

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Flea Market | Winter Concert | Holiday Breakfast

Upcoming Dates

Dec.14 - Milk ordering closes at 11pm

Dec.11 & 25 - PEI School Food ordering closes at noon

Dec. 8 - Fudge/Baking Drop off

Dec.9 - Winter Concert

Dec.9 - Please note that this months Home & School Meeting has been cancelled

Dec.12 - Christmas Flea Market

Dec. 16 - Summerside Capitals Game field trip

Dec.17 - School Holiday Breakfast

Dec. 19 - Last Day of School before Winter break

Jan.5 - First day back after Winter break

Jan.13 - Home & School Meeting

Jan.16 - Extra Mile Award Nomination Deadline

Jan.31 - H&S Resolutions submission deadline

COSPEI Draws:
every Tuesday at 1pm



Christmas Flea Market

Fourth Annual Christmas Flea Market happening December 12th: Donations & Volunteers Needed!

Just a quick reminder that we are collecting donations for our **Fourth Annual Christmas Flea Market!** This is a special event that allows our students to buy gifts for family members for just **\$1.**

We are gratefully accepting donations of new or gently used items (especially items for men, jewelry, toys, and nut-free sealed sweets) and essential wrapping supplies like gift bags of all sizes, tissue paper, and gift tags.

Please drop off your donations at the school by: December 11th.

To make this special event a success, we urgently need volunteers!

If you are able to spare some time to help spread holiday cheer, please click on the SignUpGenius link to sign up: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1A5zA9duVz/>

Thank you for helping us make gift-giving magical for our students!

Community Events:

Dive In with the Summerside

Dolphin Swim Club!

Looking for a program that builds confidence and character along with swimming skills? The **Summerside Dolphin Swim Club** offers programs designed for children of all ages to grow both in and out of the pool.

The Dolphins focus on building strong swimmers through supportive group learning and progression, rather than traditional pass/fail lessons. All programs emphasize proper stroke technique, confidence, fitness, and fun, led by **NCCP-certified coaches** with competitive backgrounds.

With lessons offered twice a week, swimmers get consistent practice and support to succeed.

To learn more or to register your child, please visit summersidedolphins.com.

Girls GET WISE Challenge

On Saturday, December 6th, STEAM PEI is hosting a free Girls GET WISE Challenge Day for female-identifying students. The event features hands-on activities including *The Science of Seeing*, *Coding with Cards*, *Adaptive Engineering Studio*, and more! With guidance from women in STEM, participants build confidence, develop problem-solving skills, and gain a stronger sense of belonging in STEM fields.

Home & School Updates

Winter Concert

Get ready for some holiday cheer! Our annual Winter Concert is scheduled for **December 9th at 6:30 PM.**

Our students have worked **incredibly hard** for months to prepare this wonderful program. Every performance, from kindergarten to the final ensemble, is the culmination of immense effort and dedication.

To show the fullest respect and appreciation for all the work that has been put in, we kindly ask that you plan to **stay for the entire performance.** Leaving before the concert concludes can be distracting and disheartening to the students still waiting to take the stage.

Thank you for helping us ensure **every student** enjoys a full, attentive, and supportive audience for their moment in the spotlight!

Music Program Fudge Fundraiser

Get ready for our annual **Fudge and Christmas Treats Fundraiser**, happening in the school foyer right before the Winter Concert! This delicious tradition raises essential funds to help support our school's music program.

We need your help in two key ways: Bakers and Treat Enthusiasts Needed!

We are calling on our talented community members and local baking enthusiasts to make and donate batches of **(Nut-free) fudge and other Christmas treats** for the sale. Treats can be dropped off during school hours on December 8th.

Shoppers Welcome!: Bring your hard-earned dollars and plan to stop by the foyer to buy all the amazing homemade **fudge and festive sweets!**

Donation Guidelines: If you are interested in donating **fudge or other treats**, please contact the school front office for more information. You do not need to cut the **fudge**, nor do the **sweets** need to be individually bagged up. The office can provide details on when the **donations** can be dropped off and how they should be packaged for the sale!

