



Vernon River Consolidated School
Parent Newsletter #1 – Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

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David Wood, Principal

Lori Targett, Vice-Principal

Message from Mr. Wood: We would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new school year, including the new kindergarten students as well as any other new students to our school. We would also like to welcome the following new staff members:

Kaitlin MacKenzie (Kindergarten)
Alex MacAulay (grade 3)
Tammy Cann (Grade 6)
Joe Bezanson (Grade 8)
Diane Clark (French & Foundations)
Shelly Hassall (Guidance – Days 5/6/1)



Thank You: A big thank you to our custodial staff for all of their work over the summer getting the school ready for students and staff. The school looks amazing! We appreciate your effort and hard work – thank you!

Student Allergies: This year we have students who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, cashews, pistachios - as well as allergies to pollen, cats, dogs, horses and dust mites. Therefore, the following is in place at Vernon River Consolidated:

- *No nut products in the school
- *Nut free bake sales
- *No pets/livestock in the school

Attendance: To allow teachers to keep up-to-date attendance in PowerSchool, we require parents to please notify the school when their child will not be in school. Parents may send an email to their child's teacher or call the school @ 651-8520.

Meet the Teacher Evening: Meet the teacher will be held on Tuesday, September 16th from 5:45 – 6:30pm.

Home and School Meeting: The first Home and School meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, September 16th from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Childcare will be available.



Student Drop Off/Pick Up: Reminder that students should not be dropped off prior to 8:20am since no supervision is provided before that time. When students are dropped off, they are to wait in the front lobby until they are permitted into the classroom area.

If your child(ren) is being picked up before the end of the day, please send a note/email to the homeroom teacher. Please come into the school to notify us that you are here and ready to pick up your child. Helen will then page your child to come to the front lobby. A note/email is also required if you are picking your child(ren) up at the end of the day.

Again this year, bus passes will be granted to students to travel on alternate buses for child care purposes only. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please email Mr. Wood dawood@edu.pe.ca or Ms. Targett at latargett@edu.pe.ca

School Schedule: Buses and students arrive at 8:35am. A morning bell will ring at 8:40am followed by O'Canada and morning announcements. At 8:45am all regular classes will begin. We will be operating on a six day cycle for both elementary and junior high.

Elementary Schedule

8:35 -8:45	Homeroom
8:45-9:15	Period 1
9:15-9:45	Period 2
9:45-10:15	Period 3
10:15-10:30	Snack
10:30-11:00	Period 4
11:00-11:30	Period 5
11:35-12:00	Outside/Break
12:00-12:25	Lunch
12:25-12:55	Period 6
12:55-1:25	Period 7
1:25-1:45	Outside/Break
1:45-2:00	Period 8
2:00-2:45	Period 9
2:45-2:55	Pack Up
2:55	Dismissal Bell

Intermediate Schedule

8:35-8:45	Homeroom
8:45-9:45	Period 1
9:45-10:45	Period 2
10:45-11:45	Period 3
11:45-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:20	Outside/Break
12:25-1:25	Period 4
1:25-1:45	Homeroom
1:45-2:45	Period 5
2:45-2:55	Pack Up
2:55	Dismissal Bell

Bus Information: The following is a list of buses at Vernon River Consolidated School:

Bus #402	Johanne Ings
Bus #425	Judy McIsaac
Bus #431	Daniel Roper
Bus #462	Mary O'Donnell



School Newsletters: School newsletters, calendars and any other notices will be emailed to the address provided by parents. These will also be posted to the school's website (www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs).

Milk: White and chocolate milk will be available each day, in both the small and large sizes. **Parents are asked to please send in the exact change for milk – thank you!**

White: (Small) 237 ml - 55 cents
(Large) 473 ml - 90 cents

Chocolate: (Small) 237 ml - \$1.00
(Large) 473 ml - \$1.50



Free Small White Milk for Kindergarten Students (September 8th to 26th): We're excited to inform you that Dairy Farmers of PEI and ADL will be offering complimentary milk to the kindergarten students during the weeks of September 8 through until September 26, 2025 (three full weeks)! This program is designed to encourage healthy eating habits and to support our young learners in their growth and learning journey. Each kindergarten student will receive a serving of white milk during lunch time!

