



## Englewood Home and School Newsletter - September 2024

**Introduction to Home & School** → Here we are, ready for another exciting year with our Englewood School community! Whether you're a brand new Kindergarten family or guiding a Grade 9 student through their final year at Englewood, we are happy you're here. Your Englewood Home & School Association is here to help you and your students have a great experience. We consist of Englewood parents and staff, and we meet on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm in the school library. We average between 5-10 attendees at each meeting, and though we follow an agenda we do allow lots of time for questions and discussion. We have a virtual attendance option through Microsoft Teams (audio only) if you're not able to make it in person. New members are welcomed and we do our best to foster an inclusive environment! We are here to help improve the quality of life for students and staff at Englewood and do our best to keep that in mind when we vote as a group on upcoming expenses.



**Pam's Playground Update** → We started our "Pam's Playground" fundraiser in September 2022 in honour of former Englewood teacher Pam Kelly, who passed away in July 2022. In just over one calendar year, we completed fundraising in October 2023, raising almost a quarter of a million dollars to put in a new play structure, aimed at Grades 4-6 (as per Pam's wishes). This project also included a makeover of our basketball court in the rear of the school. Because we were so successful with our fundraiser, we were able to add some accessible elements to our play structure. We are awaiting installation which will occur this fall. We are so grateful for all of the community support that allowed us to make it to this point!

**COSPEI Weekly Gold Rush Draws** → COSPEI (Creating Opportunities for Students in PEI) is a weekly online 50/50 draw that we participate in as a Home & School. We joined the group back in January 2023, and this has quickly become our primary Home & School fundraiser, averaging \$800/mth in the year 2024. We post reminders every Tuesday morning in the Facebook group about the draw, and we really appreciate your support in sharing information about it as it funds the majority of our activities throughout the school year.

**Welcome Back Bags** → At our June meeting, we agreed to spend some of our COSPEI summer earnings on Welcome Back bags for our 30 staff members at Englewood (teachers, administrators, EAs, school counsellor, bus drivers and custodians). We believe in fostering a supportive, encouraging environment for all of our school staff and they were thrilled to receive them!

**Are You Good with Numbers?!** → Are you an accountant, a bookkeeper, or do you just really like math? The Englewood Home & School Association is looking for a **Treasurer!** This important volunteer position consists of receiving and disbursing funds for the Home & School Association; keeping official records (we use Google Sheets); and attending monthly Home & School Meetings. Please email Rachael @ rachael.englewoodhomeandschool@gmail.com if you're interested!



**Breakfast Program** → Englewood School hosts a daily Breakfast Program that is available to all students. The Home & School doesn't administer the program but we do help support it. The school is looking for a **Breakfast**

**Program Coordinator, and volunteers to help cut fruit on Wednesday mornings.** The program runs roughly 7:45-8:45am Monday through Friday. Mondays & Fridays the students are served yogurt tubes, Tuesday & Thursday is toast, and Wednesdays are fruit. Bins are prepped for each classroom and food is delivered at the start of the school day. *The Breakfast Program CANNOT RUN without a Coordinator!!* This is a volunteer role that consists of contacting volunteers and arranging for substitutes when someone is ill; keeping track of inventory and ordering as needed; creating and managing the budget (NOT fundraising, there are funds already available); and communicating clearly with school staff and fellow volunteers. Ideally this Coordinator would be able to come in at least one morning a week to volunteer as well (especially helpful when managing food ordering and keeping an eye on kitchen supplies); if not, you'll be responsible to coordinate with volunteers and communicate clearly re: food and supply levels. If you are interested, please call the school ASAP at 902-658-7850 to speak with Michaela Richards (Vice Principal) for more information!

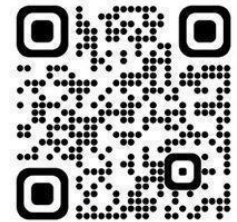
**Lunch Notes** → A quick reminder that Englewood School does NOT supply students with plastic cutlery (spoons, forks, etc.). Students should bring what is needed to eat their lunch with them from home each day. Students also need to make sure they have a water bottle with them every day. There are water filling stations in the school. Thank you!

**Picture Day Helpers** → Picture Day at Englewood is Friday, October 4th. We are looking for volunteers from roughly 8:30am-noon to help make sure our kids are looking snappy for their photos! You'll be straightening shirt collars and tidying any stray hairs as necessary. The photographer typically starts with the Kindergarteners and works their way up so your help will be needed most during the morning. Please send us a message on Facebook or email [rachael.inglewoodhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.inglewoodhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you're able to help!

**Communication with Staff** → The best way to reach out to school staff is via email. If you need to reach your child's teacher in an emergency, please call the school at 902-657-7850. Please do not contact your children's teacher or school staff via social media. Our school staff work hard and we respect their evening and weekend time with their families.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Tues., Sept. 17th: COSPEI Gold Rush draw, 1pm  
Thurs., Sept. 19th: PEI School Food Orders Due @ noon  
Mon., Sept. 23rd:  
- Professional Learning Day (no classes)  
- Milk Orders due by 11pm  
Tues., Sept. 24th: COSPEI Gold Rush draw, 1pm  
Mon., Sept. 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)



### **Community Events**

**HopOn Bikefest** → FREE event (by Cycling PEI) for kids aged 6-12 @ Englewood School, Sat. Sept. 14th from 1-3pm. HopOn is a games-based program meant to introduce kids to cycling in a fun, safe, and engaging environment. HopOn is designed for kids who already know how to ride a two-wheeled bike without training wheels and wish to advance their bicycle skills. Your child should be able to pedal for a minimum of 60 pedal strokes without stopping. Please register for this event at <https://ccnbikes.com/#!/events/hopon-bikefest-in-crapaud>

**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Families!!** → Come on out for an informal play date THIS Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm at the Englewood School Playground. This is NOT a formal Home & School event, just a chance to build community and meet some other families!

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