

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.

Principals Welcome:

We are excited to be starting our 2023-2024 school year! We were extremely fortunate in PEI last year to not have missed any days due to COVID 19. We were able to work with students in person and accomplished many of the goals we set with our students. We are excited to see continued growth of our students this year as well.

As of August 30th, our enrollment is approximately 150 students. Over the past six years we have seen significant growth in student numbers! We will continue to have CHANCES in our building (daycare for 0–4-year-olds). We have 21 children in the program, bringing us to just over 170 children in the building.

Our school offers many after school programs, and if there are volunteers who would like to help in any activity to help students, we would love to add to our list of options and volunteers at the school.

I encourage parents/guardians to stay connected this year. Communication is very important in creating strong connections between home and school. Whether it is through phone calls, emails, following social media, or meeting in person, we all need to continue to reach out for the betterment of our students.

I would also encourage parents/guardians to become more involved with Home and School. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 7pm. Our Home and School committee do excellent work for our staff and students. Last year, Angie Taylor was recognized as the Extra Mile Award winner, and Carey Gillis as the Bus Driver of the Year through the support of our Home and School.

Our staff are all looking forward to the school year. We all enjoy working with your child(ren) to support their personal development. I personally look forward to working with all of you this coming school year. Wishing everyone a successful 2023-2024 school year.

Dates to Remember:

- September 13- Meet the families 6PM
- September 15- First Milk Ordering Day
- September 18- Picture Day K-9 (Not Grad Photos)
- September 19- First Day of Milk
- September 19 - Home and School Meeting 7PM
- September 25-28- National Truth & Reconciliation Week
- September 28 - Orange Shirt Day
- September 29- PD Day- NO SCHOOL
- October 2-National Truth & Reconciliation Day- NO SCHOOL
- October 3rd- October Newsletter

School Website:

Don't forget to subscribe to our school's website to get email notifications of what is happening each day at Belfast School! <https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/>

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, Volleyball, badminton, golf, Cross-country, and basketball.

Milk Ordering:

This year, we ask students to order and pay for milk on **Thursday**, for the following week. If there is no school on a Thursday, ordering will be on the Wednesday. If you have any questions, please let Alyssa in the office know.

Thursday, September 14th is the first milk ordering day. First day for milk will be Monday, September 18th.

The School Milk Foundation Board has set the price for the 2023-2024 school year. The prices are listed below.

- The price is \$0.50 for white milk
- \$0.80 for chocolate milk



Students in Kindergarten will receive free white milk from Sept. 18-28th. Parents will still have to send the students orders in on Thursday's.

Peanut Products:

A student who is registered at our school has a life-threatening allergy to peanuts and peanut products. Exposure to even a small amount of food containing peanuts could cause anaphylaxis. The school has an obligation to establish a safe environment for all students. Therefore, we are a PEANUT **FREE** zone (school and bus).



Dental Clinic:

Dental Preventative Clinic at Belfast Consolidated starting October 3, 2023

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher.

Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the School Dental Care Program.

Contact: If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 902-368-4918.

Further Information: Please note that only preventive services will be provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Provincial Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

Golf:

Grades 7-9 Golf tryouts will be at Belfast Highland Greens on Monday September 11th, and Wednesday September 13th from 3:00-5:30. Please let Mr. Munro know if you need any equipment. The golf course does not charge students for the rounds for try-outs. Students will need have rides to and from the course arranged.

Fundraising:

Belfast School is excited to announce that we are joining the COSPEI Gold Rush. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. We encourage you to click on this link

(<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support **Belfast Consolidated School** and play. A \$5.00 play gets you 3 numbers. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) per account per week. Once you are assigned your numbers, they are yours forever/until you choose to stop and are entered into every weekly draw. If you activate your numbers (pay \$5.00) you have a chance to win half of the pot; if you do not activate your numbers (do not pay \$5.00) and your number is drawn, you are a "nonwinner" and the pot rolls-over. To ensure you never miss a draw, click on the gray circular button to the left of your numbers and activate "AutoPlay". Draws take place every Tuesday at 1:00. You can further support the fundraiser by following and sharing the COSPEI Gold Rush Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130>). Please encourage your friends/followers to support our fundraiser! Thanks for your support! Good luck!

Gum:

Students are not allowed to chew gum from the time they get on the bus in the morning until they get off in the afternoon.

#BYOC:

Please remember to pack your own cutlery each day. We do not have an extra here at the school.

Scent Free:

With increased sensitivity to scents, students, parents, staff, and visitors are asked to refrain from wearing products containing scents/perfumes.

After School Changes:

To ensure the safety of your child, the school **MUST BE INFORMED BY A NOTE OR PHONE CALL IF YOU ARE:**

- 1) planning on picking your child up, when they usually travel by bus
- 2) sending your child home with someone else
- 3) planning to have your child travel on his/her regular bus but getting off at a different stop
- 4) planning on sending your child on a different bus for babysitting purposes

If the school has not received any notification from you, your child will follow their regular routine.

Water Bottles:

Remember to send your child(ren) to school each day with a refillable water bottle. Our school is equipped with refill stations. Please also label the bottle with your child's name.

School Facebook Page:

Make sure to like and follow our schools facebook page to stay up to date with everything happening at the school!

[Belfast Consolidated Bulldogs](#)

Knitting Club:

Knitting Club will be starting up Tuesday, September 19. Students should meet in Ms. Stewart's room after dismissal. Please bring your own supplies if you have them. For those who are new to knitting, or would like to see if they like it, please join us on the 19th to check us out. For those who decide to continue with the club, we will figure out what supplies we need to purchase after our first meeting. Be sure to arrange a pickup for 3:45PM. Knitting Club is for knitters only. If you join the Knitting Club, expectations are you attend to knit, not to hang out. The club is open to anyone in grade 3 and up.

PEI Home and School:

Another school year began Sept. 7. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to school and back home again safely.

Update your Local Home and School Contacts

Are you still the President? Treasurer? If not, send current contact info to the Federation office. **Presidents** – Submit your local Home and School’s contact details using the new Google Form. Click here: [Home and School Association Contacts](#). **Treasurers** - Submit 2023-2024 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by sending e-transfers to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca

“Meet the Teacher”

“Meet the Teacher” evening sessions are planned for parents to meet their child’s teacher at the beginning of the school year. It’s an informal opportunity to chat, face-to-face, say hi, to become acquainted with your child’s teacher. Find the date on your child’s school website.

What is Home and School’s role in education?

Experienced facilitators, Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould, will lead volunteer training workshops on November 6, 7. Find out how volunteers collaborate with staff in schools. How can we help and support for the benefit of all students! Workshop locations to be announced.

Healthy School Lunch Program

It’s a new school year! Sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. \$5.50 per lunch or pay what you can. Donate to pay for another child who cannot afford to pay for a healthy lunch! Register and order at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids! | PEI School Food Program](#) / www.peischoolfood.ca

Grade 9 Fundraising:

Thank you to Elliot and Maggie Morrison for allowing our Grade 9 students to pick and sell blueberries as part of their fundraising. They raised just under \$1000.00. The students will be at the Belfast Rec Centre every Tuesday selling Lotto Tickets.

Home and School:

Home and School is looking for parents to join the Home and School Committee. We are hoping to get at least one parent/guardian per grade. If you are interest in being part of Home and School, please join us Sept. 19th at 7PM for our first meeting.

