

Westwood Primary School Newsletter

June 1, 2026



Sherry Flynn, Principal
Patrick Richard, Vice-Principal

Dates to Remember

- June 2nd** – Kindergarten Field Trip (French) – Camp Triumph (Rain date June 4th)
- June 3rd** – Kindergarten Field Trip (Eng) – Camp Triumph (Rain date June 4th)
- June 8th – 12th** – Parent Teacher Conferences (BY REQUEST)
- June 8th** – All library books are due back to the school library.
- June 15th** – Westwood Home & School Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the staff room
- June 18th** – BBQ & Sports Activities Day (Rain date June 19th)
- June 24th** – Grades 1 -3 Field Trip – Shining Waters (Rain date June 25th)
- June 23rd** – Report Cards Go Home
- June 25th** – Last School Day for Students
- June 26th** – Professional Development Day for Staff
- June 29th** – Administrative Day for Staff
- June 30th** – Last School Day for Staff
- September 8th** – First instructional day for students 2026-2027

End-Of-Year Activity Days

This year all students in Grades 1-3 will be going on a field trip on June 24th with a rain date of June 25th to Shining Waters. Our students are not permitted in the pool; however, they are allowed in the splash pad/waterslides in accordance with Shining Waters height guidelines.

The Kindergarten classes will be going on June 2nd (French) and June 3rd (English) (rain date June 4th) to Camp Triumph.

Permission forms for both groups will be going home soon with students. Parents will be able to pay by sending in cash or by paying through our Hot Lunches program. Cost of the field trips will be written on the permission forms. Hot Lunches will be set up to accept payment by June 8th.

Volunteers for Shining Waters

Parent volunteers are key to a successful year end field trip. We try to keep our groups small and manageable for our volunteers. Our classes will need parent volunteers to help chaperone students on our school field trips. You will be required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Check and our Administrative Assistants or Patrick Richard (Vice Principal) can help you with this in the office. Please keep in mind that it takes at least a week for the VSCs to be processed by the RCMP.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences by request will be taking place during the week of June 8th – 12th. Request for the conference (in person or by phone) can be made by the parent/guardian and/or teacher. Please contact the school to speak to your child(ren)'s classroom teacher to set up a time to meet. Also be aware that the classroom teacher may be reaching out to parents/guardians to set up a time.

Last Week of School Breakfast Program/Hot Lunches

The last day of the Breakfast Program will be June 25th. A huge thank-you to all of the volunteers who work hard each day to provide a healthy breakfast for all of our students. We can't thank you enough!

Westwood BBQ & Sports Activities Day

On Thursday, June 18th, we will have our annual Sports Day and BBQ. We are looking for volunteers to assist us on June 18th by helping outside with activity stations as well as delivering hotdogs to classes. Please call the office (902) 368-6855 if you can volunteer (VSC is also required for this event). If the weather does not cooperate to have our Sports day, we will still have the BBQ on June 18th and Sports Day will be moved to June 19th. Students can purchase a hotdog and a freezie for \$3. They can order and pay using Hot Lunches or pay by sending in money. <https://westwood.hotlunches.net> .

Order forms will be going home on Monday, June 8th. Orders must be in and paid for by Friday, June 12th.

The Great Library Book Round-Up

All Westwood School Library books are **due back on or before Monday, June 8th**. We currently have over 550 books out on loan, so if you spot a library book lurking around your home or in the back seat of your car, please send it along with your child. We will see it finds its summer home on our library shelves. Thank-you in advance for your help with the library book round-up. Missing or damaged library books can be paid for using Westwood's Hotlunches site. Thank-you in advance for your help with our library book round-up.

Bus

As the excitement builds to the end of the school year, students are going to need frequent reminders about expected safe behavior on the bus. Please review frequently with your child the following safety rules: wait safely for the bus at your stop, sit seat to seat back to back, face forward, use a quiet voice and keep hands and feet to yourself. Our bus drivers appreciate your support with reviewing these important safety expectations with your children.

Scent Free School

Please ensure that anything you are sending to school is **SCENT FREE**. We have had an increase with sunscreen and bug spray coming into the building with the warmer weather. These products need to be scent free. We have a number of staff and students who become extremely unwell when they encounter scents. We have had to send staff and students home from school recently due to reactions to scented products. Please be mindful to not wear any scented products as well during pick ups, visits to the school, dropping off items etc. Thank you for keeping us all healthy at school.

Seasonal Dress & Sunscreen

Just a reminder that unless there is a steady, heavy rain, the children go outside for fresh air and outdoor play, so please make sure that they have splash pants, a raincoat, and rubber boots. The UV rays are very strong this time of year, so please remember to put **UNSCENTED** sunscreen on your child before he/she comes to school. We would also ask that you please label your child's clothing. When the sun comes out the jackets come off and often students do not recognize their own clothing.

SUNSCREEN: LOTION ONLY – NO AEROSOLS

Please send some sunscreen in your child's school bag so that it can be reapplied if necessary. It is great to see so many children coming off the busses these sunny mornings with sun hats! Thanks and enjoy the warmer weather!!

Lost & Found

We have a huge amount of lost and found items at our school. We will be setting up a tables to display items in the multi-purpose room from June 22nd – 25th.

