

Englewood Home and School Newsletter - January 2025



Englewood Christmas Flea Market → Our third annual Christmas Flea Market was a big success! The students had a blast shopping for their family & friends, and the volunteers had a great time helping students shop, wrap gifts and helping write out name tags. Thank you so much to all our volunteers (adult and student) who made this event happen! We ended up raising just over \$700! At our December Home & School meeting we voted to top off the amount raised to \$1000, and donated it to the Englewood Elves fund, in support of families in our area who needed a little help at Christmas. Thank you for your support!

Pam's Playground Update → The finishing touches and our grand opening to our memorial playground, "Pam's Playground", are on hold until the spring. If you'd like 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>. In the meantime, please consider visiting the Public Schools Branch website to give feedback on their proposed memorial policy. If it goes into effect, it will **directly affect** this memorial playground, and **THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH WILL MAKE US REMOVE THE PAM'S PLAYGROUND SIGN!!** We didn't work this hard in Pam's memory for it to be taken down. Please complete the survey at the following link (or look for the link posted in the Home & School Association Facebook group): <https://gov.questionpro.ca/a/TakeSurvey?tt=5YepteO/JdvzFF1FZV7M7w%3D%3D> You have until January 31st to complete it!



New Administrative Assistant → Our beloved Englewood Administrative Assistant Karla is leaving for a new position as of January 23rd. We will miss her! If you see a new face in the office in the coming weeks, please show them our Englewood community hospitality and welcome them to the school!

Recent Home & School funding requests → The Home & School Association recently funded the purchase of several new pancake griddles for the school. The Englewood Staff hosted a pancake breakfast for all the students right before Christmas and it was a huge success! Also before Christmas the school attended a Summerside Capitals hockey game, and the Home & School Association paid the fee for the students to attend. The Home & School is thrilled to be able to fund requests like this to support events that bring students & staff together. Your support is what makes this possible! If you'd like to have a say in how these funds are distributed, we discuss and vote on new funding requests at our monthly meetings which are held in person in the school library on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8pm. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th. We'd love to see you there.

Staff Appreciation Week upcoming → Staff Appreciation Week will be held **February 10th-14th**. The Englewood Home & School Association always loves to show our school staff how much we care about them! We will be hosting a series of draws throughout the week for the staff to win gift cards! We are accepting donations of gift cards in the \$20-\$25 range and we would love it if you could drop them off in the front office. We will also be hosting a lunch potluck on Wednesday, Feb. 12th for the staff to enjoy together; please check out the SignUp Genius link if you're able to help contribute a dish, or if you can help supervise classes during lunch hour so the staff can eat together! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4A92AA7F8C61-54413874-englewood>

 **2025 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff**

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

 **Resolutions impact change**

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by approving pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2025**,

 **President's Annual Reports**

Home and School Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit their 2024-2025 annual reports to the Federation office by **Feb. 28**. All reports are compiled in the Federation's Annual Book of Reports and posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

 **Annual General Meeting Notice**

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Sat., April 12, 2025**. All Member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is asked to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be available in February and posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

 **PSB Consultation on Memorials and Grief Support in Schools**

The Public Schools Branch is conducting a consultation to review a policy and procedure entitled "Memorials and Grief Support in Schools." Draft versions of the proposed documents have been made available for your review and participation in the Consultation Survey.

[Participate in the Consultation Survey](#) and [Memorials and Grief Support In Schools - Policy and Procedure Consultation.pdf](#)

 **Home and School monthly column** - Read President, David Schult's, monthly columns at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/>

Community Events

PEI Spelling Bee → The PEI Spelling Bee will be held on April 5, 2025. Children ages 6 to 14 are welcome to sign up to participate. Grand Prize is \$500 per category with a chance to go on to the Championships in Toronto. Please sign up at spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration. Cost starts at \$55. Questions can be directed to coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca.

KidProof PEI → Attn Parents: No school day on February 3 is a perfect time to sign up your child to the Babysitting Training course to learn in a fun, interactive and safety based class! Register today as seats are limited. <https://www.kidproofpei.com/kid-proof-pei>

Please visit the Englewood Home & School Association Facebook group (QR code at the right) for more information on upcoming important dates, events and reminders!

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