

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:

- October 2- Golf Zone Qualifiers
- October 2- Walking Buddies Starts
- October 8- Baked potato orders due
- October 9- **K-3 Fire Safety Presentation 9AM**
- October 9- Golf Provincials
- October 10- Cross country zone meet at SKC
- October 11- Bulldog Assembly- 2PM
- October 11- Baked Potato Day
- October 14- **Thanksgiving- NO SCHOOL**
- October 19- Cross country provincials at Mill River
- October 21- Subway orders due
- October 25- Subway Day
- October 25- **Halloween Spooktacular Night**
- October 31- **Orange and Black Day**
- November 1- PD Day- **NO SCHOOL**
- November 5- Newsletter
- November 5- Picture Retakes and Grad Photos
- November 5- Remembrance Day assembly- 10:30AM

School Visitors:

STOP

As per the PSB's Policy: **ALL VISITORS MUST:**

- 1. Check- in at the office**
- 2. NOT go beyond the lobby**

Milk Orders:

A reminder that milk needs to be ordered on **Thursdays each week by 12PM. Late orders will not be added accepted. If there is no school on a Thursday, orders will be placed on Wednesday.**

#BYOC:

Please remember to bring your own cutlery to school each day. The school does not have any to give out.

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. Thank you.

Phys Ed:

Any parents or community members who would be willing to help out with school athletics please contact Mr. Johnson at tjohnson@edu.pe.ca or (902) 629-0242. There are coaching positions available this year in Wrestling, Gymnastics, Track and Field, badminton, and basketball.

Golf Zone Qualifiers Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at Avondale Golf course.

Golf Provincials- Oct. 9th- Avondale

Cross Country Zone Meet- Thursday. Oct. 10th

Check out our athletics page:

<https://6130e29f15aab.site123.me/>

Halloween Activities:

Thursday Oct. 31st- **Orange and Black Day**
Please **NO Halloween Costumes**



Home and School BINGO:

Belfast Home and School will be holding their 3rd Family **BINGO** Night since COVID on Friday, November 29th 6:30PM-8:30PM.

Mobile Device Input:

We are inviting administrators, school staff, students, parents, and stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft "Mobile Device Procedures".

Your input on how the procedures are working in your school, as well as any suggestions for changes, would be greatly appreciated. Feedback can be submitted via email to psb-input@edu.pe.ca until **Friday, October 11, 2024**. The PSB will ensure that all other groups receive this information directly.

For more information and to review the draft procedures, please visit the following link:

<https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student-resources/mobile-device-use>

Thank you for your time and feedback.
Karen Redmond

Water Bottles:

We ask that students please bring a reusable water bottle with their name on it each day.



Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our parent teacher interviews will be the week of Nov. 18-22nd. Interviews will be held in person. If you cannot make an in-person interview, a phone interview is also possible by reaching out to your child's homeroom teacher. We will be sending a link out November 8th for you to use to sign-up for an interview time. All sign ups must be in **NO LATER** than Friday, Nov. 15th at 4PM. If you have any questions, please call Alyssa at the school.

PEI Home and 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/PSB Staffing](https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/PSB_Staffing)

LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

Attendance in the PSB:

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.

Halloween Spooktacular Night:

Belfast Home and School is planning a night full of Halloween fun on Friday, Oct. 25th. Stay tuned for details.

Music Program:

We are hoping to expand our rock band program this year and we are looking for extra instruments. If you happen to have any working keyboards, electric guitars, electric basses, acoustic guitars, or amps that are not being used and you would like to donate them, please contact our music teacher, Mr. Ellis, by email at aaronellis@edu.pe.ca.