Ice Cream: Ice cream products will be sold every Thursday, starting September 11th – \$1.50 per item. This is a fundraiser for the grade 9 end of year activities.



Terry Fox Run: All family & friends of Vernon River Consolidated School are invited to join us for our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 19th. We are honoured to welcome special guest, Fred Fox (Terry's brother). Fred will be doing a presentation from 1:15-1:45 and the run will follow from 1:50-2:20. If able, students & staff are encouraged to bring a donation of a "Toonie for Terry." Thank you.

Orange Shirt Day/Assembly: Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters, is honored annually on September 30th. This day raises awareness and honors the children of Residential Schools, their families and communities. Please consider participating in Orange Shirt Day at VRCS on Thursday, September 25th. An assembly will be held at 1:45 with guest speaker, Terry LeBlanc. All are welcome!

Student of the Month Assembly: Student of the month assembly for September will be held on Friday, September 26th at 2:15.

Occupational Therapist Introduction Letter (2025-2026): Please find attached an Introduction Letter from Colleen MacPherson, Occupational Therapist.

Student Well-being Team Welcome Letter (2025-2026): Please find attached a Welcome Letter from Irene Gillis, Acting Program Lead, Student Well-being Team.

School Resource Office (SRO) Media Release: Please find attached a News Release from Scott Ferris, Senior Communications Advisor, PEI RCMP.

PEI School Food Program Inc.: Please find attached a brochure outlining details about the program.

Earth Rangers Presentation (K-6): On Wednesday, September 24th at 1:45pm, VRCS will be holding an assembly for students in kindergarten to grade 6. Earth Rangers is the charity that transforms children's concerns about the environment into positive action. Through a variety of programs, kids are encouraged to become environmental leaders at home, in school and in their communities – from organizing shoreline cleanups, to reducing food waste and energy consumption at home.

From the PEI Home and School Federation:
Home & School News, September 2025

 Watch for students on the road

Another school year has begun. Children walk, cycle, or ride to school on a bus or travel in their family cars. This is the time to remind all motorists that children can get to school and back home safely with awareness and education. Find out more info on the Public Schools Branch's [School Bus Planner](#).

 Update Home and School Contacts

Presidents - Submit your Home & School Association contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#).

Treasurers - Submit 2025-2026 Membership fees to the Federation office by Oct. 15. Send e-transfer to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques: PEIHSF PO Box 1012 Charlottetown PE C1A 7M4

 Semi-Annual Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 5:45 – 8:00 PM

Place: Central Queens Elementary School (19821 Rte. 2 Hunter River)

Topic: Child Protection

Speakers: #1 Senior Manager, Canadian Center for Child Protection, child sexual abuse, reducing risk, and how we can talk to our kids about their personal safety.
#2 RCMP Officer, child protection, and how to keep your child safe

All are welcome: Parents, School Staff, Students

Cost - \$8 per person/Free for students.

Register: <https://forms.gle/Mw6PoEJxhUdat5EWA>

 School Board Elections

Elections PEI has launched its promotional campaign for the 2025 School Board Trustee Elections.

Candidates - submit nomination papers to Elections PEI by Fri. Sept. 26

Voters - must register to vote online or by mail-in ballot; beginning Sept. 8, 2025, the online portal will be open, allowing you to register to vote.

Who can vote? All eligible PEI voters can vote in this election.

Election Day Friday, October 17, 2025.

 What is Home and School's role in education?

Experienced facilitators **Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould** will lead Volunteer Training Workshops to equip new and returning Home and School volunteers with practical knowledge on how they can effectively collaborate with school staff and support their school, benefiting all students.

Details are: Monday, Oct 27th School TBA, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28th School TBA 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Register by Oct. 20th: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

 School Nutrition Policies

A new School Food Project Coordinator, Margaret Young started on May 5th at the Department of Education and Early Years to work with the school board and update the school nutrition policies. If you wish to find out more: mhyoung@gov.pe.ca / 902-374-1673

