

West Kent Elementary School – March 2020 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

Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep the students of West Kent School Safe. The “DROP-OFF AND GO ZONE” lane is solely to be used by parents/caregivers who are dropping-off students in a timely fashion (30 seconds to 1 minute). Please help our “DROP-OFF AND GO ZONE” run smoothly by following the procedures below. Drop-off:

1. Drive slowly into “DROP-OFF AND GO ZONE”
2. Stop Vehicle (30 seconds to 1 minute)
3. Parent stays in vehicle with vehicle running
4. Child exit the vehicle on his or her own.
5. Parent drives off once child has exited vehicle.

Picking up -

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.

No Classes from March 16th-20th. March Break

Staffing Updates

- Thank you to Emily Mclsaac for all of her great work in 4A! Welcome to Amanda Doucette who is returning from maternity leave on March 9th to teach 4A in the mornings.
- This will be Carly Gray’s last week in 1B, thank you all of your wonderful work, Carly! Welcome back to Ellen McQuaid who will be returning from maternity leave.

Library News

Wanted - Gently Used Books, Board Games and Lego" Please donate if you have books or Lego at home that you no longer use. These books may be used in the library or redistributed to other students for free. Please give the gift of reading.:)

Flashlights - We are also now collecting flashlights. If you have small working flashlights at home that you no longer use (AA/AAA best), the library is looking for a class set. We would like to have flashlight Friday reading events.

Brilliant Labs and Kids Code Jeunesse - invite you and your students to a family making event in Charlottetown, PEI on April 25, 2020 hosted at Birchwood Intermediate in Charlottetown. Last year we had a huge turnout - young and young at heart who were excited to engage in hands on experiences in making, coding, and creating in both tech and unplugged ways. Together with Kids Code Jeunesse and others we aim to build a community that celebrates the maker movement and inspires youth and families to enjoy all that making can give us. As a Brilliant Labs project recipient, it would be so wonderful to have your students show off their projects. If this is of interest please let us know before April 20 so we can arrange for your table at the event. Please find the attached flyer for your information. There will be prizes, giveaways, hands on creative projects, coding, and robot battles.

March Break Baskets

Please pass in all March Break Basket tickets either sold or unsold to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. All tickets and money need to in before March 11, 2020. Draw date March 12, 2020.

Music News

PEI Junior Honours Choir will be having a rehearsal day on Wednesday, March 11th from 10 to 3:30 at Park Royal Church. (Concert Day Saturday, April 4th storm date April 11th) West Kent will be sending 8 students to this event. A notice will be going home to parents with complete information about the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for music enrichment for elementary singers. There will be approximately 130 students from 17 schools across the island taking part in PEI Honours Choir 2020. Our guest conductor is Sarah Campbell. Grades 4 to 6 will be finishing up a Ukulele unit soon and grades 4-6 will be starting a unit on the recorder after the March break. Choir schedule:
Honours Choir Day 1 at lunch recess and some early mornings at 8:10.
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 April 27th to May 8th. 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

Easter Seals

<https://eastersealspei.org/>



Vaeda Matheson "Princess Vaeda"
West Kent Grade 3 Student.
"My motto is be different and follow your heart," she said. "You don't have to be worried if you're different than other people."

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.

Cancellations/Delays

Just a reminder to please listen to local radio stations or check the Public Schools Branch website in the mornings in case of delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, mechanical issues, etc.

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

9-13 – French Week

16-20 – March Break No Classes

April

3 – School Goals Day No Classes

10 – Good Friday No Classes

13 – Easter Monday

17-21 - Early Years Evaluation for incoming Kindergarten students

20 – Incoming Kindergarten parent info session 5:30

20 - Home & School Meeting 6:30

Red Cross Baby Sitting

Baker's Safety Instruction, (Mr. Baker) will be running a Red Cross Baby Sitting course Friday, March 20, 2020, from 8:30am to 5pm. The cost is \$40.00 and the course will be held at the 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

French Week

French Week, 2020 will be the week of March 9th-13th; the week leading up to the March Break. There will be a door-decorating contest, French music, announcements and Bingo, dancing in the gym, Improv and dressing in red, white, yellow and blue on Wednesday, March 11th. The grades 4, 5 and 6 Core French classes, along with Mme Allen, will host their book buddies for a French class at some point during the week.

Science Fair

West Kent Science Fair will be held in the library on Tuesday, March 10 with a storm date of March 11. Parents are invited to view Science Fair projects at 10:45-11:40 on Tuesday, March 10 (storm date March 11.) The projects selected will attend the province wide fair on April 1.



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!

PEI PEI Home and School Federation News, March 2020

67th Annual Meeting & Convention Healthy Bodies = Healthy Minds

You are invited to attend the Saturday, April 18, 2020! Every Home and School community is encouraged to appoint voting delegates to represent their school. Who can attend? - Parents, educators and students are all welcome! The AGM Registration Package was mailed February 20th to Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs. Find AGM information online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm> Delegates are asked to register by: Friday, April 3, 2020.

Proposed 2020 Resolutions

Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to bring the proposed 2020 resolutions to Home and School members for their review at your February or March Home & School meeting. Discuss and vote on each one. Select your voting delegates and pass the resolution voting results on to those individuals so they will vote on behalf of your local Home and School at the AGM on April 18, 2020. You will find 2020 Proposed Resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm>

Call for PEIHSF Board of Directors Nominations

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across P.E.I., and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates from member Home and Schools. Every year at the annual meeting elections are held for vacant positions on the board, and members are encouraged to nominate candidates who, in your opinion,

have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Nominations deadline is March 1, 2020.

Access nomination form online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm>

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 13, 2020. Access nomination forms online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm>

Other community news:

PEI Public Library Service is happy to talk with parents about services offered by public libraries, ways families can help encourage a love of reading, or other literacy-related topics.

Contact: Roseanne Gauthier, Youth Services Librarian at rgauthier@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-4649

Education 2020's 2020 Numeracy Award \$2,500 = Nominate Island educators who introduce new instructional approaches. Proposals due Feb. 28, 2020; pei@education2020.ca

Register for Children's Library at Confederation Centre Public Library at 902-368-4644: For ages 5-12 ~~Reading Buddies, Homework Club, Brilliant Labs, Celebrate Black History Month, Carnival Mask & Dance Workshop

Environmental Health offering FREE Food Safety Training to Service Clubs and Non-Profits. Dates: April 28, 29, May 5, 7.

To register: 902-368-4970; envhealth@ihis.org

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"A school needs to be a place for all children, not based on the idea that they are all the same, but that they are all different."

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically." Martin Luther King, Jr.