



Englewood Home and School Newsletter

April 2023

Recent News

- Home & School catered a supper for our staff during parent teacher interviews on March 23rd. It was well received and the staff were grateful! Thank you Jana for your hard work!

Upcoming Events

- **BIG Feelings Workshop:** Does your child have BIG feelings that show up at home? Do you ever struggle with knowing how to respond, help your child through it, and/or not lose your mind in the process? The Bluefield Student Well-Being Team will be putting on a special presentation at Englewood **Weds. Apr. 19th from 6-7:30pm** that will cover all this, and more! Childcare will be provided by our leadership students, and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP with our counsellor Amy at acmackay@edu.pe.ca or call the school at 902-658-7850 and press 0 to tell Cathy you'd like to attend, and if you need childcare.
- **Tues. May 9th: Regular Home and School Meeting**, 6:30-8pm, school library (or virtually on Microsoft Teams at <https://teams.live.com/meet/9382208207960>)
- **Welcome to Kindergarten: Weds. May 24th, 6-7pm.** "This evening will be an opportunity for you and your child to share in family activities that will help your child have a successful transition to Kindergarten. School personnel will share fun activities that you can do at home with your child. At the end of the evening, you will receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag with magnetic letters and numbers, books, crayons, scissors, playdough, and more!" - Mrs. Clow
- **Kindergarten Orientation: Fri. May 26th 9-11am.** "This is an opportunity for your child to see their classroom, meet their friends, and get a brief overview of what our Kindergarten day will look like." - Mrs. Clow
- **Field Trips & Volunteering:** Field Trip season is arriving soon. Dates have not all been set yet but if you think you'd be interested in volunteering, please talk to your child's classroom teacher to see if they are in need of volunteers. If they are, you need a Criminal Record Check. These can take weeks to process, so we need to start the process ASAP. If you will be in a "position of authority or trust" as a volunteer (e.g. on a bus with students without a teacher present, taking a group of children around a theme park on

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- your own, helping small children in the washroom, etc.) - you will also need a Vulnerable Sector Check. This requires an individualized letter from Cathy in the front office to take with you. After you confirm with your child's classroom teacher what your volunteer role will entail (and that as part of that role you may be alone with children), please let Cathy know you will need a letter by calling the school at 902-658-7850 (ext. 0) or by emailing cmcairns@edu.pe.ca. She needs some time to compile them so please give her some notice. If you need your two pieces of ID photocopied she is happy to help with that as well. She will also give you a detailed document showing you where to go and what to bring with you. PLEASE review the document below before heading to the RCMP detachment. If you don't need a vulnerable sector check, the information in the document is all the same, you just don't need the letter.

Pam's Playground Update

Our total now stands at \$42,000. We need lots of help getting donations from businesses, and have been focusing on Island owned businesses because they make donation decisions at a local level. To help, grab a letter from the Pam's Playground bulletin board in the school lobby, and let us know where you send it so we can follow up. If you'd like the electronic version instead, please shoot us an email and we'll get you a copy ASAP.

Update on our ongoing fundraisers:

- ➔ **COSPEI Gold Rush Weekly Draws:** These weekly draws have raised over \$700 since January for our Pam's Playground fund! Sign up at: cospei.goldrush.causable.io and you could win thousands of dollars for only a \$5 entry fee!
- ➔ **FlipGive:** We're approaching \$100 raised using this app! Sign up at flipgive.com using the code 7V5MP9 to join the Englewood Team. There are a small group of us using it so far and we're excited to have more people join! It's so easy to use and requires almost zero effort. Contact Rachael if you have any questions!

Thank you for your support!

- ➔ Englewood Home & School

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