

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter #4

Monday, October 26th, 2020

www.gov.pe.ca/edu/vrcs



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Principal

Shylo Burke
Vice-Principal

Theme Days: Reminder of the following theme days - any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated by the grade 9 class in their end of year fundraising efforts!

- October 27th - PJ Day
- October 28th - Twin Day
- October 29th - Jersey Day
- October 30th - Orange and Black Day



Thank you to everyone who purchased candy grams last week, for the grade 9 fundraiser - a total of \$102.25 was raised!

Home and School: The next Home and School meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30pm in the school library. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, babysitting services will not be available.

Coupon booklet order forms will be collected on Wednesday, October 28th and Thursday, October 29th. Please make sure all order forms are returned to the school and e-transfers are sent to vrhands@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Program update:
Tuesday - Pizza
Friday - Chicken pieces & garlic bread

If you have not ordered before, go to hotlunches.net Click on schools (Vernon River Home & School) - click on the "register" tab on the main menu bar to create an account - the access code is VRHL.

Reminder: A reminder for students to please bring their own reusable water bottles to school.



Healthy School Lunch

Program: We are encouraging students to pack their own cutlery from home to eat with, and bring them back home for washing - thank you!



No Halloween Treats: Due to Covid-19 regulations we are asking parents to please refrain from sending in Halloween treats/bags of any kind to the school.

Student of the Month Assembly for October:

Student of the month assembly for October will be held on Friday, October 30th and will be held within each class at scheduled times.

Unfortunately due to Public Health restrictions, no visitors will be permitted for these presentations. Parents will be contacted by the teacher to notify them if their child is receiving the recognition this month.



Grade 6 and Grade 9

Immunizations: On Monday, November 2nd (afternoon) grade 9 students will be offered immunization against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Meningococcal (Bacterial) Meningitis.

As well, grade 6 students will be offered immunization (1st dose) against infection from Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The 2nd dose will be offered in the spring of 2021.

Parents of grade 6 and grade 9 students received consent forms/information regarding these immunizations.

School Picture Retakes:

School picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th (morning),

Students requiring retakes are asked to bring their original proof portrait sheet/order form to the office prior to retake day - with the "Retake Request" box checked.

Any students who were absent on picture day will automatically have their picture taken on retake day.



Remembrance Day Ceremony:

This year we will be having a virtual ceremony. Each class will contribute some artwork, song, creative writing, etc. Ms. Ling-Gillespie and Madame MacDonald will compile all contributions to create a video that will be shared with teachers and their classes.



Elementary Student Learning Reports:

Elementary Student learning reports for kindergarten to grade 6 students will be sent home with students on Monday, November 16th.

Grade 7 to 9 students will receive a **progress report** on November 16th. (Student learning reports for grade 7 to 9 students will be issued on Friday, December 18th).

Parent Teacher Interviews:

On Thursday evening, November 19th and during the day on November 20th we will be having regular parent teacher interviews. Further details on online registration and meeting guidelines will be sent to you in November.



No Classes: Reminder to parents that there will be no classes on the following dates in November:

Wednesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day

Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th
PEI Teachers' Federation Annual Convention

Friday, November 20th
Parent-Teacher Interviews

Friday, November 27th
Joint Staff Professional Development Day



Happy Halloween...From The Buddhist Nuns: The Buddhist Nuns invite you to take a walk down East Uigg Road and visit them on Halloween evening - there will be lots of decorations and treats!!



Uigg Community Center

Remembrance Day: Plan to attend a drive thru Remembrance Day event at the Uigg Community Center on Wednesday, November 11th. Mark Remembrance Day 2020 by coming to lay your wreath or observe a few moments of silence at the outdoor display. Arrive anytime between 3pm and 4pm. All health and safety protocols will be in place for the safety of participants.

327 Southern Kings Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron: Open to ages 12-18 Free - No membership or uniform fees!



Squadron Activities

- Flying & Gliding
- Military Drill
- Survival Exercises
- Biathlon
- Fitness & Sports
- Summer Training
- Marksmanship
- Community Service
- And much more!

Earn a high school credit through cadets!

Contact 327Air@cadets.qc.ca to join or ask questions!

For the 2020-2021 year, we are conducting a mixture of virtual and in person activities and are in compliance with all Public Health Measures. The first activity for new cadets will take place on October 28th, 2020. Contact us at the mail above for further details.

From the PEI Home and School Federation:

Home and School News,
November 2020

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](#).