

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:

- November 8- Jersey Day
- November 9- Bulldog Assembly 11:00AM
- November 10- Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30AM
- November 10- BINGO- 6:30PM
- November 13- Remembrance Day- NO SCHOOL
- November 14- Taco Orders go home
- November 15- School Wide PJ Day
- November 15- Milk Orders Due
- November 16/17- PEITF Convention- NO SCHOOL
- November 17- Parent Teacher Sign up Closes 4:00PM
- November 20- 7-9 Compass Survey
- Nov 20-24- Parent Teacher Week
- November 21- Taco Orders Due
- November 23- Parent Teachers- Evening
- November 23- Clothing Orders Due
- November 24- Parent Teachers- NO SCHOOL
- November 30- Taco 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. There are coaching positions available this year in Gymnastics, Track and Field, badminton, and basketball.

Belfast Men's and Women's basketball season will be starting soon. We are currently looking for 1 or 2 coaches for the women's basketball team.

Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Volleyball teams for a great season this year. Special thanks to Taylor Johnson, Jody Mackinnon, and Margo Williston.

Congratulations to our golf team. Abbie Bell placed 6th, Milla Beck tied for 10th. The girls scramble team got Silver with a score of 45!

Congratulations to our provincial Cross-country runners Kayley Carter, Simon Beck, and Syrianna DeSousa.

Student Well Being:

The Student Well-being Team for the Montague FOS will be providing a presentation for parents on Thursday, November 9th at 6 pm. The focus of the presentation is helping parents support their children with anxiety. It will be co-facilitated by Donna McGuigan (RN) & Lynn Anne James (SW). Montague Regional High School has kindly agreed to host our presentation, but it is open to all families.

Extra Clothing:

The weather tends to be unpredictable these days. Please keep this in mind as we move into the fall, and winter season. Please dress your child appropriately so they are comfortable. Please label all clothing and footwear. It would be appreciated if you would please send in a complete set of clothes with your child. If there is a spill or a fall then your child will be prepared.



Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our parent teacher interviews will be the week of Nov. 20-24th. Interviews will be held in person.

If you cannot make an in-person interview, a phone interview is also possible. You will sign up the same way as if it was an in-person interview. Only difference will be, specify phone interview and provide the best number to reach you at.

The link was emailed out yesterday. All sign ups must be in **NO LATER** than Friday, Nov. 17th at 4PM. If you have any questions, please call Alyssa at 902-659-7200.

Mrs. Johnson's Grade 4 sign up-
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA4A829A1FB6-45635590-grade>

K-3/5-9 sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA4A829A1FB6-44601974-parent>

Home and School:

Bingo is Back Again!! A wonderful night of family fun, local prizes and bingo dabbling!

When: November 10th @ 6:30pm

Where: Belfast Consolidated Gymnasium

Who: All are welcome- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

How: Purchase Bingo Cards upon arrival. \$5.00/ticket or \$10.00/3. There will be a canteen and 50/50.

Money raised goes towards school related activities. **Please bring your own place markers ex: nickels, poker chips or anything small enough to mark your cards. NO DABBERS**

We can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces!
September's Minutes are posted on the Website
<https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/sites/belfast.edu.pe.ca/files/Belfast%20Home%20%26%20Shool%20Minutes%20Sept%202023.pdf>

Kindergarten Reg. Week:

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 20th-24th, 2023.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, 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
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- 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 2024.

School contact information can be found at https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/PSB_School_Contact_Info_2021-22.pdf.

Early Closure Plan:

With winter weather heading our way, please make sure your contact information is up-to-date and early closure plans. If your child(ren)'s early closure plan has changed since September 2023, please let the school know.



Clothing Order:

We are placing a school clothing order again this year. The order forms went home Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Orders and payment need to be in **NO LATER** than Thursday, Nov. 23.

PEI Home and School:

The Federation is hosting two Home & School Training Workshops. Parents, teachers, and students may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home & School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. New volunteer executive members should attend these sessions.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Miscouche Consolidated School

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., West Royalty Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 4 by emailing Shirley at: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca ... Or call 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664. No Cost. Light refreshments provided.

