

Westwood Primary School Newsletter

April 1, 2025



Principal: Sherry Flynn
Vice-Principal: Colleen Taylor

Dates to Remember

April 11th – Professional Development Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
April 16th – Spring Photo Day
April 18th – Statutory Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)
April 21st – Statutory Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)
April 23rd – Administrative Assistant Day (Let our ladies in the office know how awesome they are!!!)
April 24th – Early French Immersion Kindergarten Presentation (6pm)
May 1st – Grade 2 Concert
May 2nd – Area Association Day (**NO SCHOOL**)
May 5th – Westwood Home & School Meeting 6:00pm
May 8th – Welcome to Kindergarten Sessions (French Immersion Program)
May 15th – Welcome to Kindergarten Sessions (English Program)
May 19th – Statutory Holiday (**NO SCHOOL**)
June 6th – Orientation Day for Incoming Kindergarten Students 2025-2026 (**NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten Students**)

School Office Hours

Please note that school office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Our administrative assistants are more than happy to assist you with anything you may need between these hours of operation. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

CALLING ALL PARENTS... DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR SEPTEMBER?

It is EXTREMELY important that we have accurate registration numbers in order to have the correct number of teachers and support staff hired. Kindergarten classes have a cap enrollment per class. In order to have the correct number of teachers and support staff for our students we need have accurate numbers.

If your child is turning 5 years old before December 31, 2025 please stop by Westwood Primary School to register for Kindergarten between 9:00am and 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Please bring with you the following:

- Piece of government issued ID with proof of the child's age (Birth Certificate, Health Card, Passport, etc.)
- Verification of Address (E.g. Utility Bill, etc.)

If you have any questions please call the school at 902-368-6855

Early French Immersion Kindergarten 2024-2025 Presentation

Each year when families register their child(ren) for Early French Immersion Kindergarten we get asked;

*What is the Early French Immersion Program all about? ... **AND...** Is a good fit for my child?*

How can I support my child in an Early French Immersion Program if I do not speak French?

And many more

Again this year we are hosting an Early French Immersion Presentation for parents currently registered in the Kindergarten Early French Immersion Program for the 2025-2026 school year to help share what an Early French Immersion Program looks like and to answer any questions you may have. There will be an opportunity to talk about the benefits and challenges that children may experience in an Early Immersion Program. We hope to see you there!

The presentation will be hosted by our French Immersion Resource teachers and School Administration.

Please join us on April 24th at 6:00 pm in our Multi-Purpose Room at Westwood Primary School.

It's Spring!

Rain and sunshine are beginning the melting of the snow and as a result our school yard is wet in many areas and sometimes muddy. Please make sure that your child(ren) is wearing waterproof boots, snow/splash pants, and clothing appropriate to the season. ***It is also important to pack some spare clothing in your child's kit bag (socks, underwear, pants) that can be kept in a bag at school on their hook in the event that they get wet outside. Thanks!***

Westwood Primary Home & School

Our Home & School plays an important role in bringing together parents, guardians, teachers, administrators and staff to promote the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the province. We believe that the participation of parents and guardians in the education of our children is vital to ensuring our children's success in learning. Home & School provides a way to get involved in your child's education and learn more about what is happening in your child's school. It is also an opportunity to meet other parents and educators in your school community; discuss education topics that are important to you, such as curriculum content, class size, class composition, school bus safety, health education, and when there are gaps in the education system, parents and teachers can hold conversations to raise issues with government through a resolution process.

Please join us for our next Home & School Meeting on May 5th at 6:00pm.

Music News

Congratulations to our Grade 2 & 3 French Immersion Music Adventures for their beautiful presentation at our French Week student assembly. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication to this special presentation.

Grade 2 Spring Concert

We are excited to present Squirm! The Musical on Thursday May 1 at 1pm and 7pm in the Westwood Gym. Students are off to a great start learning songs and actions. Please watch the music teachers' Google Sites for updates on costumes and more.

Please email Ms Dahn (2B, 2E, 2H) dhdahn@edu.pe.ca or Ms Hanson (2A, 2C, 2F) slhanson@edu.pe.ca with any questions.

Grade 3 Recorders

Recorders have been passed out to students and they're off to a great start. We are working on making a beautiful sound, proper holding position, note reading and lots of songs. It's so much fun!

Regular Pick Up Plans

Please send a note with your child or call the school **prior to 1:30 pm**, if you are going to be picking your child up (and this is not your usual plan). If your child needs to take a different bus for childcare, please send a note and we will give your child a bus pass. ***DO NOT EMAIL any BUS NOTES or BUS CHANGES to staff at the school.*** Staff are very busy and often do not have time to check emails until the end of the day or may be out at a PD Session or off sick. Please submit a written note or phone the office BEFORE 1:30pm.

Westwood School Apparel

Our Westwood Home and School has partnered with a local company, All Star Cresting, to open a Westwood Primary online apparel store. Parents and staff can order directly from the link below and The Home and School will receive a commission of 10% on all sales, which will go back directly to the school. This is a great opportunity to support Westwood Primary and shop local while showing your school spirit! Two of our Grade 3 classes are planning upcoming spirit days... this would be a great time to flash your new Westwood clothing! Way to go Westies! https://allstarcresting.ca/westwood_apparel/shop/home

Scholastic Book Fair Update

A huge thank-you to our entire school community -- students, parents, grandparents, teachers and EAs -- for once again generously supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. With your help, we raised over \$5500 for

our school library collection. Amazing! With these funds raised, we will be purchasing new resources for our children and continuing to fuel their excitement for reading. A big shout-out to our parent volunteers who kept things running smoothly all week long. We could not have done it without you!

