

West Kent Elementary School – March 2019 Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone that made Staff Appreciation Week a great success! The staff really enjoyed the food, posters, and thoughtful treats! We are lucky to have such a thoughtful group of parents in our school community.

STUDENT DISMISSAL/ DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

We have been experiencing a significant amount of unsafe situations with drop off, pick up and bus dismissal on Viceroy Ave. We are working with the city and PSB to improve the situation. We are asking parents/guardians to follow legal rules of the road. Vehicles cannot park near the stop signs at the end of Viceroy, nor park illegally in and around the bus lane. It has caused buses to be stuck and unable to safely move down the street. We are exploring the potential of **No Parking signs**, and **No- U turns** enforcement. Police will be patrolling to help us determine the best solutions. If parents have suggestions as to how to improve the situation please feel free to call or e-mail. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve safety for all. Mrs. Ellsworth

Book Fair!

Book fair, an annual library fundraiser, will be at our school next week from Wednesday, March 6th until Friday morning on March 8th. Parents will have a chance to purchase items Thursday from 2:35-7 p.m. and Friday morning 9-11 a.m.. This year Bookmark is supplying our books. Thanks for your support. We want to build a library where every child can find a book they love.

Registration now open Wild Child Afterschool Programs!

Wild Child is offering Afterschool programs at Victoria Park again this spring, with direct pick up from West Kent School. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday programs are available, you can register in one, two, or all three of the days. List of programs and registration info on School Webpage.

Parent-Teacher Interview Times

Thursday, March 7th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

No Classes on Friday, March 8th due to Parent-Teacher Interviews!



No Classes from March 18th-22nd. March Break

West Kent Student Pledge

I pledge to take responsibility for my actions. I will respect myself, the right of all students to learn, and the right of all teachers to teach. I will work to be the best I can be."

Specialist Schedules for Parent-Teacher Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th

Music (Susan Duncan) - Thursday 3:00-8:00; Friday 8:30-3:00

Physical Education (Lindsay Szwarc) - Thursday 3:00-8:00; Friday 8:30-3:00

Core French (Kelly Allen) - Thursday 3:00-6:00; Friday 12:00-3:00

Resource Teachers will be attending various interview times with classroom teachers.

If you wish to discuss your child (ren) with one of the Subject Specialists above and they are not present at your interview time, please email them directly to set up a time.

Music News

PEI Junior Honours Choir had a wonderful concert this past Saturday at Park Royal United Church. Our conductor this year was Paula Rockwell, Instructor of Vocal Performance at Acadia University; adjudicator, composer and performer.

Thank you to the 11 students from West Kent who worked hard learning the music for this wonderful enrichment opportunity. There were 130 students from 17 schools across the island taking part in PEI Honours Choir 2019.

Grades 3 to 6 will be finishing up a Ukulele unit soon and grades 4-6 will soon be starting a unit on the recorder.

Choir schedule:

Grade 4-6 Music Festival Choir meet on Days 3 and 5 at lunch recess

2-3 Boys choir meet at first recess once or twice during a 6 day cycle

2-3 Girls choir meet at first recess once or twice during a 6 day cycle

All choirs will be participating in the upcoming Queen's County Music Festival which takes place May 6 -17th.

More information of dates will follow once the schedule is released to me.

Please check the school webpage for March programs exclusively for Confederation Centre Children's

French Week/ Winter Carnival

March 11-15th

Wednesday, March 13 - Jersey Day & School Assembly to celebrate French Heritage

Thursday, March 14 - Dress in French colors, representing any French speaking country

Friday, March 15 -St Patrick's Day

Students are asked to please donate \$1.00 to \$2.00 to participate in these activities. All proceeds raised will go towards our Easter Seal Ambassador, Ty MacLeod, when he visits our school in April.



<https://eastersealspei.org/>

Ty MacLeod is a student at Athena Consolidated.

Motto - The sky is the limited
(Easter Seals P.E.I.)

Phys Ed Attire

Students and parents are reminded that students with long hair need to come to Physical Education with their hair tied back. Kindergarten – Grade 2 students can put their hair up in the morning before coming to school. Students should also have safe sneakers to participate in Physical Education, which may mean Velcro shoes. Some students are unable to tie their laces and are missing a significant amount of Physical Education instruction because of this difficulty. Untied laces can present a safety hazard in the gymnasium. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe!

Dates to Remember

March

7 – Parent Teacher Interviews (3:00-8:00)

8 – Parent Teacher Interviews No Classes

11-15 – Winter Carnival Activities

18-22 – March Break No Classes

April

2 - Home & School Meeting 6:30

12 – School Goals Day No Classes

19 – Good Friday No Classes

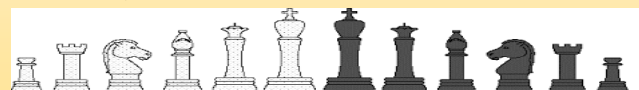
22 – Easter Monday

May 3 - Area Association/PD Day No Classes

Chess Club

After School Chess Club is held every Tuesday at 2:35p.m. until 3:15p.m for students in Grades 3-6. Please contact Mme. Emma or Mrs. Davison if you have any questions.

