



Englewood Home and School Newsletter - October 2024

Pam's Playground Update → The play structure is currently being installed on our playground at Englewood! Eastern Fence is working hard to get this project finished for us. Once they are done installation, there is some additional landscaping work to be done, and then the final approval from the Public Schools Branch. When the children are allowed to play on it, they'll be sure to let you know! 😊

Welcome New Treasurer → Welcome to the Englewood Home & School's newest executive member, Karen Rivero, who has joined us as Treasurer! Karen will be taking over from Krista Millar-Smith, who has been with H&S as Treasurer for almost the last three years. Shortly after Krista joined the Executive we decided to take on the huge task of fundraising for Pam's Playground! Krista is THE reason we have Pam's Playground. She spearheaded the project and got everything rolling in the fall of 2022. She wound up volunteering significantly more of her time than she initially intended when she joined our group. She has done an absolutely incredible job and we are so grateful for her commitment! THANK YOU KRISTA!!

Home & School Funding Request → The bottom floor (Kindergarten to Grade 3) is creating a new Learning Centre in one of the rooms downstairs. The goal is to create a space that is child-centered and meets the learning needs of Englewood students, and to make this play-based space purposeful and meaningful. Englewood staff approached the Home & School with a request to help with funds to build this space. At the October meeting the Home & School voted in favour of supporting this initiative, and are awaiting a few more details before committing to a specific dollar amount. Come join us at our next meeting (Tues. Nov. 12th) to learn more!

Stocking Stuffer Coupon Book Fundraiser → Every year the Englewood Home & School Association sells coupon books as one of our major fundraisers! \$1 of every book sold goes to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and \$5 goes to the Home & School Association. For the last number of years, Stacey Hardy has taken this fundraiser on. This year, Kyle Ferguson has agreed to take over. Thank you both for your commitment to volunteering with the Home & School Association!

Kits of Kindness → From school counsellor Amy McFeely: "Englewood School has partnered again with the Kits of Kindness program in order to supply struggling families with weekend snack bags to help with food insecurity. Each of the kits includes a variety of non-perishable meal and snack items and they will go home with your child the last school day each week. We work hard to ensure the delivery process of the snack bags is confidential. Should you wish for your child to be included in this program or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact our school counsellor, Amy McFeely by email, acmackay@edu.pe.ca."

Halloween Spooktacular → The staff at Englewood are once again hosting a Halloween Spooktacular! This fun Halloween fair is in its third year, and will be held Wednesday, October 30th, from 6:00-7:30pm at Englewood School. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Funds raised go towards programming supplies and meeting the needs of students and staff at Englewood. This is NOT a Home & School event (although we do support it by donating treats). The Spooktacular is made possible entirely by the staff at Englewood, and the volunteers they recruit.

We are grateful for the work they put in and are looking forward to it! The format is slightly different than last year: instead of collecting treats in each room, the children will leave with a treat bag at the end. Feel free to dress up (yes, parents too!) and we look forward to seeing you there!

A Note From the Public Schools Branch on Attendance → “Schools across PEI are renewing their emphasis on the importance of regular attendance. Being present and on time ensures that students have the best opportunity to engage fully in their learning and stay connected with their peers and teachers. In September, more than 80% of students missed fewer than 10% of school days. This is an optimistic start to our school year that we can build on! Let’s continue working together to help reinforce the value of consistent attendance, as every day counts towards building a successful academic year.”

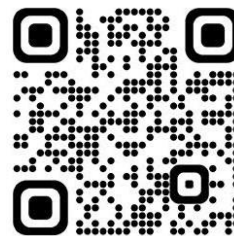
Community Events

Halloween Dance → Crapaud Community Hall will be hosting a Halloween Dance on Sat. October 26th, 6-8pm featuring DJ Tony G! Entry fee is \$5 per person or \$15 per family!

Learn to Ski & Biathlon Bears Program → If you are looking for a fun outdoor activity for your kids to participate in this winter, Nordic Sports PEI (formerly Biathlon PEI and Cross Country PEI) offers two excellent programs at the Nordic Centre at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park, Brookvale. The *Learn to Ski Program* provides children aged 6-9 years the opportunity to learn the basic skills of classic cross-country skiing from former Canada Games coaches John and Anne Keuper. This program is held on Saturdays from 10-12 am from January to March. Space in the program is limited so don’t wait to register. The *Biathlon Bears Program* gives children aged 8-14 the opportunity to learn the basic skills of biathlon (marksmanship and skate skiing) as they progress through 3 levels of the program. Sessions are held twice weekly (Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm and Sundays 12-2:00 pm) and runs from January to March. There are also additional summer and fall activities offered. Please visit <http://www.nordicsportspei.ca/introductory-programs.html> for more info or contact Program Manager Brad Haltli at brad.haltli@nordicsportspei.ca.

Upcoming Dates:

Fri. Oct. 18th: Canteen Open (items are \$2)
Sun. Oct. 20th: Milk orders due by 11pm
Tues. Oct. 22nd: COSPEI Gold Rush Draw, 1pm
Fri. Oct. 25th:
- Canteen Open (items are \$2)
- Coupon Book Order Forms Due
Tues. Oct. 29th:
- Picture Retakes
- COSPEI Gold Rush Draw, 1pm
Weds. Oct. 30th: Halloween Spooktacular 6:00-7:30pm @ Englewood School



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