Kid Proof PEI:

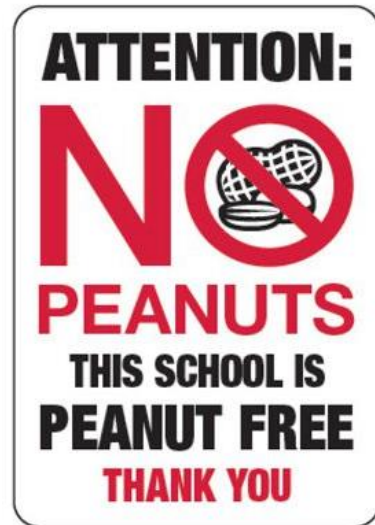
Is your child ready to make some money? If so, increasing their babysitting safety skills creates a confident and well prepared popular babysitter!

Visit <https://www.kidproofpei.com/kid-proof-pei> to register your child today for the Babysitter Training Course on October 5 from 9am-4pm located at 14 Campbell Rd Charlottetown

Breakfast Club:

Belfast School's Breakfast Club is in need of some donations. We are looking for fruit cups, muffin mixes/ muffins, nutri grain bars, cereal, apples, bananas, clementine's, yogurt cups or tubes, and cheese strings. **Items that will go bad fast, we would like them dropped off on Monday's, so by Friday they will be gone! Thank you in advance!

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE PEANUT FREE!





Health PEI

School Therapy Occupational Therapy (OT) Program

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! My name is **Colleen MacPherson** and I will be the occupational therapist for **Belfast Consolidated School** this school year. I am very much looking forward to working at your child's school. I will be at **Belfast Consolidated** every second Thursday.

Occupational Therapists (OTs) are regulated health professionals who work with children in many different settings and know a lot about motor development, sensory processing as well as environmental set up, adaptations and accessibility. OTs support students in schools with participating in

- **Personal cares:** bathroom routines, putting on and removing outdoor clothing and footwear, clothing fasteners (e.g., snaps, zippers, buttons, shoelaces), opening and closing lunch containers, feeding self, etc.
- **Classroom and school routines:** transitioning between activities or spaces within the classroom or school, organizing and locating school materials, participating in classroom routines, participating in Phys Ed, library, music, recess, and playground activities, etc.
- **Learning-based activities:** using classroom tools (e.g., scissors, pencils, glue stick, learning manipulatives, etc.), expressing learning through cutting, colouring, drawing, printing, cursive writing and using technology, self-regulation with respect to focusing attention and starting work in a timely manner, etc.
- **Managing the sensory demands of a school environment:** managing the sound of the bell and /or announcements, sounds and movement in busy corridors, echo in the gym, sounds during assemblies, lighting in the school, feel of learning materials, etc.
- **Managing the physical environment:** accessing spaces when using mobility aids (e.g., wheelchairs, walkers, etc.), accessing appropriate classroom desk and chair heights, using flexible seating options and optimal learning spaces, using equipment for personal cares and technical access (e.g., change tables, lift systems, switches for environmental controls or communication devices), etc.

As the OT, I will spend time in many areas of the school (i.e., classrooms, gym, music, playground, etc.) and will observe students participating in their school activities. I will provide support to school staff in understanding how they can use activities within the classroom to help children with their motor skills and their sensory environment. If your child's classroom teacher and I notice your child is having difficulty in the above-mentioned areas, the teacher will contact you to discuss making an individual referral to the OT Program. If you have questions or concerns about your child in the above-mentioned areas, please feel free to contact myself at the information below as well as speak to your child's classroom teacher.

While at the school, I will be part of the school team and available to school staff as well as to parents/guardians. The primary focus will be on supporting students in their elementary school years (e.g., kindergarten to grade 6). However, I am available to consult with students in their junior high years if determined by the school and yourself, as parent/guardian, that an OT referral is needed.

If a family doctor, pediatrician, or other health agency would like your child to be seen by the school OT, the referral request **must be communicated** to both you as well as your child's school to start the referral process. If your child is currently being seen by private OT and you and your child's school team would like to refer your child to the STOT Program, please feel free to contact me at the information below to discuss the role of the school-based OT and private OT.

If you have any questions, please feel free to **contact the school or myself at cgmapherson@ihis.org or (902) 326-2876.**

Wishing your child a good school year!
Colleen - Occupational Therapist
School Therapy OT Program