

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Let's We Forget

Remembrance Day

November 11

David Wood, Principal
Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Student of the Month Awards for October:

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

Maggie Young
Isla Shaw
Lexie McGuigan
Lauren Visser
Darcy Martens
Marcus Mercado
Maridyth Francis
Emerson MacLeod
Callie Enman
Renee McCabe
Jack Morrison
Cullen Young
Jayden MacDonald
Kenzi MacDonald
Andrew Doiron
Lincoln Drake



French – Britt White
Phys. Ed. – Nya MacLeod, Bensyn Powers
Band – Ellie MacKinnon
Music – Wyatt Corrigan

Attendance and Engagement in the PSB:

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

Theme Days/Bake Sale Fundraisers:

A very special thank you from the grade 9 class, to everyone who participated in the theme days and bake sale fundraisers. Theme days donations totaled \$216.25 and the bake sale proceeds were \$465.90, for a grand total of \$682.15! We hope you enjoyed taking part in these grade 9 fundraisers, and thank you for your support!

The VRCS Closet:

As part of the grade 8 leadership class, we will be holding a winter coat and snow pants swap for our

VRCS families on November 21st & 22nd. We are looking for clean and gently used donations in a range of sizes. Donations can be placed in the designated box in the school lobby starting November 5th until November 19th. The items will be available for the taking during parent-teacher interviews and whatever is left over will be donated to a designated charity. Thank you for your support!

A Girls Volleyball:

Well done to the A Girls Volleyball team on a successful 2024 season! It was wonderful to see all the players develop and improve as the season progressed. We had some very exciting and intense games that kept everyone on the edge of their seats!

Important Information Regarding School Photos and Order Deadline:

This is a reminder that the deadline to take advantage of **free shipping** for your photo order is November 7th. You can access them via the QR code sent home with your child or enter the link provided on the same paper directly into your browser. Original and retake QR code is the same and you can order from either one during the free shipping window.

Retake photos were ready for viewing and ordering 48 hours after retake picture day. **There will be no printed proofs for retakes to shorten delivery time by two weeks.**

If the QR code has been misplaced, or for any order support questions, please contact Everest Solutions' Customer Service info@everestsolutionsgroup.ca for assistance.

[Everest Solutions](https://www.everestsolutionsgroup.ca) thanks you for entrusting them with your family's memories.

Grade 9 Graduation Pictures:

Grade 9 graduation pictures are now re-scheduled for Monday, November 25th at 9:00am. We apologize to parents and students for the previous miscommunication regarding the graduation photo date.

No Classes:

Reminder that there will be no classes on:

Thursday and Friday, November 7th & 8th -
PEITF Convention/CUPE Meetings

Monday, November 11th - Remembrance Day

Friday, November 22nd – P/T Interviews

Student Learning Reports:

Student learning reports will be sent home with students on Monday, November 18th.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday evening, November 21st from 4:30 to 8:15pm and Friday, November 22nd from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

The link to sign up for parent-teacher interviews will be emailed to parents and posted to the school's website.

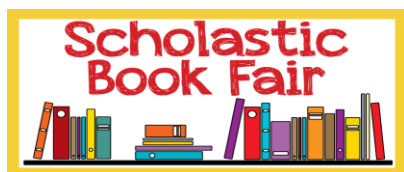


Parent-Teacher Interviews

Book Fair:

The school's Book Fair will be held during the week of November 18th to 22nd. Students will have an opportunity to view/buy items during the school day. The Book Fair will also be open on Thursday evening, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd during parent-teacher interviews. Cash, cheque and credit card accepted.

Wednesday, November 20th will be "Character Day". Dress up as your favorite character and you will be entered into the Book Fair Contest!



Dressing for Colder Weather:

Just a reminder that students are expected to go outside for both the noon and afternoon recesses (weather permitting) and now that the colder weather is here, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with winter coats, snow pants, mitts and footwear – thank you!

Public Schools Branch Storm Closure

Information for Parents:

Information on school cancellations, one-hour delays, late buses and school closures during the day can be found on the Public Schools Branch website (under Parent and Student Resources – Storm Closures).

Please Note: Vernon River Consolidated is in the Montague Family of Schools.

Public Schools Branch - Kindergarten

Registration (2025-2026):

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten during the period of November 12-22, 2024.

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours.

If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or Toll Free 1-800-280-7965.

Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport.

Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2025.

For the **Early French Immersion Program** registration, please refer to the following:

Montague Family of Schools (Belfast, Cardigan, Georgetown, Montague Consolidated, Southern Kings and Vernon River), contact Montague Consolidated (902-838-0820).

From the PEI Home and School

Federation:

Home and School Newsletter, November 2024

FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st

The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers' effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers - parent, teacher and student.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Ellerslie Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eliot River Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 1st to ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-186. FREE. Refreshments provided.

Thank you for Ellerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees

PEI Home and School Association **membership fees are due: Nov. 1st.** Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

School Crossing Guard Award

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. **The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8th.**

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Parent Leadership Grants

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and engagement in school communities. [Click here for Application](#). For more information, contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186. **Submission deadline Nov. 8th.**

What's on your Home and School meeting's agenda?

1. Ask the principal for a school report.
2. Inquire about integrated inquiry-based curriculum, Gr. 5 pilot.
3. Invite a PSB staff person to talk about the recent PSB school study review.
4. Involve everyone around the meeting table. List committees and ways for volunteers to help.
5. Motions are required for all financial decisions; use basic parliamentary procedures.
6. Sign up for Home and School Volunteer Leadership Training workshops coming up on Nov. 4th (Ellerslie School) or Nov. 5th (Eliot River School)

Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference, follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31st.

More school community news...

~ **Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night** - Nov. 7th, 6:00 pm at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5th to tammynorden@gmail.com

~ **Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair** – Nov. 16th, 9 am- 3 pm & Nov 17th, 12-4 pm. Over 80 tables, raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: annamariarsenault@gmail.com

~ **Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair** - Nov. 15th, 5:30–9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am–5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is \$3 / Children under 12 are free.

~ **Are you a school food volunteer?** Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>.

Note: *May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.*

Remembrance Day Service @ Uigg Community Centre:

All are welcome to attend the Uigg Kinross Grandview Women's Institute Remembrance Day Service at Uigg Community Center on November 11, 2024 at 3PM. If you wish to lay a wreath please contact Louise MacLeod or Crissy Czank.