First Day of School Procedure for September 8, 2026

On the first day of school in September, all children in Grades 1-3 will return to their *last year's classroom* when they arrive on the busses. This will give them a chance to visit with their last year's teacher and classmates for a bit before the teacher takes them to their 'new' class for the 2026-2027 school year.

Students entering Kindergarten in September should **NOT come on the bus, instead parents/guardians are asked to come to the school for 9:30 am to drop off your Kindergarten child. Please do not arrive early as we are transitioning all of the other students to their new rooms.**

Thanks!

Thank You & So Long

We have had an incredible year of learning here at Westwood Primary School! On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank our Westwood families for the time and energy you've put into supporting your child(ren)'s education.

A huge thank you to our Westwood Home & School for all your support with the school initiatives this year. Please know that your commitment to Westwood Primary impacts the lives of our students and staff in such a positive way.

I want to say a special thanks and congratulations to Sylvie MacLean, Carolyn Wiki-Doucette and Cindy Bryenton who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Your dedication to enriching the lives of students and staff is second to none. We all will miss you next year! Wishing you all the best!

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

~ Sherry Flynn
Principal

WESTWOOD HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Home and School News - June 2026

COMPASS Results 2025-26

NEW COMPASS survey shows improvements in the health and well-being of Island youth.

https://www.livewellpei.ca/sites/test.livewellpei.ca/files/2026-04/2025-26_Provincial%20Report_ENG_0.pdf

Heritage Fair Winners

Congratulations to PEI Home and School Federation's Heritage Fair Specialty Prize Winners.

1. Liz Lykow, "The History of the Tuplins", Queen Elizabeth Elementary School
2. Nicky Hansen, "Ledwell Legacy", Morell Consolidated School

More at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/provincial-heritage-fair-celebrates-student-achievement>

Home & School Executive/Board changes

Do you have executive members who will be transitioning to the next school level with their children?

If so, consider establishing a nomination committee and working with your principal to identify and recruit new volunteers for your local Home and School board.

Tip #1: Executive roles can be structured as co-chair positions to encourage shared leadership, strengthen collaboration, and support continuity.

Tip #2: Make a point of inviting new families to get involved. Early engagement helps them feel welcomed and fosters a sense of belonging within the school community.

Home and School Monthly Column

Federation president Tom Deelstra writes a monthly column for The Guardian. It is published on the first Saturday of the month during the school year and is available online. Read the next column on June 6. [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://www.peihsf.ca/news)

School Calendar 2026-2027

The first day of school for students for 2026-2027 will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/84f6/School%20Calendar%202026-27%20%28MD%202026%2001%29%202026%20ENG.pdf>

Post-Annual General Meeting 2026

The post-AGM 2026 summaries are available online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Encouraging summer reading...

Keep children/youth of all ages' minds active during the summer by regularly visiting your local library. There are 25 public library locations across Prince Edward Island.

Locations/Hours: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/public-libraries-locations-and-hours>

Kids: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/kids>

Teens: <https://peipls.overdrive.com/library/teens>

The Walled Garden Education - A Conversation with The Dais at TMU

On best practices, community outreach, and the effects of removing phones from the school day. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Travis Saunders, professor of applied human sciences at the University of PEI and advocate for reducing screen use in classroom settings. Panelists: Matthew Shapiro, Vice Principal at Westmount High School, Montréal, Québec, and Tim Mushumanski, Principal of Trafalgar Middle School, Nelson, British Columbia. Both Matthew and Tim have been instrumental in advancing successful [bell-to-bell phone restrictions](#) in their schools. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXIKVV7439E>

PSB Trustees' Updates:

Westisle Family of Schools (Zone 1): As the Zone 1 trustee, I want to take this time to congratulate all students who will take part in the Graduation and Closing Ceremonies in June. Take the time to attend one or more of the ceremonies in your communities. *Andrew Avery* (andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)

Graduation and Closing Ceremony Dates 2026:

June 22 - Tignish Elementary, 6:00 pm / June 22 - Hernewood Intermediate, 7:00 pm

June 23 - Alberton Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 23 - Westisle Composite High, 7:00 pm

June 24 - Eilerslie Elementary, 4:00 pm / June 24 - St. Louis Elementary, 4:30 pm

June 24 - O'Leary Elementary, 4:30 pm / June 24 - M.E. Callaghan Intermediate, 7:00 pm

June 25 - Bloomfield Elementary, 6:00 pm

Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4: As the school year end draws near, I want to congratulate students on all their hard work this year. I also want to thank teachers, staff, and volunteers for their dedication and care as they support our students every day. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break this summer. Take care, *Karen* (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

Charlottetown Family of Schools (Zone 5): As the 2025–2026 school year ends, students, staff, parents, and caregivers across Prince Edward Island celebrate achievements, year-end activities, and milestones. Home and School's June events and planning are underway. In May, we attended Spring Park and Prince Street meetings and were inspired by the volunteer spirit. We will attend the Prince Street Spring Fling Fundraiser on June 5, where Andrew will be in the dunk tank. Please reach out if we can support fall planning. We recognize the conclusion of the PBIS pilot and its valuable insights. Congratulations on a successful year. Happy summer, everyone!

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