

**GULF SHORE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2021**

**Dates to Remember:**

October 1 – Joint Staff Day - NO CLASSES  
October 7 – Terry Fox Run/Walk  
October 8 – Professional Learning Day – NO CLASSES  
October 11 – Thanksgiving – Holiday- NO CLASSES  
October 26 – Student Pictures  
November 5 – Free Milk Day  
November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly  
November 11 – Remembrance Day – NO CLASSES  
November 12 & 15 – PEITF Convention – NO CLASSES  
November 10 – Picture Retakes  
November 23 – 26 – Scholastic Book Fair  
November 25 & 26 – P/T Conferences (25<sup>th</sup> –Evening & 26 – Daytime) – NO CLASSES

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**COVID 19**

COVID 19 has certainly brought about many changes in our school. We have been working very hard to keep your child(ren) safe but we need your help in doing this.

**PRE-SCREENING YOUR CHILDREN**– Every morning we ask that you check-in with your child to see how they are feeling. If your child is feeling unwell and is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that they stay home and suggest you call 811 or your healthcare provider for information. The [pre-screening checklist](#) can be found on the PSB website and PSB social media.

**AT SCHOOL** – If your child feels unwell while at school, a staff person will call you and ask you to come and pick up your child. If the child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, the school will suggest that you take your child to be tested. If your child is advised to get tested for COVID-19, your child must remain at home until a negative result is found and they no longer have symptoms. Others in the household do not need to self-isolate at this time. If your child is not tested for COVID-19, they should still remain home until symptoms improve and they are feeling well. We appreciate your support with these unexpected circumstances.

**BAD WEATHER**

**SCHOOL CANCELLATION**-All school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the Public Schools Branch website by 7:00 A.M. If all schools are closed, it will be announced that all Public Schools Branch schools in the province are closed for the day. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a “family of schools”. Please remember that Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family of Schools.

**ONE HOUR DELAY** - If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M. Partial school closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. **Gulf Shore is part of the Bluefield Family.**

**LATE BUSES** -In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast and by SAS email that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #97 is running 30 minutes later).

**SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY** - It may be necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and school board websites. Please ensure that your child’s homeroom teacher knows what your **Early Closure Plan** is for your child.

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS**

1. **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. **Please listen** to the radio and check school board websites frequently between 6:30 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. **Please do not** call the school, school board office, or the radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up the telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

**Bus Transfers:** A reminder that bus transfers are not allowed at Gulf Shore. We run with five buses and each bus is filled to capacity. Please make alternate transportation plans when necessary that do not include bus transfers.

**Terry Fox News:** This is the 41st anniversary for the Annual Terry Fox Run /Walk and our school has raised over \$125 000 in 20 years. That's amazing! Our goal is to participate with heart and soul like we do every year. We will "Try Like Terry!" Our run/walk will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021. Pledge sheets have been sent home with students and we will continue with our online fundraising with the following link:

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=943222>

We will also fundraise for t-shirts. They won't be available for our run, but all sales go towards our fundraising.

Fundraising will continue over Thanksgiving Weekend, and we are asking for all pledges to be returned by **Wednesday October 13th.**

Gulf Shore Home and School are providing lunch (hotdog and juice) and it will be delivered to the classrooms.

## **Sports News:**

Another year, another round of Fall sports!

The girls' soccer team tied their first league games against Birchwood #2 with a 1-1 score while the boys had a decisive win against Stonepark, 7-0. Both teams have league games each week until Provincials at the end of October.

Golf has also kicked off with five male Golfers taking part in the individual 9 hole zones, as well as a new 3-person team scramble. All five golfers advanced through zones and are off to provincials.

Finally, we have also started Cross-Country running but there will not be zones or provincials for our novice and pre novice runners yet as we want to remain cautious with those that aren't able to be vaccinated yet. There will be an effort at the end of the year to hold provincials for these groups, and instead our school will be organizing our own meet with our runners. Our Bantam and Intermediate group, however, will be participating in zones and provincials in the upcoming weeks.

In intramural news, we will be starting up our first intramural league with the gr 4-6 and the gr 7-9 alternating days with Soccer Baseball starting at the beginning of October.

Best of luck to our athletes!

## **Gulf Shore Home and School**

Thank you to everyone who attended the first Home & School meeting of the year. It was great to see new and returning faces.

We are once again offering pizza from By the Bay on Fridays. Please note - this is part of the Gulf Shore Hot lunch program and is not affiliated with the provinces Healthy Food Program. The pizza will be available for purchase via our hotlunches.net program. If you are new to the program you can register your child (info on school website). Milk is available 5 days a week in addition to the pizza on Fridays. Ordering is now open and closes weekly at 8 pm on Sunday evening.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Oct 7th. Thanks to the generosity of The North Rustico Food Mart, and our volunteers, we are able to provide a BBQ lunch to all participants.

We would like to once again have representatives from each class/grade - these reps are in place to be the liaison between your class and the Home & School. Please bring any concerns, ideas or questions that you may have to your parent rep. You do not have to be a rep to attend meetings or to help within our school on any occasion. Each rep is asked to create or use a previously started Facebook group for their class to

help aid in the relaying of information. If you have not been added to your class group, or are not on Facebook, please contact your class rep via your child's teacher.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to represent their class. We are still missing representatives from a few classes. If you are able to help please let us know.

