



Englewood Home and School Newsletter

May 2023

Upcoming Events

- **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 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.
- **Thurs. June 1: Spring Concert, Grades K-6:** Concert will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Englewood gym (students should arrive by 6:00). The evening will include song selections from our K-4 students, as well as band performances from our Gr. 4-6 students. There will be a free will offering (proceeds going to our Music & Band programs).

(turn over for more!)

- **Thurs. June 8: Spring Concert, Grades 7-9 Band:** Concert will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Englewood gym (students should arrive by 6:00). Our Band students will perform a number of pieces, including those performed at their recent Band trip in Halifax. There will be a free will offering (proceeds going to our Music & Band programs).
- **Tues. June 13th: Regular Home and School Meeting,** 6:30-8pm, school library (or virtually on Microsoft Teams at <https://teams.live.com/meet/9382208207960>).

Pam’s Playground Update

We've got some bad news - the vendor that we've chosen for our play structure had a price increase of 32.5%. Yikes! That (plus with our exciting goals of adding some accessible and inclusive elements to our playground) means we have increased our fundraising goal from \$150,000 to \$165,000.

While this was disappointing, we're not letting this get us down! Our fundraising has been going SO well - our total as of today is \$77,000 in only 8.5 months! For a small school community like Englewood we are so impressed and grateful for the community support! We recently received a Provincial Government Playground Fund grant of \$25,000, and we are in the process of applying for another big grant that will help boost our total. We are currently aiming for a Spring 2024 installation. We are accepting donations (checks can be made out to "Englewood Home and School" with "Pam's Playground" on the memo line and dropped off at the school with Cathy!) and if a business you know is interested in a corporate sponsorship please let us know!

Did you know a basketball court makeover is part of the plans? Our goal is to have the basketball court makeover done for the fall of 2023, so watch for announcements about this: we will need community help for gardening and landscaping around the court in the near future!

Fundraising through COSPEI GoldRush draws is ongoing (we’ve raised over \$1000 since January!) It only costs \$5 a week and you could win thousands!! Sign up at: cospei.goldrush.causable.io

Our FlipGive Team has raised \$126 so far and we’re looking for more people to help! This website allows you to shop online at your favorite vendors, or buy online gift cards, and the Home & School gets a small kickback into our Playground Fund. We use it to purchase gift cards for everyday things like groceries, gas and coffee, and it costs you nothing! Use code "7V5MP9" to join our team! If you have any questions about how either of those work please let Rachael know and she can help you sort it out!

- Keep an eye out for an end-of-year fundraiser that’s currently in the works! It will be in school, will involve our students and there might be some sweet prizes to be won...

Thank you for your support!

- Englewood Home & School

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