Reminder: 2023-2024 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees by **November 1st**. You can now pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca OR mail cheques to the Federation office. Questions? 902-620-3186 / ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.

Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/grants>. Submission **deadline: Nov. 30th**.

Recognition and Awards Programme 2023-2024

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's 2023-2024 Programme begins with the Crossing Guard Award nominations due Nov. 24. [Find more details online at PEIHSF Awards](#)

ADD this to your agenda...

1. Plan a productive Home and School meeting by identifying tasks and duties
2. Focus agenda items on educational objectives/outcomes that work to benefit all students
3. Involve everyone around the meeting table
4. Ask the principal for a school report
5. Practice basic parliamentary procedure

Happenings in our community...

Donagh Home & Schools Craft Fair will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, 2023, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Donagh Regional School (928 Bethel Road, Donagh).

Literacy Champion Award - Call for nominations for our Literacy Champion Award. This award recognizes leadership and commitment in the field of literacy and lifelong learning. For more information, contact Amanda Beazley, PEI Literacy Alliance www.peiliteracy.ca

Dyslexia Canada - Alicia Smith, Executive Director of Dyslexia Canada, to speak about Dyslexia & The Right to Read on Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m. at Three Oaks Senior High School, Summerside.

Dates to remember:

November 11 [Remembrance Day](#)

November 20 [National Child Day](#)

November 21–27 [Canada History Week](#)



SPELLING BEE OF CANADA | 37th EDITION - 2024 ANNUAL PROGRAM

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CHAPTER REGISTRATION PACKAGES

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND REGISTRATION PERIOD: October 7, - January 15, 2024

PACKAGE OPTIONS	WHAT'S INCLUDED?	VALUE
1 PACKAGE A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBOC Study Guide (2024 Edition) Participation in regional Spelling Bee Competition Certificate of Participation Competition Overview Webinar 	\$55.00 CAD
2 PACKAGE B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the Package A features plus: Access to SBOC's Online Learning Platform (OLP), which features the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Section (auditory and visual learning) Self-test (practice for the competition) Activities (educational word games) 	\$70.00 CAD
3 COACHING 	For coaching details please visit our website at: spellingbeeofcanada.ca/coaching	

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Contestants must be the following ages, as of December 31, 2023

PRIMARY	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE
6-8	9-11	12-14
Born: 2015-2017	Born: 2012-2014	Born: 2009-2011

KEY DATES

- Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions In person: March - April 2024
- Championship Competition (In-Person at Toronto) May 26, 2024*
- * Subject to change to the virtual format and is contingent on Health Canada

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Improve your English skills in spelling, comprehension, creativity and communication.
- Build self-confidence interacting with peers.
- Experience public speaking & critical thinking.


PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Parent/Guardian visit: www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration.
- Parent/Guardian completes the registration steps as outlined on the website.
- Accepted payment methods online include Visa, Mastercard, Paypal and Debit.

Please note that if you cannot pay by the above options, please contact SBOC headquarters at info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca or call 416-746-0072 to make alternative arrangements.

CHAPTER PRIZES	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
PRIMARY	\$500	\$350	\$250
JUNIOR	\$500	\$350	\$250
INTERMEDIATE	\$500	\$350	\$250

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
PRIMARY	\$1000	\$750	\$500
JUNIOR	\$1000	\$750	\$500
INTERMEDIATE	\$1000	\$750	\$500

 All winners will be awarded trophies

info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca

416-746-0072/1-866-244-0244

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Principal's Report November 2nd, 2023

