


Birchwood Intermediate

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2019
Newsletter

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Dates to Remember



April 4	Home & School Meeting at 6:30 in Birchwood Library
April 4	EAL Parent Session 6:00 pm at Colonel Gray Lecture Theatre
April 4	Parent Information Session for incoming Grade 10 students at 7:00 pm at Colonel Gray & IB Meeting to Follow
April 4	Parent Information Session for incoming Grade 10 students at 7:00 pm at Charlottetown Rural & IB Meeting to Follow
April 5	Grade 7 Band to Stratford Elementary in a.m.
April 8	Wear Green in Honour of Humboldt, Broncos Hockey Team
April 8	Colonel Gray & Charlottetown Rural presentation at Birchwood/Grade 9's
April 9	Grade 7 – Off Grounds for Lunch (Due to wrestling in Cafeteria)
April 10	Hat Day - Loonie/Toonie for Easter Seals
April 11	Grade 7 Band to Athena Consolidated
April 12	School Goals (No Classes)
April 15-26	Freezie Sale Daily for Easter Seals
April 17	Colonel Gray & Charlottetown Rural here for Grade 9's to Register
April 17	Hat Day - Loonie/Toonie for Easter Seals
April 23	Easter Seals Ambassador, Ty MacLeod, Visit 9:35 a.m.
April 24	Grade 8 Parent Meeting for Next Year Grade 9 Trip
April 26	Wrestling Provincials
April 26	Grade 7 – Off Grounds for Lunch (April)
April 27	Red Cross Babysitting Course
May 02	Provincial Heritage Fair
May 03	Area Association Day (No Classes)
May 08	Colonel Gray Musical at Confederation Centre
May 10	Orientation Day for Grade 6 Students (no classes for Grade 7 students)
May 30-Jun 1	Grade 8 & 9 Band Trip to Halifax

Green Shirt Day in Honour of Humboldt Broncos Hockey Team

We encourage students and staff to wear green on Monday, April 8th, in support of the Humboldt Broncos victims, survivors and families.

Green Shirt Day! Last April, Canadians rallied together in support of the victims, survivors and families of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Many students and teachers took part by putting out hockey sticks in front of their classrooms and wearing their jerseys to school. This year, the family of Logan Boulet is holding the first annual national Green Shirt Day in honour of their son and the Broncos family, and to increase awareness about the importance of organ donation. Green Shirt Day is on Sunday, April 7, and we are asking schools and workplaces to consider participating on Monday, April 8.

Grade 7 Parents

Grade 7 students have permission to go off grounds at noon on Tuesday, April 9th due to zone wrestling in cafeteria. Also, they will be off grounds at noon on Friday, April 26th. If you do not wish your child to go off grounds, please have the discussion with your child.

Duke of Edinburgh

An information session will take place at lunch time the week of April 15-18 for grade 8 students interested in the Duke of Edinburgh program. Listen for announcements that week for details. For more information contact Ms. Desiree Dunn

Grade 9 Register for Grade 10

Representatives from Colonel Gray and Charlottetown Rural will be here at Birchwood on April 17th for the day. Students can submit their registration on MyBlueprint and should be completed by April 15th.

Grade 8 Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting Wednesday, April 24 for grade 8 parents regarding the grade 9 trip next year. It will be at 6:00 pm at Birchwood in the cafeteria.

Easter Seals

The 40th Tim Hortons Easter Seals Ambassador's Tour is upon us. This year's ambassador is Ty MacLeod who is a grade 7 student at Athena Consolidated. Ty will be visiting Birchwood School Monday, April 29th at 9:35am. He will be speaking to our students about his motto - "The Sky Is The Limit! ".



We will be having hat days on April 10th & 17th. Please send in a loonie or toonie. We will be selling freezies every day the weeks of April 15th and 22nd. These initiatives are to raise funds for Easter Seals.

Yearbook Sale

Yearbook sales have come to an end. There may be a few copies available for purchase. Students who did not order a yearbook can put their name on a list with either Mr. Vaive or Mme. Bernard. We are currently looking for team pictures captured by friends and family to include in our yearbook. Pictures from any extracurricular activity can be sent to mdbernard@cloud.edu.pe.ca, rwvaive@cloud.edu.pe.ca, or uploaded to our Yearbook App *ReplayIt* (available to download free of charge from the app store on your mobile device). Pictures must be received no later than April 16th to be included in this year's yearbook.