K (Bernard) - Lindsay Gallant  
K (Hunting) - Jen Covello  
1 (Toner) - Danee Warcop  
1/2 McGuigan - Lily Minacci Morey  
2 (MacNeill) - vacant  
3 (McGillivray) - Martina Gallant  
4 (McMurdo) - Stephanie Arnold  
4 Imm (MacKay) - vacant  
5/6 (Holmes) - Danee Warcop  
5/6 Imm (Anderson) - Marsha Hammill  
7/8 Eng (Skeffington) - Dorothy Wakelin  
7 Imm (P. Arsenault) - vacant  
8 Imm (MacNevin) - vacant  
9 Eng (Silliker) - Danee Warcop  
9 Imm (K. Arsenault) - vacant

We would also like to introduce the executive and volunteers of our Gulf Shore Home and School Association for the 2021/22 school year. Thank you to Dorothy Wakelin for volunteering for the position of Secretary.

President – Jen Covello  
Past President – Erin MacRae-Forrest  
Vice President – Marsha LeBlanc  
Treasurer – Marsha Doucette/Lindsay Gallant  
Secretary – Dorothy Wakelin  
Milk/School Food Program – Sally Pineau  
Food for Thought Cupboard – Michelle Gallant  
District Advisory Committee Representative – Stephanie Arnold

Gulf Shore will also be hosting The PEI Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 21st, 6:00 PM. This year's theme is "Everything's Connected"

A Panel Discussion will be presented as follows:

Topic:	Panelist:
Reconciliation: Art of Storytelling and Listening	Julie Pellissier-Lush, Poet Laureate, PEI
Communications: PowerSchool, Covid Update	Norbert Carpenter, PSB Director
Understand different ways to address people	PEERS Alliance
Social Media/Internet Safety	RCMP

\* Moderators: Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Mary Kendrick.

\* Registration is open to parents, students, and administrators/school staff members. No cost. Please bring a food bank donation to be donated to local charities.

\* The meeting is in-person with CPHO Covid guidelines in place.

\* Please REGISTER online ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IIv-uV5aUGnPafzDKMGUDAXiDL\\_Z5vLLk294ADR29i8/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IIv-uV5aUGnPafzDKMGUDAXiDL_Z5vLLk294ADR29i8/edit))

This is a great chance to see how the Home and School Federation operates on a Provincial level, nice and close to home.

Our next meeting is happening on Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm – all are welcome to attend.

## **Provincial Home & School News, October 2021**

### **Input makes a difference!**

“Home and School provides a large table around which everyone involved directly with students sits and collaborates on matters of common concern related to .....”

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/input-makes-a-difference/>

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's column is written by Heather Mullen, President and published in The Guardian on the first Friday of the month.

### **Free Volunteer Leadership Training Workshops**

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will facilitate two Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 1 = Summerside: School location TBA

Nov. 4 = Spring Park Elementary School

More information about registration to follow.

**Parent Leadership Grants** are available for up to \$1000 per Home and School Association to organize a parent / volunteer initiative in your school community. PL Grant Application is online at:  
<https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

### **Sign up your child for School Lunch Program**

Healthy lunch options are available for your child/youth including nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian options. [Sign up here.](#)

### **Does your child need support?**

Contact your School Family Well-Being Team when your child/youth needs support. Links to Student Well-being Teams follow here:

- [Bluefield Family of Schools](#)
- [Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools](#)
- [Colonel Gray Family of Schools](#)
- [Kensington-Kinkora Family of Schools](#)
- [Montague Family of Schools](#)
- [Morell and Souris Families of Schools](#)
- [Three Oaks Family of Schools](#)
- [Westisle Family of School](#)

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Come Try Ringette/Nets

Rustico Ringette is hosting a Come Try Ringette session and a Come Try Nets session FREE of charge on Mon Oct 11 from 3:50 pm to 4:50 pm at the North Star Arena.

Please have your players dressed and ready to check in by 3:20 pm. \*

Come Try Ringette (ages 4 and up): Players only need to bring skates, skating helmet, warm clothes, and mittens. There will be volunteers to assist in the dressing rooms, on the bench, and on the ice. Sticks and rings will be provided. Late registration fees will be waived for new players attending this session who would like to join a team this season.

Come Try Nets (ages 8-14): Players need to bring their own ringette/hockey equipment but goalie pads, blocker, and stick will be provided. Please pre-register by filling out the form below. One per player

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cb\\_JK25hk64RUuOMpTkM0LLRfsf-y4VghqH6omUKTEk/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cb_JK25hk64RUuOMpTkM0LLRfsf-y4VghqH6omUKTEk/viewform?edit_requested=true)

A brief 10 min session at Information will take place 3:50 - 4:00 pm to provide details on registration, goalie incentives, etc. and to offer equipment donated by older players.

North Star Arena's COVID-19 Operational Plan will be followed.

Questions about the event can be directed to Stephanie at [stephanie.arnold@alumni.utoronto.ca](mailto:stephanie.arnold@alumni.utoronto.ca)

### **Fire Dept Winter Coat Collection**

The North Rustico Fire Hall would like your help. They are collecting gently used winter coats for distribution to children in our area. If you have a gently used children's coat that you would like to donate please drop it off in the front lobby at Gulf Shore School (or send it in with your child). Once collected, they will be available at the fire hall, where anyone can come and see if there is a coat that would fit their kids. The coats are free.