- We have had an excellent start to the school year! Our new staff, and veteran staff, are working well together, as demonstrated during our first PD session at the end of September. All EA's, teachers, and our YSW have listed different strategies they will implement to closely connect with students. This is a part of our Social Emotional Learning focus for this school year.
- Last spring, our grade 7-9 students completed the COMPASS survey. This survey reported results in many aspects of comprehensive health for teenagers. The survey was completed in a number of schools with grade 7-12 students. From the ideas and directions of the students, we are going to follow their suggestions to respond to this report in a variety of different ways. Some of these areas include healthy eating/positive body image, vaping/smoking/alcohol, and bullying to name a few. We plan to share the results at the next Home and School Meeting, if that would fit in the agenda.
- Three actions we have as a school is booking MADD Canada to come and do a preventative driving under the influence, a vaping presentation from Lung NS/PEI and the UPEI student nurses, and have booked with La Table Des Chefs from Montreal to do healthy eating and positive body image with our grade 7-9 students. Jackson Adam and the grade 9 class filled out a Federal Grant form to pay for the sessions.
- As part of our support of Truth and Reconciliation, we have added the 7 Sacred Teachings to our Bulldog of the Month assembly and winners for the month. The 7 Sacred Teachings have lessons around Truth, Respect, Love, Humility, Courage, Wisdom, and Honesty. For exploration classes, the grade 7-9s went to teach all about these topics to the grade K-6s. It was well received! Students did an excellent job. Thanks to the teachers who helped with this project (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Edward, and Mrs. Carpenter).
- We are inviting families to come to the Bulldog Assemblies (started in October).
- This year, we are also doing a new initiative by our staff leadership committee called "Kindness Shout-Outs". Any staff/guest at the school can submit a shout-out if they notice an act of kindness. We are in week #2 of the initiative. We have recognized 20+ students to date! I'm sure more are to come...
- Sports had a great fall with many of our students involved in the lineup with cross country, golf, volleyball, and cross country. Wrestling Team is also operating through the school week. Cross country had 19 participants with four going to Provincials. Kayley Carter was 20th, Simon Beck 48th, Syrianna DeSousa 63rd, and Elsa Laybolt 93rd. The girls volleyball team finished with a record of 3-3, but lost the tie breaker to advance to the Provincials. The boys volleyball team finished with a record of 2-3, and advanced to the Provincial quarter final before losing a close match, 3-2, to Queen Charlotte. The boys golf team had two teams this year. We had 6 boys play in the qualifier at Avondale golf course, but nobody advanced to the Provincials. For the girls, we had 4 golfers who all advanced to the singles for Provincials (Kayley Carter, Abbie Bell, Ally Myers, and Milla Beck). Abbie was our top finisher at 5th place. The girls scramble team of Abbie, Ally, and Milla won a silver medal, breaking a 4 way tie with a birdie on the last hole.

- Thanks to the Home and School and staff volunteers who made the Halloween Spooktacular such a great event! We had lots of positive comments about the event, and hope it can happen in the future. The grade 9's raised \$575.00 in the canteen. Extra shout out to Tonia and Rose for the donation of popcorn and cinnamon rolls, and decorations.
- We sent our grade 7/8 class to the Art Discovery Day at the Confederation Center of the Arts. The students had a very enjoyable day! I realize the day has already come and gone, but I am wondering if the Home and School would make a motion to cover the cost of the transportation for the day (approximately \$250). It is not a problem for the school to cover the cost, if the feeling is not to support the bus.
- We also had the Earth Rangers Presentation at the school. They brought in some animals, and shared information with the students.
- Our grade 9 students participated in the "Take Your Kid to Work Day". By all accounts, everyone enjoyed the day.
- Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be Friday November 10th. Time TBA (but I'm guessing 10:30).
- Our Bingo is scheduled to go Friday November 10th from 6:30-8:30. More discussion to come tonight, I'm sure!
- We have two spirit days coming up on Wednesday, November 7th; Jersey Day and Wednesday, November 14th; PJ Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews are being held the week of November 20th to 24th. Teachers are opening up times through that week after school to add flexibility for parents and staff. We are using signuggenius.com as the way for parents/guardians to book times to meet staff. If that doesn't work, we can certainly provide other times, phone calls, or emails to catch up on student progress.
- Our Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 13th starting at 6:30pm. Storm date is Thursday the 14th.
- School clothing will be on sale from now until Thursday November 23rd.

Respectfully submitted

John Munro

Principal BCS