

# 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:

- December 8<sup>th</sup>- Report Cards go home
- December 13<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Concert 6:30PM
- December 15<sup>th</sup>- Hotdog Orders Due
- December 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Days
- December 21<sup>st</sup>- Hotdog Day
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>- Skating (AM)
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>- Last day of Classes for 2023
- January 8<sup>th</sup> - First day of Classes for 2024

### Skating:

Students will be going skating Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Permission forms must be signed and returned by the 20<sup>th</sup>. If students don't want to skate, they will still be going to the rink, so dress appropriately.

**HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.**

### PEI Home and School:

#### Affecting Change in PEI's School System

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing resolutions is available.

Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31, 2024.**

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> / [How to Write & Present a Resolution](#) / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

#### School Staff Appreciation Week 2024

School staff celebration, the week of February 12-16. Your staff appreciation committee can begin now to make safe plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple! A little appreciation goes a long way!

#### President/Co-Chair Annual Reports 2023-2024

Presidents/Co-Chairs Annual Reports are due **Feb. 29**. To help you get started, we suggest that you record each month's activities in a bulleted form list, beginning in September. Add what will be happening to finish out the school year, March to June. Collectively, you are writing the history of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. If you need help, contact us at: 902-620-3186 / [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca). And, we have a google form to help. Go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOlnb3\\_QVIM3zNjpR2ZdylWdQ98Po5s3WCKbRCex/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NOlnb3_QVIM3zNjpR2ZdylWdQ98Po5s3WCKbRCex/edit)

#### International Volunteer Day is on December 5, annually

It's a day that recognizes the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies, economies, and environment. <https://nationaltoday.com/international-volunteer-day/>

### Christmas Dance:

Grade 7-9 Christmas Dance December 21st from 6-8PM. Entry Fee is a canned food item or \$2.00.

### Belfast Athletics Page:

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

### Extra Clothing:

The temperature has dropped outside. We ask that you 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.

### School Visitors:

# STOP

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

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

### Food Drive:

Our 7/8 class will be holding a food drive from Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. We ask that students bring in a non-perishable food item. The items will be sent to each homeroom until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Week:

18<sup>th</sup>- WHOVILLE DAY- Wear your Christmas hat/head wear or show us your crazy hair

19<sup>th</sup>- IT'S COLD OUTSIDE- Wear your Christmas sweaters or shirts

20<sup>th</sup>- BULLDOG SWAG- Show off your school swag or colors- **Green/White/Black**

21<sup>st</sup>- CHRISTMAS COZY- PJ day or comfy attire

22<sup>nd</sup>- ELF DAY- Wear **Red/White/Green** + Skating

### Gymnastics:

The Island Gymnastics Academy is once again offering gymnastics classes in January at Montague Consolidated, for Boys and Girls from grade K-6.

To register please use the following link

<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/IGA/shop/programs/96087>

Should the class you are interested in be full, please add your name to a waiting list as we may add other classes.

If you have any questions please contact : [islandgymnasticsacademy@gmail.com](mailto:islandgymnasticsacademy@gmail.com)

### Walking Buddies:

The last walking buddies for 2023 will be tomorrow, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for a Spring startup date! Thank you, Mrs. MacKinnon, for starting the walking buddies!

### Gold Rush:

Congratulations to Sonya Daley on winning \$7100.00! 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 1:00PM. 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!

### Fundraising:

Our grade 9 class will be holding a canteen and selling raffle tickets during the Christmas Concert. All proceeds will go towards their year-end trip. Raffle prizes are 3<sup>rd</sup>- crocheted hanging plant, 2<sup>nd</sup>- crocheted fox, 1<sup>st</sup>- crocheted lighthouse. Draw date will be Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Home and School:

The next home and school meeting will be Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

### Santa's Thrift Shop:

The Grade 9 class will be running a Christmas Store the week of December 18th for students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 to buy low-priced gifts for their families. Donations are needed for the store. We are looking for gently used items, such as toys, books, accessories, housewares, toques, mitts, scarves, jewelry, etc. No clothing please. Christmas gift wrap and gift bags would also be gratefully received. Items can be brought to the school up until December 18th.

### Thank you:

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the breakfast program. Your donations help make the program successful.

We would like to thank the Belfast Lions Club for their donation to the school. This money will be used to help pay for field trips, gym equipment, breakfast food items, and other things as needed.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas Planter for our Grade 9 fundraiser. It was a HUGE success!

Thank you to staff/students, home/school and all the generous businesses for making our BINGO Night so successful!

The Alley, Anchored Construction, AA Mechanical, APHL, AAPT, Avondale Golf, Bar Vela, Becks, Belfast Rec Center, Belfast Highland Greens, Belle River ent., Belles, Bernadette flowers, Blue door, Bogside, Boston pizza, Brookvale, Brudenell Golf, BTC, Canadian Tire, Cavendish Agri, Bell Alliant, Mitsubishi, Claddagh Oyster, Coopers, Country Taste, Cordalson Farms, Caitlin Bradley, Cows, Dan Ross, Dragonfly PEI Wellness, Docherty's, Down East Auto, East wind wellness, Fair Isle, Famous peppers, Galla Design, Gillis Lodge, Good equipment, Greco, Harris farms, Holly White, In the mix Bakery, Irving, Islanders, Juanita Bradley, J & D custom butchery, Judson's, Lady slipper, Lord Selkirk, Lucky bean, Maritime madness, McDonald's, MacPhail's, Murphy's, Nabuurs design, NFL, Norton's, Papa John's, Pei summer music, Mel's, Pharmasave, Pioneer, Pizza delight, Red Dirt Yard Works, Red Clay, Riley and Sons, Robin's, Rossignol, Sobeys, Spry point, Speedy, Stewart and Beck, Superstore, Tara Stewart, SEC heat exchange, TCAP, The local, Tim's, Wendy's, Tonia Fraser, Totally taco, Visser's, Zenflex, #5 Café, The Morton family, K&A dairy, and Cheryl Drake.

Motivational Interviewing to Increase Knowledge about Vaccination  
**MIKOVAC**

Is it necessary for my children to receive all these vaccines? Why vaccinate if diseases no longer exist?

I've encountered a lot of concerning information online and I'm worried about getting my child vaccinated.

Why should I have my son vaccinated against HPV?

Are you looking for a non-judgmental place to ask questions about your children's vaccinations? Our vaccination counsellors offer support to parents and/or guardians who may have concerns about routine and catch-up childhood vaccines.

- ✓ empathetic
- ✓ evidence-based
- ✓ free online conversations and flexible to your schedule

Consult a vaccination counsellor for FREE today!  
[www.canvax.ca/miikovac](http://www.canvax.ca/miikovac)

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WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!