

Belfast Consolidated School Newsletter



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Attendance Line 902-659-7200 #1

At Belfast School we have an Attendance Line which parents/guardians can call anytime of the day. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Dates to Remember:

- March 4-7th- Parent Teacher Interview week
- March 6th- Bulldog Assembly- 11AM
- March 7th- No School- Parent Teachers
- March 8th- Babysitting Course
- March 11th- 7/8- Confederation Centre
- March 13th- Grades 3 & 4/5 -Orwell
- March 13th- 7/8/9- French Concert
- March 14th- National PI (3.14) Day
- March 14th- Skating- AM and Activities- PM
- March 14th- Green and Gold Day
- March 17th- 21st- MARCH BREAK- No school
- March 25th- Gillis Lodge visit
- March 28th- Report Cards go home
- April 2nd- Blue Shirt Day- Autism Awareness Day

Phys Ed:

-Any parents or community members who would be willing to help with school athletics please contact Mr. Johnson at tjohnson@edu.pe.ca or (902) 629-0242.

Congratulations to the Boys' basketball team who went 8-1 in the regular season. The weekend of Provincials, they went 4-0 on the weekend of February 21st and 22nd to win a Provincial A/B basketball championship in Morell. Along the way, they defeated Francois Buote, and Birchwood in the round robin, and then defeated Vernon River 52-22 in the semi-finals, and defeated Grace Christian in a hard-fought final, 38-27. Players of the game included Jaxon Knox, Gavin Thomson, Davidson Warren, and JP Richard. Players winning hustle player of the game included Noah Costain, Brayden MacPherson, Kolton MacInnis, and Reid White. Other team members include Oliver Drover, Jeremy Rogers, Leroy Hallett, and Auston Knox. Mr. Munro had the privilege of coaching this great bunch of guys. Great season, boys!

The Girls' basketball team had a great season this year, showing improvement every game. They finished with a league record of 3-8 and finishing 9th out of 12 teams. Thanks to Mr. Taylor Johnson, who coached this squad. Team members included: Ally Myers, Ava Gerristen, Cassy Lungal, Evelyn Campbell, Emmylou Ryan, Hailey Mae Gillis, Harlow Knox, Raelyn Warren, Alexis Knox, Lexi MacPherson, and Georgia Matters. We look forward to another great season next year with this great bunch of girls.

Thank You:

A huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed to the fundraiser for Trayton Acton! Trayton meant so much to the students and staff of Belfast Consolidated School, we are so glad to have been able to honour his name. This year we raised \$350.00 in Trayton's Memory.

Soccer Training:

Get ready for the outdoor soccer season with some spring indoor training! Delta Soccer will be offering indoor soccer programming for participants born 2021 to 2014 at the Montague Consolidated School. There are six, one-hour sessions and programming runs from April 9th to May 15th. For registration or more information on programs, please visit deltasoccer.ca or email joel@deltasoccer.ca

Allergies:

Reminder that we are a peanut free school.

Incredible Years Group:

A friendly reminder of the virtual Incredible Years parenting group being offered 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, starting March 5th. This is open to all FOS province wide. If you have parents who may be interested, they can sign up using, <https://forms.office.com/r/i4eWDqkAqb> or reach out to Sara MacDougall, saramacdougall@gov.pe.ca.

Energy Drink Policy:

- 3.1.3- Energy drinks, such as Red Bull, Full Throttle, Rockstar, Amp, Stoked, SoBe Adrenaline Rush and the like are prohibited from being on Public Schools Branch property.
- 3.1.4- Teachers and Administrators will encourage students to drink water.



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unpluggedcanada.com

Gardening Club:

The Garden Club has been established. We plan to have our first meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 2:40-4:00 pm. Thank you to those who have generously donated items to the club. We are still looking for some items. If you have any new or old donations, we will gladly take them. Please contact the school office.
Thank you,
Mrs. Morton and Mrs. MacKenzie

Sport Funding:

Registration for spring sport funding will be starting soon. <https://kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/provincial-fund/>




Family Ski Trip:

On Thursday, March 13th you can take your family to Brookvale Ski Park for a 2 for 1 night. 2 for 1 night works out to \$20 per student and \$25 per adult. Please let the school know if you plan on attending.

Kindergarten Registration:

There is still time for parents and guardians to register their children for kindergarten for the 2025 - 2026 school year! Registration forms are available on your school's website or by contacting the school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-  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.
-  Parents will need to fill out a registration form and a kindergarten questionnaire.

PEI Home and School:

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/UpCNXiZ9xcmHsgqp7>

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.

Community News: 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?

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.

September 2025

- 4 First Day of School for Students
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)

October 2025

- 10 Professional Learning Day (Provincial PD) (no classes)
- 13 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

November 2025

- 8, 7 PEITF Convention / CUPE 1770, 1775, 1145, 3280 Annual Convention (no classes)
- 10 Report Card Day (Teacher Administrative Day) (no classes)
- 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
- 21 Parent Teacher Interviews, PSB and CSLF K-12 (no classes)

December 2025

- 19 Last Instructional Day, 2025
- 22 Professional Learning Day (Joint Staff PD) (no classes)

January 2026

- 1 New Year's Day (no classes)
- 5 First Instructional Day for students, 2026

February 2026

- 2 Administrative Day for High Schools (no classes for high schools only)
- 13 Professional Learning Day (School Goals) (no classes)
- 16 Islander Day (no classes)

March 2026

- 6 Parent Teacher Interviews (PSB K-9; CSLF K-9) (no classes) / Professional Learning Day (PSB 10-12; CSLF 10-12) (no classes)
- 16-20 March Break (no classes)

April 2026

- 3 Good Friday (no classes)
- 6 Easter Monday (no classes)
- 10 Parent Teacher Interviews (PSB 10-12; CSLF 10-12) (no classes) / Professional Learning Day (PSB K-9; CSLF K-9) (no classes)

May 2026

- 1 Area Association / CUPE 3280 Annual Convention (no classes)
- 18 Victoria Day (no classes)

June 2026

- 10 First Day High School Exams
- 25 Last Day of Classes, K-9
- 26 Professional Learning Day
- 29 Administrative Day
- 30 Administrative Day, Last Day for Staff