Spring Photo Day

If you wish for your child to have their photos taken on Spring Photo Day please send in a note on the day of the photography (April 16th). Spring Photos are optional for students.

Bus Safety

It is important that all of our students follow the bus safety rules on the bus. Students should be sitting seat to seat, back to back with backpacks on their knees or the seat (if room); students should be sitting for the entire bus ride, using quiet voices, hands on their own bodies and no eating or drinking on the bus. Please review these bus safety rules with your child(ren).

Milk and Pizza Orders

Milk and pizza can be purchased for students using the Hot Lunches ordering system. The website is westwood.hotlunches.net. Parents can purchase white Milk (50 cents), chocolate Milk (80 cents) daily. We are currently offering the option on Tuesdays to purchase pizza from Little Caesar's cheese or pepperoni pizza (\$3.00). On Wednesdays, students can purchase 4 Crazy bread from Little Casear's for \$3. **Orders will be placed for a month at a time and must be placed and paid for online at 11:59 pm by the dates below.** *We are unable to accept any late orders. Unpaid orders will be deleted.*

May orders – Deadline is Sunday, April 27th

June orders – Deadline is Sunday, June 1st



Upcoming Dates for Your Child for Kindergarten 2025-2026

Welcome to Kindergarten Program for 2025-2026

You are your child's first and best teacher! You and your child(ren) are invited to an evening of interactive learning at Westwood Primary School. Family engagement helps children to be successful in school and in life. Early education is of vital importance as it lays the foundation for future academic and social success. The *Welcome to Kindergarten Program* helps prepare for a positive start to their school journey.

We will be offering sessions over the course of two evenings in May: On May 8th (Early French Immersion Program) and May 15th (English Program). Information will be emailed out to parents/guardians regarding which evening you are invited to attend.

Kindergarten Orientation Half Day for 2025-2026

Your child is invited to attend a half day Kindergarten Orientation on June 6th. Further details will be shared with parents in May at the Welcome to Kindergarten Sessions. **Current Kindergarten Students do not have school on June 6th.**

Home & School News

PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, April 2025

Ensure that your school is registered

REGISTER NOW for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting & Convention...

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 08:45 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per person

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel (75 Kent St. Charlottetown)

Conference Highlights:

Theme: Focus on the impact of technology on children's development and education.

- Keynote Speaker: Carl H. Burke, R.N., will share his personal story about the loss of his son to online sextortion and advocate for stronger online protections through the Online Harms Act.
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- Workshops:
 - Artificial Intelligence in Education
 - Gaming Addictions
 - Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports
 - Communications & Volunteers
 - Home & School Finances
 - School Food Programs

Participation:

- Open to parents, teachers, principals, school staff, and students.
- While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, there is *no limit* to the number of attendees otherwise from @ school: the greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.

Registration:

- Register by April 4th Click here [2025 AGM Registration Link](#) or go to <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Contact Information:

For inquiries, call 902-620-3186 or email peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Review 2025 Resolutions before April 12

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the AGM on April 12. Ensure your voting delegates (parents, guardians, educators and students) review these prior to the AGM. Proposed resolutions are:

2025-01 = [Add Milk Products to PEI School Food Program](#)

2025-02 = [Behaviour Resource Support in Island Schools](#)

2025-03 = [Support for Canada's Online Harms Act to Protect Children in Digital Spaces](#)

2025-04 = [Protecting Student, Parent, and Teacher Personal Data](#)

View resolutions online: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Cyberbullying Awareness Day / Online Harms Act

A private member's bill brought forward by Souris-Elmira MLA, now education minister, Robin Croucher proclaimed April 25, 2025 as Cyberbullying Awareness Day, marking the anniversary of islander Harry Burke's death. Carl Burke, father of Harry, will speak about the Online Harms Act on April 12th at the PEI Home and Schools Federation's AGM. More info at www.peihsf.ca/agm

School Bus Driver Award

[School Bus Driver of the Year Award](#) recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. [Submit nominations by May 2, 2025.](#)

Other community news....

~National Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 2025 is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 24 million volunteers. The theme "Every Moment Matters" highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. Let's recognize and celebrate every volunteer and each contribution they're making to strengthen inclusivity and wellbeing in our communities. Now more than ever, Every Moment Matters! #NVW2024

#EveryMomentMatters

~Island Trails is thrilled to introduce the Island Trails Scholarship, established in 2024 through the Community Foundation of PEI! This scholarship is designed to support the next generation of environmental stewards who are passionate about trails, conservation, and the great outdoors.

Learn more and [Apply Here](#). Applications close on April 18 — don't miss this opportunity!

Community News

Register for Delta Soccer Spring and Summer Programs

Get ready for the outdoor season with our spring indoor program which runs April 1st to May 12th. This summer, try something different and register for our outdoor program. We offer flexibility with one or two nights per week and in registering for all of the season or only half of the season. Registration opens April 1st. Programs available for participants born 2014 to 2021. For program information and to register, please visit deltasoccer.ca