

BIRCHWOOD INTERMEDIATE

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Upcoming Events for November & December

Nov. 18	Home & School Meeting at 7:00 Birchwood Cafeteria
Nov. 19	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 – 7:00
Nov. 20	Parent Teacher Interviews 8:30 – 12:00
Nov. 23	Candy Cane Sales Begin
Nov. 26	Grade 7s Off Grounds
Nov. 27	Professional Learning Day/Joint Staff (no classes)
Dec. 02	Grade 9 Immunizations
Dec. 10	Virtual Cup Cake & Cookie Auction
Dec. 10	Report Cards sent home
Dec. TBD	Consider the Consequences of Vaping Presentation
Dec. 15	Virtual Band Concert
Dec. 18	Last Instructional Day

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Sometimes, it may be necessary to close individual or families of school **during the day** to get the children home before weather conditions become too severe. In such cases, announcements will be made on all radio stations and our website at [Public School Branch](#). **Birchwood School is in the Colonel Gray Family of Schools.**

Please **listen to the radio between 6:00 am – 8:00 am** to determine if schools are operating.

DO NOT drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day.

ONE HOUR DELAY – In cases where a decision cannot be made by 7:00 a.m. a **one-hour delay** will be announced. This means that all schools and buses may operate one hour later than the usual time. A further announcement regarding delays and/or cancellations will take place by 8:00 am.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day ceremony was held on November 10th. We were fortunate to have Lieutenant Colonel John Coffin of the 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron join us virtually as our keynote speaker. In addition to his military duties, Lieutenant Colonel Coffin is the Canadian Armed Forces Chief Official for the Sport of Running. Students participated in commemoration activities and shared them virtually during the day. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Coffin.

School Fees

School fees can be paid in cash or online with an E-Transfer to **birchwood@edu.pe.ca**. If paying online, please make sure you add the following info: *Students first and last name, homeroom and what you are paying for.*

Breakfast Program

We are accepting donations such as cereal, strawberry jam, granola bars, apples, etc. as well as monetary donations.

GSA Club

GSA is a student run club for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. The group aims to provide a safe, supportive environment for members to meet, support each other, discuss LGBTQ+ related topics and advocate for the community. This club is open to any student or staff at Birchwood Intermediate School who are interested in joining. Please speak to Mrs. Forbes or Mrs. Munn if you have questions about the group. Watch the announcements for a start date and meeting time and location.

“Future Goals” After School Program

All students are welcome to attend our after school program, “Future Goals”. **This will take place in Room 311 at Birchwood from 3:00-4:30 pm every Monday and Tuesday.** We’ll be doing a variety of activities and career exploration.



Outdoor Adventure Club

Outdoor Adventure Club will be every Wednesday or Thursday from 3:00-5:15 or 5:30 depending on the outing. A variety activities are apple picking, disc golf, rock climbing, skiing and others. Subject to change. All are welcome.

Duke of Edinburgh

If there are any grade nine students interested in the Duke of Edinburgh program, please stop by and see Mrs. Dunn as soon as possible in Room 202 or email desireedunn@edu.pe.ca.

Band



The Christmas concert will be virtual this year. More details to follow.

Birchwood Gives Back

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The food bank has been a major contributor to the Birchwood Christmas program. Please donate a non-perishable food item to our Birchwood Gives Back to the Food Bank Drive. Donations can be given to homeroom teachers or dropped off in the office through to December 11th. Thanks in advance for your support!



Candy Cane sale to help support families at Christmas will be on sale in the lobby at break and lunch starting November 23rd. Small for 25¢ or Large 50



Cup Cake/Cookie Auction!! December 10th.

Get together with classmates/cohort and bid virtually on cup cakes and cookies. All proceeds go to Birchwood Holiday Hampers.

Grade 7 Parents

Birchwood Grade 7 students have permission to go off grounds on Wednesday, November 26th.

Library News

As the weather continues to cool, we will be opening our doors to students at lunch time. Students will be required to sanitize upon arrival, sign in, and wear a mask. We are looking forward to seeing everyone enjoy this space again while adhering to the public health guidelines.

Book Trailer Contest - Students are invited to create a book trailer for their book of choice. The trailers should be 1-2 minutes in length and will be judged on their level of persuasiveness (which happens to coincide with our LA outcomes). Book trailers can be sent to smgairns@cloud.edu.pe.ca before December 14th for a chance to win a prize.

House of Writers - Any students interested in creating stories or improving their writing skills are welcome to sign up for our House of Writers program that will run every Tuesday from 3-3:45 in the library.

After School Homework Program - Students are welcome to visit the library after school from 3-3:45 to complete homework, read and/or write.

Ongoing Online Library Fund-raiser - With every e-gift card purchase, our library receives 20% back to go towards new books. Every purchase made online, through the link below, benefits our library. If you rather shop in store, just purchase a gift card through this link and use the bar code in store.

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

To stay updated, our library blog site is a link and can be found under the student life tab in the library section.

<https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/thebirchwoodlibrary/home>

“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without even moving your feet.” Jhumpa Lahiri

Coaches Corner



AAG Soccer - Provincial Champs! It was a thrilling game that went into double overtime, then 6 rounds of sudden death penalty kicks. Lucy Power scored the winning goal and keeper Lauren MacEachern made the save to secure the win, earning Player of the Game.

