

NEWSLETTER

Easter Seals | Englewood Art Initiative | Welcome to Kindergarten

Upcoming Dates

Apr.27 to May 3 - National Volunteer Week

May 1 - PD Day - No School

May 11-17 - Family Violence Prevention Week

May 12 - Welcome to Kindergarten - 6:00pm in the School Gym

May 12 - Home & School Meeting - 6:30pm in the Staff Room

May 14 & 28 Milk ordering closes @ 11pm

May 14 & 28- PEI School Food ordering closes at noon

May 14 & 15 - Gr. 9 Provincial Writing Assessment

May 15 - Kindergarten Orientation - 9:00am to 11:00am - **No School for the current Kindergarten Students**

May 18 - Victoria Day - No School

May 28 - K-3 Field Trip into Charlottetown

COSPEI Draws:
every Tuesday at 1pm



Kindergarten Information Night

Welcome to the Class of 2039! We are so excited to officially welcome our **30 newest little learners** to the Englewood family! To help our upcoming Kindergarten students and their families get off to a great start, we are hosting a **Kindergarten Information Night** on **Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 in the School Gym.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the classrooms, meet the staff, and start building connections with other families. We can't wait to meet all 30 of our new students and begin this exciting journey together. See you there!

Band Fundraiser: A Resounding Success!

Our recent band fundraiser raised an impressive **\$2,215 profit!** A huge thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets to support our music program.

Congratulations to our winners:

- \$1,000 Grand Prize: Graham Bowser
- **Top Seller:** Paisley Foreman (Grade 8), who sold \$367 in tickets!

These funds provide essential classroom supplies (reeds, oil, sheet music) and help our students attend events like **PEI Intermediate and Beginner Band Days.** Thank you for your continued support!

Grade 9 Trip Fundraiser

The Grade 9 fundraising group also has a Facebook page that you can follow. Raffles will be held between now and the end of the year with some amazing prizes, and all information will be found on this page.

You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/588360756440155/>

Please share with you Facebook friends. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Easter Seals Visit

Rowan MacDonald, the Easter Seals Ambassador visited Englewood on Wednesday morning to kick off the school tours. His love for music was so evident, and he'd probably still be there dancing if the music kept playing! Thanks to everyone who sent in money for this fundraiser. **\$524.50** Was raised to support the Easter Seals!

Coupon Book Sales

Thank you so much for all your support with this year's Coupon Book sales! We sold 302 books, which raised a total of **\$1,310!** Coupon books will arrive at the school in early May.

Curious how the Home & School Association is planning on using the money? Come vote at our May meeting, taking place on Tuesday May 12th, in the Staff Room at Englewood, from 6:30-8pm. See you there!

Honouring Our Local Heroes - Bus Driver of the Year

We know that **all** of our bus drivers do an amazing job ensuring our students arrive at school safely and ready to learn. Their dedication is the backbone of our daily routine!

If you know a specific driver who consistently goes **above and beyond** for our students, please consider nominating them for the PEI Home and School Federation's **2026 School Bus Driver of the Year Award**. This is a wonderful way to shine a light on those who provide exceptional service to our school community.

The deadline for nominations and letters of support is fast approaching on **Friday, May 8**. Submit your nomination today at: peihsf.ca/awards/

National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, 2026

Ignite Volunteerism: A year-long, nation-building celebration. We will celebrate how people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities to deepen our collective impact.

Visit: <https://ivy26.ca/> for resources

Englewood Art Initiative - Get Inspired!

Celebrating April's Artists A huge thank you to everyone who submitted artwork in April! Our hallways have never looked brighter, and we've loved seeing the incredible hidden talents of our students. Thanks to a generous donation from Hansen Electrical, all April participants will be entered into a **prize draw held Thursday, April 30**.

May's Theme: "Inspired" For the month of May, we are looking for art that shows us what inspires you! Whether it's a favourite athlete, a beloved book series, a hobby, nature, or your family, we want to see what moves you.

The Challenge: Along with your art, be ready to tell us: What is it about this picture that inspires you?

