

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

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2011-2012 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, The Eastern School District, and the Western and French School Boards, are starting the process of preparing for kindergarten in September 2012.

During the week of November 14-18, parents are asked to register their children for kindergarten. Children must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2012 to be eligible for kindergarten. Parents will be required to fill in a registration form and also to provide proof of child's age (child's birth certificate or child's PEI health card). Parents are also required to provide verification of parent's home address.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to provide the annual Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for all incoming kindergarten students and their parents between April and June. These sessions will be hosted at all of our public schools that offer kindergarten.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY:

Welcome Baby Callum Maclaine into our school through Roots of Empathy program. Callum and his Mom visited Mrs. Bernard's Kindergarten class last week. We predicted what he might be able to do and verified when he came. We measured him with blocks and found out he is exactly half the size of one of our students. We talked about how baby's brains grow and about feelings. We learned how his mom knows when he is hungry or tired. Keep an eye on the bulletin board across from Mrs. Bernard's class to see what we are learning about each month. I have some pamphlets that describe the program I could give you more info if you think the program needs introducing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

A Remembrance Day Observance Assembly for all students and staff will be held on Nov. 9th at 10:40 am in our Multi Purpose room. Our concert band, the cadets and other students will be leading us in this activity.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

The Christmas concerts are Dec. 7th , at 7:00 pm for all band students and Dec. 14th , at 7:00 pm for the elementary concert.



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Order envelopes for student pictures were sent home with students a few weeks ago, these are to be returned to the school . If you haven't already sent back your order envelope please do so. (Please send back the envelope whether you are ordering or not).

NOVEMBER 10th - Is a Provincial Professional Development Day for teachers. There will not be classes for students.

TERRY FOX NEWS:

All pledges are in and our school raised \$6,000.00 for this worthy cause. A big thank-you to a wonderful school community where everyone working together can make a huge difference. This is an amazing total and congratulations to all who had a part in making this year's event a success!!

SPORTS ACTION:

Twelve students from grades 4-5-6 competed in the Zone 3 Cross Country Meet early in October. Two students, Chloe Toombs and Abby Craswell advanced to the Provincials held October 15th in Mill River. Out of 118 participants in their Novice Girls classification Abby finished 31st and Chloe finished 47th. Congratulations to all members of the Cross Country Running Club and to coaches Ms. McCabe and Madame Larkin for their guidance and participation.

In Intermediate Soccer action both Gulf Shore teams advanced to the play-offs with different results. The boys lost their first play-off game to Morell 2-0 which ended their season. The girls won each of their 3 play-off games meeting Kensington once again in the final, and as they did last year Gulf Shore won 5-0 defending their title as Provincial Soccer Champs. Congratulations to members of both teams and coaches, Mitchell Doiron and Stephen Porter of the boys team and Judy Simpson of the girls team for another successful season.



Sports will now move indoors with basketball practices beginning mid month and teams being selected to play once again in the Eastern School District Basketball "A" League. A basketball club is also planned for students in grades 4-5 and 6.

BOOK FAIR:

A big thank you to students, parents and staff for making our book fair a success. We were able to purchase over \$1000 in books for the library.

HAUNTED WOODS:

What a great finale it was for the Haunted Woods! There were many great costumes to be seen and great stories to be heard by all who visited. Many thanks to all participating band members and grade 9 families who made this final haunting a huge success. A total of \$1500.00 was raised to go towards the band and grade 9 trips. A huge thank you to all the pumpkin carvers in grades 5 and 6 for adding some character and light to the woods over the years. A special thank you to Paul Blacquiere for his photography and advertising services he has provided over the last seven years. Many thanks to our surrounding communities and members for advertising this event for us. Your generosity will always be remembered.

Due to the forecasted weather on Sunday, a few kind individuals remained behind to help dismantle the Haunted Woods for one last time. With that being said, Steven and Merryman Porter are now looking for a new place to store these items. There are many great props still in good shape which can be used for future hauntings. Contact Merryman at 621-0603 as she would like to have her garage cleared out before the snow arrives.

Merryman and Judy would like to say a huge thank you to all family members and close friends who have contributed time and money into this event over the last seven years. It was a **faboolous** time!

Finally, thank you to the Gulf Shore School community for supporting us in this fundraiser.

Merryman Porter and Judy Simpson.

Have Your Say - Education Governance Commission Discussion Paper

The Education Governance Commission has been asked to examine and make recommendations on governance structures, mechanisms, and processes to ensure leadership and accountability for student learning outcomes and for the effective, efficient, responsive operation of Prince Edward Island's educational system. They need to hear the views and advice of islanders in order to make recommendations on "who should do what" and "how should it be done" in our education system to better facilitate student learning. The Commission welcomes comments and suggestions on any and all aspects of education governance that may be of concern or interest to Islanders.

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

Guitar Lessons:

Devin Krauskopf is offering guitar lessons in all styles from beginner to advanced. He specializes in Classical and Rock Guitar and teaches all music styles as well as Music Theory, Ear Training, and Performance Training. Lessons are held at 81 Prince Street in central downtown Charlottetown. You can contact Devin by phone at (902) 388-0535 or by email at krauskopfguitar@hotmail.com.

Rustico Ringettes:

Rustico Ringette is still accepting registrations for their U9 team for the 2011-2012 season! There's still time to get involved! Ice times are held on Saturdays from 12:10-1:10p.m. at North Star Arena. For more information, contact Heather at heathercoles@hotmail.com or 569-3885.

Mi'kmaq Legends:

"Mi'kmaq Legends" is a theatrical experience comprised of music, poetry, dance visual arts and theatre. This is a free event taking place **Saturday, October 29th, 3:30 p.m. at the Murphy's Community Centre, 200 Richmond Street, Charlottetown.** For tickets call: Taunya Murchison at 902 626-2882 or tmurchison@mcpei.ca

The Great Canadian Goat Run:

Saturday, November 12th Race StartTime 10:am

Registration - 9:00 am at the Great Canadian Soap Co. 4224 Portage Rd, Brackley Beach, starting November 1st Monday - Saturday, 9:1m - 5pm. Fee \$115.00 per Runner or \$30.00 per family - \$5.00 off with a donation to the food bank. For more information go to our web site at greatcanadiangoatrun.wordpress.com

PEI Alpine Ski Association:

Ski Swap- November 5, 2011 at the West Royalty Community Center (across from Capital Honda) 1 Kirkdale Road, Charlottetown. Admission \$2.00. Drop off - 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 am.

There is a \$5.00 per item drop off fee. This is payable when equipment is dropped off. There is a 10% commission charge on all equipment sold. This will be deducted from the purchase price of the item.