



Englewood Home and School Newsletter

October 2023

Pam's Playground Update

WE ARE DONE FUNDRAISING!! You read that right - we are FINISHED!! Our incredible community has rallied and in one short year we have blown our goal out of the water and raised **\$227,000** for Pam's Playground!! Our original goal was \$150,000 and we raised it to \$165,000 last May. Then in June, we partnered with the Municipality of Crapaud to apply for funding through the Rural Growth Initiative Fund (a provincial grant). We applied for \$50,000 and crossed our fingers hoping that this would complete our fundraising campaign. In August we were notified that we were actually given \$100,000!!! We are shocked, surprised and so incredibly grateful! These extra funds will allow us to add a few extra accessible features to our playground that we couldn't add before. 😊😊😊



So What's Next? → Right now we are focusing on some upgrades to our basketball court (also a part of the Pam's Playground project). We are planning on having basketball backboards & rims painted, and an Englewood family has graciously donated new basketball nets. We are installing an equipment storage box on the court as well that will contain four-square balls, basketballs and disc golf discs. They're free for everyone to use so we ask that you please return equipment after use 😊 Lastly we are working on ordering & installing benches for around the court. This is proving to be a bit of a process so please bear with us! The play structure is slated for installation in May 2024. This is entirely weather dependent based on the status of the ground in the spring so we don't have an exact date yet.

Bonus: Teachers at Englewood use FM systems (a microphone & speaker combination) to communicate with students. They desperately need to be replaced! The new systems - "FrontRow Juno System" - come recommended by the Public Schools Branch, but they are expensive, ~\$2,000 each! BUT we have some great news! In the spring of 2023 the Home & School voted to set aside \$4,000 of our existing funds to top off the Pam's Playground fundraiser, if needed. Because we did SO well fundraising, the Home & School didn't need to use these funds, so at our last meeting we voted to use these funds to purchase TWO more FM systems for the classrooms! Thank you for your support!!

Coupon Books:

Coupon book order forms are due back **Tues. Oct. 31st & Weds. Nov. 1st!** Proceeds from this fundraiser go into the Home & School fund which supports things like the school Music & Gym Programs, helps pay for our annual Potts' Sleigh Ride in December, and helps celebrate our Staff during Staff Appreciation Week. Coupon books will be sent home on November 10th. Thank you Stacey Hardy for all of your hard work running this fundraiser!



Sports:



Your Englewood Bulldogs volleyball teams have been crushing it lately - stay tuned for Mr. Reardon's Peek-at-the-Week emails to see where you can cheer for them next!

Upcoming Dates:

Thurs. Oct. 26th: Englewood Spooktacular at Englewood, 6-7:30pm. Come enjoy a Halloween carnival style evening hosted by your very own Englewood staff! \$10 for one student, \$15 for two siblings, or \$20 for three or more siblings. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this, please contact Mrs. Richards by email at mhstephan@edu.pe.ca or call the school at (902) 658-7850. Proceeds from this evening will go towards a new FM system for one of the classrooms!

Fri. Oct. 27th: PD Day, no school for students

Sat. Oct. 28th: Englewood Artisan Craft Fair, 9am-6pm, \$2 entry fee. Katie is looking for volunteers to help set up the day before and for helping the day of. Please email her at katievail@hotmail.com or send her a message on Facebook!

Mon. Nov. 13th: Statutory Holiday (no school)

Thurs. Nov. 16th & Fri. Nov. 17th: PEI Teachers' Federation Conference; no school for students

Fri. Nov. 17th & Sat. Nov. 18th: Bluefield Band Christmas Craft Fair at Bluefield School, Fri. 5:30-9:00pm and Sat. from 10am-5pm

Fri. Nov. 24th: Parent Teacher Interviews (no school for students)

Community Events:

Cornwall Comets Basketball are looking to fill their Jr. Mini Girls (Grades 3 & 4) and Mini Girls (Grades 5 & 6) teams! The boys' teams fill up quickly but the girls need more players! They practice twice a week, once on Monday night and once on Saturdays. Please email cornwallcomets@gmail.com for more information!

Crapaud Curling Club is looking for volunteers to help with their after school Learn to Curl program Mondays from 3-4:30pm. Curling experience is an asset but not necessary; being great with kids is a



necessity! This would be good for high school students looking for volunteer hours. If you can help out with this program, please email the club ASAP at crapaudcurlingclub@gmail.com.

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