

Englewood Home and School Newsletter - November 2024



Pam's Playground Update → Our Pam's Playground structure is ready for play! In the coming weeks there are things still to be added (a pathway, benches, our Pam's Playground sign) and the ground cover is meant to compact naturally over time. Our official "grand opening" will be held at a later date (possibly in the springtime). Want to know more about our "Pam's Playground" project? Please visit our school website at <https://englewood.edu.pe.ca/about/pams-playground-the-story>.

Home & School Funding Request → The new K-3 Learning Centre on the bottom level of Englewood is a space that is child-centered and meets the learning needs of Englewood students. This play-based space is purposeful and meaningful for our student population. Englewood staff approached the Home & School in October with a funding request to help build this space. After staff shared a "wishlist" of play-based activities and resources with the Home & School Association, we voted unanimously at our November meeting to support this project with up to \$1200 of Home & School funds. We are SO grateful for all of your support with our fundraisers so that we are able to contribute to important projects like this!!

Englewood Elves → "Dear Parents, Guardians, and members of our Englewood family: With the holiday season right around the corner, the Englewood Elves are already hard at work, and have started our lists of who might need a little extra support during this time. If you might need support or know someone else who might, please reach out confidentially to our school counsellor, Amy McFeely (acmackay@edu.pe.ca), or by calling **902-658-7850**, and we will be happy to do what we can to assist. As well, if you would like to support our Elves in their mission to make the holidays a little easier on as many Englewood families as we can, please reach out! We are gratefully accepting monetary donations, gift cards for gas, furnace oil, groceries, etc. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this initiative!" - The Englewood Elves

Parent/Teacher Interviews → This year families will be signing up for Parent Teacher Interviews using Sign-Up Genius. Please access the link and read the instructions on how to sign up. Click on your child's teacher's name, to access the sign up for that teacher. If you have any issues at all, please reach out to your child's teacher via email. <https://englewood.edu.pe.ca/about/parent-teacher-interviews-november-2024> Thank you! - School Admin

THANK YOU!! → Thank you to the school staff for putting on a wonderful third annual Halloween Spooktacular! They raised \$500 which will go towards the Christmas Breakfast at Englewood!

Kindergarten 2024-2025 → It's that time already! Kindergarten registration is open this week for children who will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2024. Please stop by Englewood during the school day (8:30am-3pm; note: your child does not need to be present for registration) to fill out paperwork, or call the school at (902) 658-7850 if you have any questions. If you know of any families registering for Kindergarten please let them know about our Home & School Facebook group!

Englewood Staff Potluck → Englewood's Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up! The Home & School is arranging a supper potluck for staff on Thursday, Nov. 21st so they can all eat together in the staff room between meetings. If you'd like to sign up please check out the list at the link below to help out! We like to have everything set up by 4:30pm. If you have any questions please email rachael.englewoodhomeandschool@gmail.com. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4A92AA7F8C61-53012949-englewood#/> *Link is also posted in our Facebook group.

Englewood Christmas Flea Market → We're preparing for our Third Annual Christmas Flea Market. This in-school Flea Market that will give students an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members for \$1 per item! We will be happily accepting donations of any new or gently used items that you have at home for this flea market. We will start accepting donations at the school on **Monday, Dec. 2nd**. As you are preparing for the holiday season, please set anything aside that may be able to be donated to this exciting event! Some ideas for items include: **items for men, jewellery, Christmas decorations, toys, sealed chocolates (no nuts please!)**. Please no clothing or stuffed animals, or large breakable items (small are okay). We are also accepting donations of **gift bags of all sizes, tissue paper, gift tags and packing paper** (for breakable items). We're looking for **LOTS of gift bags this year!!** Please look for a virtual volunteer sign up page to be posted in the Facebook group in the coming days to help with this event.



From the Public Schools Branch on Attendance → "In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school." - PEI Public Schools Branch

Community Events

Bluefield Craft Fair → Nov. 15th (5:30-9pm) & 16th (10am-5pm) at Bluefield High School in support of the Bluefield Band Students.

KidproofPEI Babysitting Course → Parents: Non Instructional Day November 22, 2024 perfect day for the Babysitting Training course. 9am-4pm located at 582 North River Rd. Charlottetown \$55+tax includes student handbook and wallet certificate. Register today <https://www.kidproofpei.com/kid-proof-pei> Limited seats.

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. 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 2x/ weekly (Weds. 6-7:30 pm and Sun, 12-2:00 pm) and runs from Jan. - Mar. 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:

Thurs. Nov. 14: PEI School Food orders due by noon

Sun. Nov. 17: Milk Orders due by 11pm

Nov. 18-22: Student Council Food Drive: Non-perishable items are welcome to be dropped off at the school!

Tues. Nov. 19: COSPEI Draw, 1pm

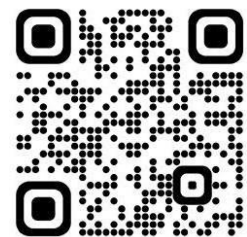
Weds. Nov. 20: K-6 Students to Chtown Islanders Game: bus leaves @ 9:45am and returns before 2:35pm; students need to bring packed lunch & water bottle

Thurs. Nov. 21: Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3-8pm; Home & School Potluck for Staff, 4:30pm

Fri. Nov. 22: Parent/Teacher Interviews, No School for students

Tues. Nov. 26: COSPEI Draw, 1pm

Thurs. Nov. 28: PEI School Food orders due by noon



- Englewood Home & School