Englewood Holiday Breakfast:

We are thrilled to announce that our beloved school tradition—the annual **Englewood Holiday Breakfast**—will continue this year, thanks to an incredibly generous donation!

The **Catholic Women's League (CWL) from St. Joseph's Church in Kelly's Cross** has fully sponsored our holiday breakfast, allowing our **entire school** to sit down together for a wonderful, festive meal just before the Winter break. We are beyond thankful for their community spirit and support in keeping this joyous tradition alive for all our students!

Home & School Financial Report:

So far this year, your Home & School team have funded:

Outdoor volleyball court

\$4370 Gym Projector screen

\$1520 to school transportation fund

\$500/month breakfast program support starting after the winter break.

Funds from flea market will be donated to South Shore Food Share

Staff Updates:

A Fond Farewell to Darlene!

Please join us in extending our sincere thanks and best wishes to **Darlene Farquharson**, who has completed her temporary posting as our school admin assistant. Darlene has worked tirelessly this past year, and we are incredibly grateful for her contributions and hard work. We wish her all the best as she moves on to her next role and thank her for being such a valued member of our school team.

Warm Welcome to Nicole!

We are absolutely delighted to extend a very warm welcome to **Nicole Doiron**, who has joined the Englewood team as our new school admin assistant! Nicole will be starting after the winter break.. We encourage all of our families and staff to say hello when you visit the office. We look forward to getting to know Nicole and working alongside her in the years to come. Please join us in making her feel at home!

Home & School Updates

Christmas Families Donations

Each year, we offer Englewood families in need with some financial support at Christmas time. Families in need are also able to receive a Christmas food basket. If you are able to donate money or gift cards to help support our Christmas families this year, would like to sponsor a family or if you are in need of a little Christmas help please reach out by phone or e-mail to the Englewood School Counsellor, Mrs. Storey at swstorey@edu.pe.ca or 902-730-1147.

LifeSkills Group:

Our wonderful **Lifeskills Group** is looking for a couple of key items to help expand their cooking and baking activities!

If you have one of the following items that is in **good working condition** and you would be willing to donate, we would be incredibly grateful: Regular-**Sized Cupcake Tins & a Microwave**

These items will be used to teach valuable, hands-on cooking and life skills to our students.

If you can help, please contact the school to arrange drop-off. Thank you for supporting our students!

Summerside Capitals Hockey Game:

The whole school is going to the Caps game on Tuesday, December 16th. We will be asking all students to pay \$5 to help cover the cost (\$3 for the game and \$2 for transportation). All students may take bagged lunches. Students in grades 4-9 will be given the option to pay \$5 for a slice of pizza and a juice box.



WORD SEARCH

- BELLS PRESENTS
- CANDYCANE SLEIGH
- CHIMNEY SNOW
- FROSTY WINTER
- LIGHTS TREE



Home & School Updates

Extra Mile Award 2026

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI’s school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff member for recognition by **Jan. 16th**. Details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Resolutions = Positive change in P.E.I.’s School System

Resolutions are developed to address issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students. Your Home and School’s resolutions will be considered at the 2026 AGM & Convention on Saturday, [April 18](#). Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Check our online assistance: How to Write & Present a Resolution [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#) or call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions.

School Staff Appreciation Week 2026

Home and School is beginning to plan for School Staff Appreciation Week this coming **February 8-14**. Share your ideas on how we can thank our school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. We encourage you to attend our January 13th Home & School meeting at 6:30pm to share your ideas and suggestions.

COMPASS Report 2024-25

[COMPASS](#) is a comprehensive longitudinal study collecting student-level data from youth in secondary school on various topics, including: obesity (e.g., BMI), sedentary behaviours, physical activity, mental health, healthy eating and diet, substance use, bullying, equity and inclusion, school connectedness, academic outcomes, sleep duration, and demographic characteristics (e.g., age, gender, income, ethnicity).

PEI’s provincial COMPASS report 2024-25 is available at: <https://www.livewellpei.ca/compass-project-0>