

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.

Principal's Welcome:

Dear Students, Families, and Community Members,
It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you back to Belfast Consolidated School for the 2026–2027 school year! We are a learning community built on respect, perseverance, and kindness. Every student here is unique, and our dedicated staff works passionately to foster a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every learner can thrive.

As of August 25th, our student enrollment is approximately 150. We are also delighted to continue hosting CHANCES in our building (daycare for ages 0–4), welcoming 21 young children and bringing our total school community to over 170 children each day!

Education is most powerful when rooted in strong partnerships. Families and community members play a vital role in student success. To enrich our students' experience, we offer a wide range of after-school programs. If you are interested in volunteering or helping lead an activity, please reach out to me—we would love to expand our offerings and welcome new volunteers to our team!

We also strongly encourage parents and guardians to get involved with our Home and School Association. Our executive team does incredible work supporting our students and staff, and additional help is always appreciated to share the load and bring fresh ideas. Please join us for our first meeting on Sep 10, 2026, 6:00 PM. All are welcome! I am truly honored to serve as your principal, and I look forward to a wonderful school year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,

John Munro

Principal, Belfast Consolidated School

Dates to Remember:

SEPTEMBER:

- 8 First Day of School for Students
- 10 Home and School meeting 6PM
- 14 Picture Day (not grad photos)
- 16 Meet the families- 6:00PM
- 28 Dental Clinic Starts
- 29 Orange Shirt Day
- 23 Garden Club until 4PM
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)



Newsletters:

Our monthly school newsletters will no longer be sent home via a paper copy starting in October. Our newsletters will be emailed to the email address we have on file and posted on the school's website. (<https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/> or Google Belfast Consolidated School) for your viewing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, instead of an email copy, please contact Alyssa Thaxter at athaxter@edu.pe.ca or 902-659-7200 ext. 0. Thank you.

#BYOC:

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

School Website/Facebook:

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/>

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

Belfast Consolidated School

School Visitors:

STOP

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

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

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:

Attention Parents/Guardians:

The School Oral Health Preventative Program will begin operating at Belfast Consolidated School on September 28th/2026.

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: We have sent home a Pre-Consent form for preventative service in the Student Package. After the screening, all children will be able to participate in the preventative services, provided the Pre-Consent is completed.

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

Further Information: Please note that only preventative 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 all ages who meet the eligibility requirements. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

Milk Ordering:

Again this year, we ask students to order and pay for milk on **Thursdays**, 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 17th is the first milk ordering day. First day for milk will be Monday, September 21st.

The School Milk Foundation Board has set the price for the 2026-2027 school year. The prices are listed below.

The price is \$0.60 for white milk
\$0.80 for chocolate milk



Phys Ed:

Any parents or community members who would be willing to help with school athletics please contact the school at 902-659-7200. There are coaching positions available this year in boys volleyball Wrestling, Gymnastics, Track and Field, badminton, golf, Cross-country, and basketball.

Garden Club:

The first garden club meeting will be on September 23rd until 4PM. Students require a permission form. See Mrs. Morton or Mrs. MacKenzie for one.

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.

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, EMAIL, OR PHONE CALL IF YOU ARE:**

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

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

Bus notes must include- date, child’s name, civic address of location

Just a reminder the school does **not** call to arrange after school plans for students. After school activities must be arranged beforehand. If we do not receive any notice, your child(ren) will follow their regular routine.

Belfast Consolidated Webstore:

Belfast Consolidated School now has a clothing webstore. Follow the link below to check it out!
https://allstarcresting.ca/belfast_consolidated/shop/home

There are three delivery options.

1. Ship to home, that is a flat rate fee of \$24.99.
2. Pick up at Allstar Cresting office in Sherwood.
3. We do a bulk shipment ever couple of weeks to the school through McInnis Express.

Home and School:

Home & School would like to welcome everyone back for another school year. We’d like to once again acknowledge the contributions of past board members Tracy Knox and Caitlin Bradley, and welcome new members Charley McGivern and Heather Rooney. The first Home & School meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 6pm. We invite all parents, caregivers, and guardians to join us for our kick-off meeting and help us get this school year off to a good start, together.