The Reward: Students who best capture the "Inspired" theme will be entered into a prize draw at the end of May.

•Deadline: Please hand in your artwork by **Thursday, May 7**.

•Where to Submit: Give your pieces to **Ms. Nicole** in the office or any member of the **Englewood Art Initiative team**.

•Materials: All artwork should be completed at home using your own materials. If you need a blank sheet of paper to get started, you can pick one up from Ms. Nicole. We can't wait to see the world through your eyes. Happy creating!



Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4 PSB Trustee Update:

As always, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the PEI Home and School Federation’s Annual General Meeting on April 18. I found the resolution discussions very interesting, and I learned more about the challenges that Home and School members face during an information-sharing workshop in the afternoon. Looking forward to chatting with Home and School members in my zone soon!

Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)



PEI Home & School Federation Updates

🍎 Science Fair 2026 Specialty Awards

The PEI Home and School Federation’s Science Fair Specialty Awards were presented to **Landon Seamon, Gr 9, East Wiltshire** (Bio-Shield), and **Jaidyn McKinnon, Gr 12, Colonel Gray** (Hidden Hazards: Microplastics in Feminine Hygiene Products)

🍎 Home and School News Column

President Tom Deelstra’s Monthly Home and School columns will be published in The Guardian newspaper and online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

🍎 Motion 18 - Tracking school absences due to bullying.

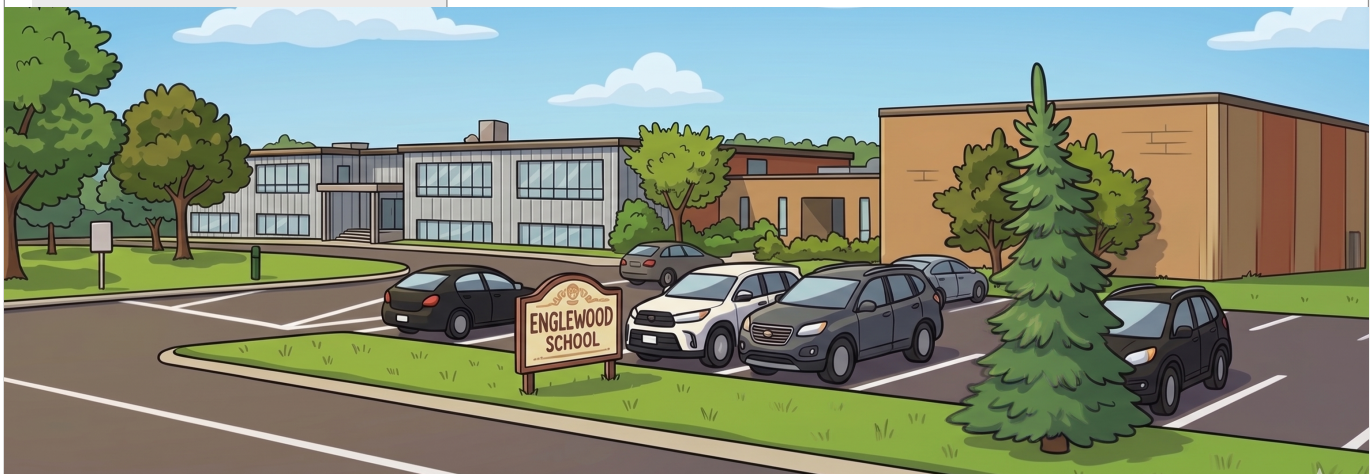
The Legislative Assembly of PEI passed a motion on April 22, 2026, to track school absences due to bullying. Consider inviting your MLA to speak at a Home & School Meeting. More at: [Tracking school absences due to bullying.](#)

🍎 Family Violence Prevention Week

The Premier’s Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in Family Violence Prevention Week, May 11-17, 2026: "Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities." Information is online at: <https://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/I-Need-Help>

🍎 PEI School Food Program Inc .

