

Englewood Home and School Newsletter - February 2025



New Administrative Assistant → Darlene Farquharson is Englewood's new Administrative Assistant. We are happy to have her with us! If you see her in the office please welcome her to the Englewood family!

Staff Appreciation Week → Englewood's Staff Appreciation Week happened from Feb. 10th-14th, and school staff were treated to gift card draws and a potluck lunch on Thursday.

Thank you for showing your support to our school staff by participating in this annual event!



Recent Home & School Meeting → At our most recent Home & School meeting in February, we voted to change our school photographer to Harvey's Studio for the 2025-26 year. The last few years we've been exploring different options; in the past we have used Lifetouch and Everest Solutions, and we're going with Harvey's this coming year to compare. Your feedback is welcome! We also voted to purchase 20 new crazy carpets to add to the school collection (and replace some that have seen better days). At our March meeting we will be discussing supporting the upcoming Band Trip in May. We are also exploring the option of pricing out a new projector and screen for the gymnasium; this will be a big purchase so we may defer this until the next school year. As always, your support is what makes these decisions 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, March 11th. We'd love to see you there!

Retirement → Charlene MacQuarrie is retiring this month after 21 years with Englewood! Charlene is an Educational Assistant, and her smiling face and positive attitude will be greatly missed. Charlene will receive a small token of our appreciation for her dedication and hard work supporting Englewood's students throughout her many years at the school. We will miss her and we wish her well!

School Counsellor → Amy McFeely is Englewood's school counsellor, and her schedule is changing! Amy is at Englewood part time, and up until recently that meant she was at Englewood in the mornings. Amy will now be in the building full days on cycle days 2, 5, and 6. As always, if you have any concerns or questions you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. Amy can be reached by phone 902-658-7850 or email acmackay@edu.pe.ca.

Parent/Teacher Interviews & Potluck → Parent/Teacher interviews are coming up next week! That means the Home & School will be hosting a potluck Thursday, March 6th for the teachers in between their afternoon & evening Parent/Teacher Interviews. Check out the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4A92AA7F8C61-55194670-englewood#/>

*Please have your food at the school by 4:30pm - you can bring it to the office or pop up to the staff room and drop it off. To accommodate staff allergies & sensitivities, please avoid shellfish & jalapenos as we have staff who are allergic, and please label your dishes if they contain gluten and milk products.

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.

Registration is now OPEN

The 72nd Annual General Meeting & Conference of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation will be held Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown. This year's theme is **"Tackling Digital Influences on Youth."** This meeting will focus on the impact of technology on children's development and education. Our keynote speaker, **Carl H. Burke, R.N.**, will discuss the **Online Harms Act** and share his family's personal experiences with online dangers. Burke has been advocating for stronger online protections for youth. Workshop topics include Artificial Intelligence, Gaming Addictions, Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports and Home & School Communications. Parents, administrators, other school staff & students are welcome to register. Each Association is encouraged to register up to **five voting delegates** for this meeting. Your participation is crucial in advocating for the future of online safety/total well-being for our children and youth.

- **REVIEW speaker bios and AGM documents, etc.:** <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>
- **REGISTER by March 26th:** <https://forms.gle/UpCNXiZ9xcmHsgqp7>

2025 Resolutions/By-Laws

Proposed resolutions and by-law revisions are circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic. Then hold a vote to determine how your voting delegates will vote on April 12th. Voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. **REVIEW AGM Meeting Documents:** <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> If you have any questions, call 902-620-3186.

Volunteer of the Year Award

This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Home and Schools can submit nominations to the Federation office by **March 7**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>


Nominate a new Director for your region

The PEI Home and School Federation is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the AGM. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Remember – We learn by doing! 2025 Nomination Form is online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Province launches new multiyear school calendar

The government introduced a multiyear calendar for upcoming school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Check online at:
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars>

Community News...

~ Great Big Crunch! Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 6, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](#). Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

~ Introducing The Heart Squad Volunteer Club! – A 12-week experience about building leadership, teamwork, and community service skills...while having fun and making a real impact! For: Ages 12-15 & Ages 16-24...Youth who are ready to learn, lead, grow, and give back! Starts: March 16, 2025 Time: Contact: Renita Bartlett Compassioncornerpei@gmail.com Call/Text: 902-859-3427.

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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