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:

Feb. 8th- Pizza Orders go home

Feb. 9th- Valentine's Dance 6-8PM ♥

Feb. 12-16th- Staff Appreciation Week

Feb. 12th- Candy Gram & Pink Shirt Orders Due!

Feb. 13th- Pizza Orders Due

Feb.16th - Parent Teacher Interview Sign up Opens

Feb. 16th- Winter Wellness Activities- PM

Feb. 19th- Family Day- NO School

Feb. 20th- Pizza Day

Feb 26th- 100th Day of School

Feb. 28th- Pink Shirt Day- Anti-Bullying Day

Mar. 1st - Parent Teacher Interview Sign up Closes 4PM

Mar. 5th- March Newsletter

Phys Ed:

Any parents or community members who would be willing to help out with school athletics please contact Mr. Johnson at tjjohnson@edu.pe.ca or (902) 629-0242.

There are coaching positions available this year in Badminton, and Track and Field. Mr. Johnson could also use help next year in Volleyball, golf, gymnastics, basketball and Cross-country. Thank you to our basketball coaches Mr. Johnson and Mr. Munro, and to our gymnastics coaches Marcos, Oona and Mr. Johnson. Thank you to our wrestling coach Wallace Roach and Manager Tracy Knox.

Stay up-to-date with school sportshttps://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.

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/h ome

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.

Toonies for Trayton:

It's almost Valentine's Day, that signifies our Annual "Toonies for Trayton" Campaign! The monetary collection will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of PEI in Trayton's memory.

- Candy Grams- \$1.00- Orders due Feb. 12th
- Family Valentine's Dance- 6-8PM- Feb. 9th Cost: \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for a family. **K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday February 12th

Hat Day - Show off your most loved hat!

- Play Doh sale- \$1.00
- Guess the Hershey Kisses- \$0.25/each

Tuesday February 13th

Twin Day - Match your bestie in lookalike outfits!

- Play Doh sale- \$1.00
- Guess the Hershey Kisses- \$0.25/each

Wednesday February 14th

Valentine's Colors Day - Spread the love with pink, white, red, purple colors!

- Candy Grams delivered
- Guess the Hershey Kisses- \$0.25/each

Thursday February 15th

Comfy Clothes day - Show your love for comfort with sweats or

Bake Sale

Friday February 16th

Bulldog Spirit Day - Show your love for being a Bulldog with your Bulldog swag or school colors! (green, black & white)

- Winter Wellness Stations- afternoon

Each spirit day is by donation!



PEI Home and School:

Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16, 2024. Home and School Associations plan ways to thank school staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Start now. Brainstorm ideas to thank school staff.

Home and School Volunteer Awards

The Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes one volunteer's significant contributions to helping volunteers in their local school communities. The Life Member acknowledges service to the provincial Federation. Associations may nominate Home and School volunteers for these awards by the deadline: **March. 3.** Criteria and Form are online at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's **Annual General Meeting** will be on **April 13, 2024**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. The Federation office will mail the AGM package to presidents and information will be posted at: https://peihsf.ca/agm/ Plan to register 2-5 delegates to represent your school.

What is the role of educators and parents in the education of students?

Parent and educators work together to support and improve the learning, development and overall health of children and youth. We play major roles in the educational success of students. Students need a positive learning experience to succeed in school: one providing support, motivation, and quality instruction. With the increasing demands on the family, parental support in the education of students extends beyond the school building. It's a shared responsibility! You really can bolster a child's education by creating a supportive learning environment at home. You can also do so by becoming more involved in the school community. The research says that parent and family involvement creates better outcomes for students. https://www.prodigygame.com/mainen/blog/parental-involvement-in-education/

Pink Shirt Day Canada 2024 is on February 28th Let's work together to end bullying and spread kindness! A new Pink Shirt Project for high schools urges youth to create a kindness inspired project for their school or community. Students conceive of and implement their very own ideas for spreading good! For more information go to: https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our parent teacher interviews will be the week of March 4-8th. Interviews will be held in person.

If you cannot make an in-person interview, and would like a phone call, please reach out to your child's teachers to schedule a phone call.

The sign-up link will be emailed out Feb. 16th. All sign ups must be in **NO LATER** than Friday, March 1st at 4PM.

