

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
Newsletter #3  
Tuesday, October 8, 2024  
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David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

**Student of the Month Awards for September:**

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

Nash Sincennes  
Adaya Smith  
Drew MacDonald  
Hudson MacKinnon  
Jenita Deleep  
Wyatt Corrigan  
Tinley MacDonald  
Paisley Drake  
L.J. Wilken  
Hudson Martin  
Jaynie MacKinnon  
Joseph Storey  
Nash McQuillan  
Tattum Gironi  
Brennan Visser  
Averie Drake



Music: Nash Sincennes, Griffin Winegarden

Band: Kynlee McQuillan, Lyric O'Brien

French: Brady Hakkers, Marley McDougall

Phys. Ed.: Rhys Martin, Liam Roche

**PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports):**

Earlier in September, our school was fortunate to be selected as one of the few schools Island-wide to participate in a new pilot program for the Public Schools Branch. This project is aimed at enhancing student achievement and engagement by providing a structured, safe and supportive school environment with very clear behavior expectations for all. Along with being selected to participate in this project, Vernon River School has been allocated an 80% teaching position to assist us in the development and implementation of this new program.

Yesterday, we finalized our hiring process and have hired Ms. Courtney Deagle. Ms. Deagle will be coming in and taking over most of the grade 8 homeroom duties – teaching Gr 8 Math, Language Arts and Social Studies. She will also be picking up some grade 3 responsibilities as well (Science and Health). We would like to welcome Ms. Deagle to the Vernon River team, who will take

over teaching duties on Tuesday, October 15th. Ms. Targett will be heading up the Vernon River PBIS implementation team and therefore had to relinquish her grade 8 teaching duties.

We will do our best to keep our parent community informed of any updates on this pilot program as we move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

**Attendance and Engagement in the PSB:**

As we mentioned in our first newsletter of the year, schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let's continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year.

**School Day:**

Reminder that the morning bell rings at 8:40am, followed by O'Canada and the morning announcements, with classes beginning at 8:45am.

**Golf:**

Well done to Ryan Richard, Lauchlan McCabe, Lincoln Drake, and Malcolm Roche on their efforts in the Zone 4 golf competition. Ryan and Lauchlan just missed out on qualifying for Provincials in singles play, and the team of Lauchlan, Lincoln, and Malcolm came 5<sup>th</sup> in the team scramble, one place shy of qualifying for Provincials.

**Zone 4 Cross Country Meet:**

The Zone 4 Cross Country meet will be held on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Southern Kings Consolidated School. Rain date is October 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **No Classes – October 14<sup>th</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Parents are reminded there will be no classes on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Professional Learning Day.



### **Grade 9 Fundraisers:**

The following fundraisers are scheduled for the week of October 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds going to the grade 9 end of year activities.

**Theme Days** - \$1.00 for each theme day - or any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated!

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - Wear Orange and Black  
Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hat Day  
Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Crazy Sock Day  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - PJ Day  
Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - School Spirit Day

**Bake Sale** – On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> the grade 9 class will be holding a bake sale (nut free).

Thank you for supporting the grade 9 class in their fundraising efforts!

### **School Pictures/Retakes:**

Information for ordering your child's school pictures online was sent home. This contains the "Personal Passcode" for each child. Please note the due date to order is **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. School picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am.



### **From the PEI Home and School Federation:**

#### **Home and School News, October 2024**

#### **Register for Semi-Annual Meeting**

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 21, 2024, 6–8 pm at Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River. Topics & Speakers are:

#### **STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY PLANS:**

\* Cody Davenport, *COMPASS program surveys grades 7-12 students; will share survey results and plans for the 2024-2025 school year.*

### **SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS & FOOD SAFETY SUPPORTS:**

\*Courtney Shaffer, Inspector = What are Food Safety guidelines/supports for school food programs?

\*Samantha Dougay, Dietitian = What's in a healthy breakfast menu?

\*Heather Walker, Spring Park = This is how our breakfast program works.

\*David Schult for Sterling Carruthers = Education and Early Years funding for school breakfast and snack programs

- Parents, educators, and students in your school community are welcome!
- Invite your school's breakfast program volunteers!

### **REGISTER by Oct. 16/24 at:**

<https://forms.gle/tbamHFKUu8ebi4fv9>

#### **Training Workshops for Volunteers**

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - Ellerslie Consolidated School  
6:30–8:00 pm

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Eliot River Elementary School  
6:30–8:00 pm

Guidance for executive positions (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary); Bookkeeping tips for Treasurers and general information for all volunteers. No cost. Register by emailing [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca) or call 902-620-3186 by **Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Crossing Guard Recognition Award**

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Find the application at: <https://peihsf.ca/Crossing-Guard-Award>.

#### **Parent Leadership Grants**

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Student Well Being Teams, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: **Nov. 8**. PL Grant online: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

#### **PSB Public meetings: Charlottetown Family of Schools Study**

The Board of Trustees is now engaging with the Charlottetown school community and stakeholders to receive feedback on the recommendations contained in the report. To review the report, [visit the Public Schools Branch's website](#). Share your feedback by emailing [psb-schoolreview@edu.pe.ca](mailto:psb-schoolreview@edu.pe.ca) using "Charlottetown Family of Schools" in the subject line by Oct. 18/24. Share input by attending a public meeting: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm, Spring Park Elementary; Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 pm, Charlottetown Rural High School; Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 pm, Birchwood Intermediate School.

**🍷 PEI's Auditor General's Report: Healthiness of Food in Schools, Sept. 18/24**

- READ: [The auditor general's full report on nutrition in P.E.I. schools](#)
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

**🍷 Education and Economic Development: Public Schools Branch Staffing Presentation, Sept. 19/24**

- READ: <https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/PSBStaffing>
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