Volunteers:

The Belfast historical society is looking for some volunteers to help out for the Highland Games on Saturday, September 12th. Anyone interested can email Michele McKenna at mmckenna156@gmail.com.

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. We do not have extra water bottles.

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.

PowerSchool Portal:

We are pleased to announce that ECollect, the online school form submission system, is still available! This tool will provide you with the ability to fill out your child’s school forms directly from our school's parent portal. It's a quick and easy way to send us the information we need. This year there are 5 forms available online- Student Information Details, Contact Information, Responsible Use, Media Consent, and Low Risk.

*****Please note: Students will not be allowed to use a school Chromebook until the responsible use agreement is signed.*****

We require these forms to be submitted as soon as possible to make sure we have all the correct information.

To log in, visit <https://pei.powerschool.com/> or download the mobile application on App Store or Google Play and enter the district code **CTZP** Your **username** corresponds to the **e-mail address** you provided to the school when you first registered.

To connect for the first time or if you **don't have a password**, click on the “*Forgot username or password?*” link and enter the e-mail address you provided to the school for both the parent username and parent email, then follow the instructions. If you do not receive a forgot password email, please contact the school.

Once you log in, you can access forms from the left-hand navigation. If you need more information, please access the ECollect Parent Guide at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rvuRltEUtogxOnm3LdLoLFQ0QSkyEliFSZabcnGGxc/>

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

If you require a paper copy of the forms, please contact the school. Alyssa will be our at meet the families night if you need help.

Health PEI



School Therapy Occupational Therapy (OT) Program

Hi everyone! My name is Sandra Aguila, and I am the Occupational Therapist (OT) who will be working at Belfast Consolidated school this school year. I am excited to be part of your school community and to work alongside students, school staff, and families. I will be at Belfast Consolidated school on Day 6 of the 6-day school cycle, beginning 9/23/2026.

While at Belfast Consolidated school my focus will be to work together to support students in kindergarten to grade 6; however, I am also available to support students in junior high.

Throughout the school year, I will work together with teachers, school staff, and students to help create learning environments that are accessible and inclusive for all students. To provide support where students learn and play, I may be spending time in classrooms, small groups, the gym, library, music class, hallways, cafeterias, the playground, etc..

Occupational therapists are regulated health care professionals who work with children in many different settings and understand the importance of environmental set-up, adaptations, accessibility, motor development, sensory processing, emotional regulation, and executive function to best support students with participating in their learning, building confidence, developing independence, and experiencing success at school.

OTs support students in school with participating in

- Personal cares: bathroom routines, putting on and removing outdoor clothing and footwear – including 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, and executive functioning with respect to focusing attention, organizing self, and starting work in a timely manner, etc.
- Managing the sensory demands of a school environment: managing the sound of the school bell and /or announcements, sounds and movement in busy corridors, sounds 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.

Families are important partners in supporting student success. If you have questions about OT services at your child's school, or if you would like to discuss concerns you may have related to your child's participation at home or at school, please feel welcome to contact me sandraaguila@hhs.org or 902-218-8029 (work cell) or your child's school.

Sandra Aguila, OT Reg. (PEI)
Occupational Therapist, School Therapy OT Program

Bus Safety:

Student Expectations for Maintaining Safety at Bus Stops:

- Be at your stop **5 minutes before** it is scheduled to arrive
- Wait for bus to come to a **complete stop** and have its **RED** lights flashing
- If you have to cross the road, **establish eye contact** with driver
- **Wait for the driver to beckon you** to cross to road
- **Always look both ways** before entering any roadway
- When safe to do so, **walk at a brisk pace**
- Always cross the road in **FRONT** of the bus
- If you hear the **bus horn**, get off the road immediately
- Absolutely no headphones, cell phones, or other **distractions** during the process
- **Stay focused** until safely seated (or safely off the roadway when disembarking)