Chess club is finished on March 12th – for the year. Mme. Emma and Mrs. Davison would encourage students to spend time outside now that it's getting nicer out :)



INTERNET SAFETY

The Internet can be wonderful for kids. They can use it to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other kids, and play interactive games.

But online access also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online predators. Using apps and websites where kids interact, predators may pose as a child or teen looking to make a new friend. They might prod the child to exchange personal information, such as address and phone number, or encourage kids to call them, seeing their phone number via caller ID.

Parents should be aware of what their kids see and hear on the Internet, who they meet, and what they share about themselves. Talk with your kids, use tools to protect them, and keep an eye on their activities.

Taken from this website: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/net-safety.html>

Safe Arrival

A reminder if your child is going to be late or absent, please call the safe arrival line at 368-6995 before 9:00 a.m.





Staff Appreciation Week

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in Staff Appreciation Week.

It was amazing how everyone came together to support our staff, there was a spectacular array of food, treats, cards and wonderful volunteers. Merci!

Trevor Gallant Night Custodian

Thank you to all who sent in kind words for Trevor's card.

A thank you/congratulations/good luck card has been sent to Trevor along with a gift card.

Upcoming Meeting Date Change

Our March 14th meeting has been rescheduled to April 2nd.

Art After Dark March 29th

West Kent was successful in securing a parent leadership grant from The PEI Home & School Federation and will be hosting an Art After Dark evening Friday March 29th from 6:00-8:00pm.

There will be 15 slots available (maximum of one slot per family) for one parent (grandparent) and one student family pair.

We are fortunate to have our very own West Kent resident artist, the very talented Danielle Plante, who has generously volunteered to guide the session.

This free evening will include a step by step guided demonstration where participating teams, together will create their own 16"x20" masterpiece to take home.

You can see some of Danielle's work at danielleplante.com.

Look out for a sign up genius mid March to register for this event, remember registration is limited to 15 pairs.

Hot Lunches

As of March 25th, our Monday hot lunch item will change to a Caesar Salad Wrap.

Home and School Team 2019/2020

Home & School looking for new executive members for the 2019/2020 School year.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining the West Kent Home and School Team westkenthsgmail.com

Home and School Federation Annual Meeting

This meeting is open to parents and educators, if you would like to attend this to represent our School please contact us westkenthsgmail.com

Further details regarding this event are below.

PEI PEI Home and School Federation News, March 2019

1. Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation's

66th Annual Meeting & Convention "Stop. Collaborate & Listen" - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Rodd Charlottetown hotel, 75 Kent Street Charlottetown, PEI

Every school is encouraged to send representatives! Parent, educators and students are welcome! The registration package has been post-mailed to Home and School Presidents and is available online at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm> One registered delegate will win a one night's stay on Friday, April 12/19 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. **Register your school's delegates by Friday, March 29th.**

2. Proposed 2019 Resolutions.....

Local Home and Schools are asked to review the proposed resolutions at a local association meeting, vote on each one and pass the voting results on to your voting delegates so they will vote on behalf of their local Home and School at the AGM, April 13. Resolutions were mailed to presidents and are posted online at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm/resolutions>

3. Announcing: Steve McQuaid Volunteer of the Year and Life Membership Awards

Each year at the Annual Meeting & Convention, Home and School volunteers are recognized for their volunteer efforts in their association and at their local school. Home and School Home and Schools may submit nominations for these awards by the deadline: **March 15, 2019.**

Find criteria attached and online at: <http://peihsf.ca/content/awards>

4. Does your Grade 4-8 student need extra help in math?

A UPEI research project is offering a free, eight-week after-school program. Find out how to register your child at: <http://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2019/02/does-your-grade-4-8-student-need-extra-help-math>

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Other community news:

* **Great Big Crunch**, March 28, 2019 marks the 12th Anniversary of the Great Big Crunch.

Tignish Elementary School is participating again this year!

How the Great Big Crunch works:

- [You register to munch with us before crunchday.](#) You can sign up for yourself, your class, your school or your whole school board!
- We share [fun curriculum linked class activities](#) and recommend some fresh local produce for you to snack on.
- You get all your friends together and take a synchronized bite at 2:30pm EST on March 28th, 2019. Don't forget to share your crunch photos with us using [#GreatBigCrunch](#).
- Get a Great Big Crunch Certificate ([English/French](#)) to proudly display on your wall..

Find out more at: <https://foodshare.net/program/crunch/>

* **The West Prince Community Partnership Committee**, Health PEI, Rural Action Centre, West Prince Chamber of Commerce, PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada, and RDÉE Î.-P.-É. Inc., wish to invite you to *Here to Stay*. *Here to Stay* is a West Prince community engagement event in support of the retention of new residents, specifically physicians, healthcare practitioners, and their families. Details include: Tuesday, 5 March 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mill River Resort Road Bloomfield, PEI.

* **Community Sector Network of PEI (CSN PEI)** – a newly minted CSN PEI was officially launched on February 14th. For more info, go to the CSN PEI facebook page: facebook.com/CSNPEI/

* **History Award for Excellence in Teaching** - Canada's History Society is seeking nominations for this award at: CanadasHistory.ca/GGAward | jdawson@canadashistory.ca