If you have any questions, please call Alyssa at 902-659-7200.

Ski Trip:

The 7-9's will be going skiing March 1st 10AM-1PM and March 15th 1:30PM-8PM.

Homework Guide:

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Grade Level	Homework/Google Classroom Expectations
Kindergarten	Fun Games to keep at home. Snuggle up and Read Friday Newsletter with questions to ask child
Grade 1	Reading every school evening
Grade 2	Google Classroom work Fundations Home Support Pack Books from the classroom library Math Makes Sense homework suggestions
Grade 3	Reading for 20 minutes school nights Fundations work
Grade 4	Read for 15-20 minutes school nights Word work (schedule in homework duotangs) (10 mins) Math Facts (5 mins)
Grade 5/6	(DO WHAT YOU CAN. NO PENALTY FOR WORK NOT COMPLETED) 1. Word work sent home to practice 2. Gr 5 math sheets sent home Monday, returned Friday. 3. Gr 6 math optional work by request 4. May do reading comprehension based on P/T feedback
Grade 7-9	 Gr 1/2 Math- no homework Gr 9 Math- lots of work on the Google classroom to practice, and review. Suggested 15 minutes a weeknight. Students asked to review every night (3) prior to test. Gr 1/2 science- Study key terms and review questions 5-10 minutes a night. Gr 1/2 social studies is the same as science. Gr 7-9 LA is that time is given in class to complete work. IF it is not completed, expected to be handed in on time which would require time at home. Home reading is encouraged gr 7-9. Assignments with deadlines are posted on the Google Classroom.
Core French	Google Classroom with practice/review websites for home for all grades 4-9. Assignments for grade 7-9 are always posted with instructions and evaluations.



Principal's Home and School Report January 2024

- Heritage fair, Science fair, explorations students with fundraisers and community-minded events.
- With the support of the Belfast Lions Club, a number of local businesses, and our staff, we were able to
 raise over \$2000 to provide Christmas gifts for 6 families and 14 children in our school community. We
 have supported families over the past number of years in this manner, and plan to do so in the future.
- The Christmas Concert was a huge hit again this year, with a capacity crowd. Thanks to Mr. Ellis and all
 our staff for supporting the Christmas Concert. From Home and School's suggestion a few years ago to
 move to an evening Concert, staff have been excellent to support that initiative.
- The grade 7-9 students and staff leadership group run a number of fun theme days the last week of school, a skate at the rink, and games on the last day of school. It was lots of fun and was well received by students and staff.
- Girls' and boys' basketball seasons are going well, with half the season completed, and the teams finishing
 the season end of February. Wrestling is ongoing 2-3 times a week. We also have volunteers running an
 after-school program for students on Friday's after school. Coaches Oona and Marco have added floor
 gymnastics for vaulting. Mr. Johnson, with the other coaches support, are running the team gymnastics
 this year.
- The new ventilation system is in place, but installation is not quite completed yet. Electrical and plumbing work is still required.
- We have Tammy Davies working as a student Youth Service Worker in our school. Tammy will be with us
 every day up until the end of April. We are very fortunate to have Tammy back at our school!
- The grade 9 class has raised a little over \$9400 for their trip in June. We are hoping to get that number to
 approximately \$12,000 to cover all the costs. Thanks to the students, parents, staff, and community for
 their work on the numerous fundraisers this year.
- The grade 9 students are planning on running Go!Play for grades K-3 this spring. Stay tuned.
- I plan to share the principal's report in our monthly newsletter to share what the is happening at the school, and the partnership we have on different initiatives.
- We post the approved minutes of the meeting for Home and School.
- The Exploration Class had a talent show at the end of the day Friday. Students from K-9 were involved, and it was well received. Funds raised are going to be donated to the Humane Society.
- I have a presentation to share for the COMPASS SURVEY, homework opportunities for students, and grade 10 readiness.
- Bingo! was a huge success again this year! Thanks to the Home and School for working together with the school to pull off this popular event. Attendance was down a little bit from last year, but the total funds raised was still close to last year's number.
- We have booked two ski trips for students coming in March (weather permitting 1st and 15th).
- We have received the go ahead to build another Gaga Pit with financing from the Department of Education.