AAB Soccer - Bronze medal! The boys won over Summerside Intermediate. Goals by Arun Darjee and Matt MacLean, who was named Player of the Game.

AAG Volleyball - made it all the way to the Bronze medal final but came up a bit short, losing in 5 sets. Congrats to Rebekah McGeoghegan on being named to the all star team.

AAB Volleyball - Bronze medal! The boys took four sets to secure the win against ME Callaghan. Congrats to Dillon McEntee and Gabe Ing on their MVP and all-start awards.

AG Volleyball - For the first time, Birchwood entered two girls' teams into PEISAA volleyball league play! The girls made it to the quarter finals but lost a nail biter in Montague to end their season.

Golf - Boys and girls sent full teams to the provincials at Avondale. Congrats to the boys' team on their team Silver - Dillon McEntee, Sam Murnaghan, Cole Coffin and Cohen Campbell

Cross Country - Bantam Girls Provincial Champs! Lilly MacVicar, Alex Newson, Emily Lutley, Maiya Chaudhary, Petra Klimes, Lucy Power and Taryn MacInnis.

Individual results:

Bantam girls - Alex Newson 1st, Emily Lutley 3rd

Several personal best times were recorded by the Cobras.

Field Hockey – The girls had a great season. We would like to thank our graduating players! Congratulations to Molly MacNeill on her PEISAA all star selection. Looking forward to next season.

Thank you to all the volunteer coaches who dedicated so much time! All the best to our graduating Grade 9 players as they transition into their high school athletic careers.

Sports photos from all provincial championships are posted at www.rudisphoto.com, the official photographer of the PEI School Athletic Association.

Home & School News

Wednesday November 18th at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Masks are required

FROM PEI HOME & SCHOOL FEDERATION

1. Reminder to pay 2020-2021 Membership Fees

Remind your Home and School Association treasurer to pay 2020-2021 Home and School membership fees by **Nov. 1st**. Forms were mailed to presidents, mid-Sept. and is also available by clicking [online](#) or she/he may request by e-mailing the office at: peihsf@edu.pe.ca

2. Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants up to \$1,000 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. [Click here for Application](#). Submit by the new submission deadline: **Dec. 11, 2020**. Need more info? Contact Shirley at: peihsf@edu.pe.ca

3. Recognition and Awards Programs 2021

Nominate deserving school staff, Home and School volunteers, school bus drivers, and school crossing guards for recognition by the P.E.I. Home and School Federation. 2021 submission deadlines apply. Extra Mile Award nominations are due **Jan. 22nd**. [Click here to find more information](#).

4. Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Parents and teachers are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the Provincial Level through the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's advocacy policies (i.e. student wellness, curriculum needs, equity, diversity, student physical health, school bus safety, etc.). For reference, review the Federation's [Policy Manual](#). Submit **2021** resolutions by **Jan. 31st** to: peihsf@edu.pe.ca

5. How can I sign up for the Healthy School Lunch Program?

Step 1: Sign up for the program at peischoolfood.ca.

Step 2: You will receive an email with a username and password.

Step 3: Log in at peischoolfood.ca and order meals for two weeks at a time. You must complete your order the Friday before each new cycle. [Click here for more information](#).

Telephone: 902-438-4895

Email: peischoolfood@edu.pe.ca (link sends e-mail)

Community News....

Start thinking about the annual Festive Wreath Exhibition! Open to children/youth, adults, groups, and businesses. Categories include child solo/children group/traditional/Green Living (recycled items), etc. "Off The Wall" (non-traditional), sponsored by 'The Dunes Gallery'. Use your imagination, and have fun. Drop off on Nov. 21 & 22, 1-3 pm at the Confederation Centre

of the Arts. Entry fee \$5. Wreaths will be on display at the Confederation Centre until Dec. 19. For info: 902-628-6141 / friends@confederationcentre.com

[Children Learn better when they move around class](#) = Research suggests they may be on to something. As "Science of Us" has previously noted, [exercise can act as a memory boost](#). A study published last year in *Pediatrics* found that allowing time for physical activity during lessons helped elementary-school students to do better in both math and language lessons. [Click here for more info](#)

[Canadian Children's Book Centre](#) = Each month [CCBC](#) brings a selection of Canadian books for children and teens. Click here to see the full book list. Interested in learning more about some of amazing nominated creators? Watch one of the panels presented as a part of TIFA. Sign up to attend today! Enter [here](#) for a chance to win a copy of *Pumpkinheads*, written by Rainbow Rowell and illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks.

[Net-Zero](#) = Province is looking for input and bold ideas from Islanders to help reach Net Zero energy use consumption by 2030. Reaching Net Zero will take cooperation from Islanders – community groups, businesses, and all levels of government. To submit ideas and for more info, visit: [Net-Zero](#).

FREE Parent Talk "Tears and Tandrums Understanding Frustration and Aggression" sponsored by PEI's [Early Childhood Development Association](#) on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Feel free to share it far and wide, we hope to reach many families! To register, contact Megan – megan.mcphee@ecdaofpei.ca or 368-1876 or by [clicking here](#).