Band News

Grade 7 Band will also be performing at Stratford Elementary on Friday, April 5th in the morning. Students must wear their band shirts to this activity.

The Grade 7 Band will be travelling to Athena Consolidated in Summerside on **April 11, 2019** to perform at the Beginning Band Day event. Beginner band students from across P.E.I. perform for each other in a welcoming, supportive atmosphere. We will be travelling to Summerside by bus. Concert dress (band shirt, black bottoms) is expected. The students will perform in the morning. At noon, students will go to Wendy's for lunch. Please provide funds for this activity. We will be returning to Birchwood in time for students to catch busses home at 3 pm.

The **Grade 8/9 Band** is preparing to attend and perform at the Atlantic Festival of Music on May 30 – June 1. Permission forms and trip itinerary will be passed out to these students.

Coaches Corner

Wrestling

Zone 3 Wrestling Qualifier will be hosted at Birchwood on Tuesday, April 9th. 9:30am

PEISAA Wrestling Provincials will be hosted at Birchwood on Friday, April 26 @ 4pm and Saturday, April 27th @ 10am

Library News

April is poetry month!

During the month of April, we will be having a free verse (max 32 lines) poetry contest. Students can submit their poetry pieces to Mrs. Gairns through google cloud (smgairns). Birchwood is home to some brilliant writers. We look forward to showcasing our poetry contest winner in our next newsletter.

Volunteers- The library will be looking for some end of the year parent volunteers. If you are interested in lending a helping hand please contact the school and Mrs. Gairns.

As always, our ongoing flipgive indigo fundraiser is still active. Any purchase made through the link below will contribute to our fundraiser. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

<https://indigo.flipgive.com/teams/111511-birchwood-intermediate-school-library>

We continue to say thank you to our school community for your outpouring support in the renewal of our library. We have made so much progress in the last two years and we look forward to continuing on this path.

Home & School News

Home & School meeting Thursday, April 4 at 6:30pm. At that time, proposed resolutions for the 2019 annual general meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation will be reviewed:

2019-02 [Request for the establishment of a working group to research a homework policy for P.E.I.'s school system](#)

2019-01 [School Renovation and Construction Recommended Guidelines](#)

Awards Recognizing Crossing Guards and Bus Drivers:

Nomination applications available at: <http://peihsf.ca/awards>

School Crossing Guard of the Year Award recognizes a school crossing guard on PEI for their service in keeping our walking students safe.

Submit nominations by: **April 26, 2019.**

School Bus Driver of the Year Award recognizes school bus drivers on PEI for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day.

Submit nominations by: **May 10, 2019.**

Provincial Heritage Fair

The Provincial Heritage Fair will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2018. The Heritage Fair is an engaging way to learn about history and make new discoveries. Students choose a topic that has to do with Canadian Heritage, research it, and present their findings. Depending on interest, there may be a school fair to narrow down the projects that will go on to the Provincial Heritage Fair. At the Provincial Fair, students are interviewed by judges and take part in engaging activities related to heritage and history. Any students interested in participating should see Mrs. Breedon in Room 313 for more information.

Charlottetown Rural Musical

Charlottetown Rural Musical "We Will Rock You" will be on May 8th at Confederation Centre. Price is \$10.00 per person and you can pay online <https://birchwood.payschoolfees.net> or send cash to school.

Community News

The Stratford Soccer Club will be holding their 2019 summer soccer season registrations over the next few weeks.

Onsite registration dates;

- **Saturday April 6 - 9:00am - 12:00pm (Island Wide registration date)**
- **Wednesday April 10 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
- **Saturday April 13 - 9:00am - 12:00pm**
- **Wednesday April 17 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Location: Stratford Town Centre (Main Lobby)

On-line registration is also available. For more information on registration please visit the club web site: www.stratford.goalline.ca

Baker's Safety Instruction

Mr. Baker will be running a Red Cross Baby Sitting course on Tuesday, April 27 2019, from 8:30am to 5pm. The cost is \$35.00 and the session will be held at Grace Christian School 50 Kirkdale Dr. Charlottetown . If your child is interested in taking the course, please contact Mr. Baker via his email bsi@bakersafety.ca or visit his website baker.safety.ca