Members of the public can donate to the PEI School Food Program and receive a charitable receipt. Go to: <https://ordering.peischoolfood.ca/donation> . See Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GTgNnd2Qk/>





CALLING ALL YOUTH GARDENERS!
DO YOU KNOW A 16 YRS OLD OR YOUNGER THAT HAS A PASSION FOR GARDENING?
DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A COMPETITION FOR YOUTH GARDENING? YOU COULD BE A FLOWER GARDEN OR VEGETABLE GARDEN OR A COMBO OF THE TWO!



YOUTH GARDEN COMPETITION

Provincial Prizes
First prize - \$200.00
Second prize - \$150.00
Third prize - \$100.00

Open to all youth who are 16 years of age or younger, as of December 31, 2026. Entries can be Flower and/or Vegetable Gardens. Entries may receive assistance, support, and guidance from adult gardeners. Judges will evaluate the overall appearance of the garden, free of weeds, and determine if regular maintenance and general gardening practices are followed. Artificial flowers are not acceptable. Gardens must be in rural PEI (excluding Charlottetown & Summerside).

Judging will commence after July 20, 2026

Entry deadline - June 30, 2026

Benefits of gardening with youth.....

Gardening offers a hands-on engaging way to teach youth responsibility, nutrition, environmental science and its suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Planting simple fast growing plants like sunflowers, radishes, cherry tomatoes, and peas, are ideal for beginners while activities such as digging in the dirt, planting seeds and weeding create sensory opportunities and fosters a deep connection with nature.

Explore fun and creative gardens like a pizza garden with tomatoes, zucchini, mushrooms, onions, peppers and fresh herbs or a pickling garden or salsa garden or a garden for the birds by starting a flower garden and have fun with wildlife observation.

Start a compost pile to learn about ecosystems, utilize science like using magnifying glasses to find bugs, monitor soil, and its uses to help develop plants in their garden.

Help teach youth about recycled materials like creating toilet paper seedling tubes or reusing common grocery store containers to start seeds in.

Gardening encourages children to try new vegetables and teaches them patience, responsibility and the value of farmers hard work. Let's encourage gardening, it is the 1# way to help aid in physical, emotional and mental health for our youth!

If you have questions or require information, please contact
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SOUTH SHORE FOOD SHARE FUNDRAISER

HERE WE HAVE THE SOUTH SHORE FOOD SHARE!



BLUE JAY, OFFICIAL PE.I. BIRD

HERE ARE THE DELIGHTFUL PERFORMERS:

- Karina Boswell
- Cameron McDuffee
- Karen Graves
- Canoe Cove Choir
- Tony Reddin
- Cole Brioux
- Lillianna Bradley

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Peter Bevan-Baker & Marianna Burda



CAKE AUCTION!

Eggs, pasta, cereal

Fun, family-friendly

CONCERT

Local Musicians

rice, soups, etc.

at Bonshaw Community Centre
25 Green Road, Bonshaw
Sunday May 3, 2:00 to 4 p.m.

Admission by donation of FOOD for Food Share or cash donation

Sponsored by Districts 17 & 19 Green Party and the South Shore Food Share

YARD SALE

MAY 23 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

To reserve a table for \$20.00, please call 902-218-9466.

Crapaud Community Hall,
36 Highway 13, Crapaud.
Canteen Available.



ARTSSMARTS EXHIBIT

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ARTSSMARTS PEI IN COLLABORATION WITH ITS PARTNERS, IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO VIEW TWO EXHIBITS FEATURING THE WORKS OF ISLAND STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2025-2026 ARTSSMARTS PROGRAM.

ON DISPLAY, AND PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GRADE 12 VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS, "FINDING OUR VOICES," AT THE CONFEDERATION CENTRE ART GALLERY IN CHARLOTTETOWN FROM APRIL 24 TO MAY 17.

Open House: Tuesday, April 28th from **6-8 p.m.**

ON DISPLAY AT EPEK ART AND CULTURE CENTRE, IN SUMMERSIDE FROM JUNE 2ND TO JUNE 19TH.

Open House: Tuesday, June 2nd from **6-8 p.m.**



Open your mind and learn through the arts .. A year in review