio-Shield), and Jaidyn McKinnon, Gr 12, Colonel Gray (Hidden Hazards: Microplastics in Feminine Hygiene Products)

Home and School News Column

President Tom Deelstra's Monthly Home and School columns will be published in The Guardian newspaper and online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

Motion 18 - Tracking school absences due to bullying

The Legislative Assembly of PEI passed a motion on April 22, 2026, to track school absences due to bullying. Consider inviting your MLA to speak at a Home & School Meeting. More at: [Tracking school absences due to bullying](https://peihsf.ca/news/motion-18-tracking-school-absences-due-to-bullying/).

Family Violence Prevention Week

The Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in Family Violence Prevention Week, May 11-17, 2026: "Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities." Information is online at:

<https://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/I-Need-Help>

PSB Trustees' Updates

Charlottetown Family of Schools Zone 5: As May begins, we reflect on the excitement of celebrating our dedicated Home & School Associations across P.E.I. during the 73rd AGM & Spring Conference, "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging." Congratulations and gratitude to everyone who made the event informative and inspiring. The ideas shared will strengthen our schools and communities. We're happy to support any student events planned for June that foster learning and fun. Minutes from our April 9 Public School Board meeting are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#). Kind regards, Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As always, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the PEI Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on April 18. I found the resolution discussions very interesting, and I learned more about the challenges that Home and School members face during an information-sharing workshop in the afternoon. Looking forward to chatting with Home and School members in my zone soon! *Karen* (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Westisle Family of Schools, Zone 1: As the 2025-2026 school year nears its end, I encourage all students and staff to maintain a good balance among study, rest, and physical activity. Westisle will be one of 6 PEI schools in the new Community Use of Schools pilot program beginning in 2026. I hope this will be a successful initiative and eventually be offered year-round at all Island schools. At the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, I expressed concern to Minister Croucher about the cancellation of the Imagination Library, which provides free monthly books to kids under 5. I was pleased to learn of the government's decision on April 21 to reinstate this program. Special congratulations to Penny Newcombe, Ellerslie Elementary, who was recognized at the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, as "Home and School Volunteer of the Year", thanking her for all her efforts and contributions. Please feel free to contact me at andrewavery@edu.pe.ca

PEI School Food Program Inc.

Members of the public can donate to the PEI School Food Program and receive a charitable receipt. Go to: <https://ordering.peischoolfood.ca/donation> . See

Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GTgNnd2Qk/>

Vernon River Mini Soccer:

Registration is now open! To register please go to <https://easterneaglessoccerclub.ca/> and click on the Vernon River Tab. Registration is open until May 24th. Mini soccer will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting June 15th. For more information please email vernonriverminisoccer@gmail.com or go to our facebook page.

**Montague Consolidated School Presents:
Finding Nemo Kids!**

Montague Consolidated School is proud to present Finding Nemo Kids! The students have been working hard, and are excited to share this musical with you on May 12th, 13th, and 14th at 6pm at the Kings Playhouse in Georgetown. Tickets are \$8 each, and can be purchased either at the door or in advance by visiting or calling the school office at 902-838-0820.

