

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. To those of you who are new to our school, a special welcome.

This newsletter is the first of a monthly newsletter from Gulf Shore. The newsletter is sent out on the first Thursday of each month. This year once again we are sending the newsletter via email. It will also be posted on the website at www.edu.pe.ca/gulfshore. Parents are asked to take the time to read it as it contains information about the upcoming month.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a very successful school year.

Staffing:

We would like to welcome three new staff members to our school this year:

Mel Bernard who is our Guidance Counselor

Robert Holmes will be teaching Lang Arts and Industrial Arts to intermediate students.

Kathy Campbell will be joining our staff when Kirsten MacLaine, who is our music teacher, goes on Maternity Leave, September 16th.

Student Fees:

Student fees are as follows:

Kindergarten - \$40.00

Grade 1 - 3: \$46.00 (includes supplies and Agenda)

Grade 4 -6 \$7.00 (Agenda)

Grade 7-9 \$27.00 (\$10.00 each for Home Ec and Industrial Arts and \$7.00 for agenda)

Students in grade 7 taking Art have an additional fee of \$10.00 for a sketch book.

Students in grade 8 and 9 taking Art should have their sketch book from last year.

If they need to buy a new one it will be \$10.00. If these fees have not yet been paid, please submit to your child's homeroom teacher within the next week if possible. Cheques are to be made payable to Gulf Shore School.

INFORMATION SHEETS:

A number of forms/info sheets have been sent home with your child today, please review each one and read it carefully. Return those that need to be returned to the school as soon as possible, it is very important that we receive these sheets back in the next day or two.

Student Information Sheet: Please read carefully and make any corrections or additions to this form. It is very important that we have on file an emergency number where someone can be reached in case your child becomes sick during the school hours. Also make sure that the civic number is included in your address.

Computer Acceptable Use Agreement for Students: These forms are sent home with students in grade: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 7 .

Low Risk Indemnification Form:

This form is to provide permission for your children to participate in any school field trips. (A different form will be sent home for high risk activities, such as sports/swimming).

Email Address: Please fill in the attached sheet with your email address (please mark clearly if this is a new address from last year), and verify if you require a paper copy of the newsletter to be sent home with your child. Our system can only take one email address.

School Calendar: The school calendar is in the student's agenda . There are two Professional Days that should be added to the Calendar. November 25th and April 27th .

Notice to Parents: (School Cancellation/Delays, etc.)

Please read over this flyer and keep for future reference - Please note we are a member of the Bluefield Family of Schools.

Media Coverage Form: This is now included on the Student Information sheet.

Visitors to the School:

Everyone who is visiting the school (dropping off children, picking up children or for any other reason) must stop in the office before going to any other part of the school. We ask that you do not park on the side of the road in front of the school, please use the parking lot.

School Photos:

Our school photos once again will be taken by Martin Caird on September 13th and September 14th.

Meet The Staff Night:

Please mark Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for Meet the Staff Night. This is an introduction to the Teachers, Educational Assistants and Bus Drivers as well as the school day at Gulf Shore.

Fragrance Free:

Gulf Shore is a scent free-space. Some members of our staff and students are highly allergic to strong scents. We ask that students refrain from using perfumes and strong scented deodorant of any kind. If you plan on visiting the school please abide by this policy.

Agenda:

Just a reminder to parents and students that the school handbook is at the front of the agenda. Each student is given one and it is expected that they use it daily to record homework, assignments and other important dates. It is also a useful place to communicate with homeroom teachers. Please take some time to review the handbook.

Early Arrival At School:

Parents are asked to respect our policy regarding students coming to school early in the morning. Students who walk or get dropped off are asked **not to arrive before 8:30 and only to enter through the bus doors.** The doors will remain locked until this time.

Before and After School Program:

We are happy to be able to provide before and after school care at Gulf Shore. This service is provided at a charge. It will operate 5 days a week. To register or for more information email gsafterschoolprogram@gmail.com

Gulf Shore Early Learning Center:

Our school is very thrilled to welcome 2,3,4 year olds to our Gulf Shore Community this year. The Early Learning Center officially opens on Wednesday, September 7th. For more information click on the link on our website.

Home and School:

The Executive of the Gulf Shore Home and School Association would like to welcome back all returning Staff, Students, and Parents/Guardians and we would like to send a special welcome to all the new Staff, Students, Parents/Guardians who are entering Gulf Shore Consolidated School for the first time.

We would like to invite you to come out to our Home and School meetings that are held once a month. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 7:00pm. in the Science Lab. The more the participation we have the stronger we stand together.

Sincerely your Executive for 2011-2012

President-Gayle Forrester, Vice President-Lisa Langdale,
Secretary-Tammy Peters and Treasurer-Jennifer Lidstone

Milk Tokens:

Milk tokens will be sold tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and students will be able to purchase milk tomorrow. The cost is \$.40 per 250 ml and \$.60 for chocolate milk. The regular schedule for lunch/milk tokens sales will begin on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. More information regarding the lunch program will be sent home later.

Community News :

Due to the space available on paper copies of our Newsletter any community news will be add to the Website copy only.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Minor Hockey Registration:

North Star Minor Hockey Registration: Registration for the 2011-2012 hockey season will take place on Saturday, September 10th and Saturday, September 17th from 10:00AM till 1:00pm at the North Star Arena. Late fee of \$50 will apply to everyone who registers later than September 30th. For more information please contact Shanna Doiron at 963-2923 or sdoiron@pei.sympatico.ca.

Terry Fox Run:

1st Annual Hunter River Terry Fox Run will be held on Sunday, September 18th at the Dr. Kent G Ellis Heritage Park. Registration begins at 1pm with the run beginning at 2pm. Come and join us for a 1 or 5 km course that is accessible to walk, run, bike or wheelchair. Online registration and pledge forms are available at www.terryfox.org. For more information call Sarah at 621-2225 or email hunterriverevents@hotmail.com

Speed Skating Registration

Speed Skate PEI is holding registration for the upcoming season on Saturday, September 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Charlottetown Civic Centre. Speed Skating (Competitive, Developmental and Recreational) and Learn to Skate Programs run from October to March. For more information or late registration inquiries, visit www.speedskatepei.com or email info@speedskatepei.ca.

The Children's Wish Foundation Wishmaker Walk for Wishes

Join us, Saturday, October 15,, 2011 at any of the five locations across Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown, Summerside, Tignish, North Rustico & Montague. A short walk designed for families, schools and people of all ages to participate in, Walk for Wishes is a national event that takes place in over 100 communities throughout Canada. Proceeds will help grant wishes to Island children between the ages of 3 and 17 diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Contact us today for your pledge sheet or for more information please call The Children's Wish Foundation – Prince Edward Island Chapter today at (902) 566-5526 or email at pei@childrenswish.ca www.wishmaker

Come Try Ringette

Do you know someone who is ready to become one of our Future Ringette Stars? Ringette is an exciting team sport that emphasizes fun while allowing for maximum participation of all players. Ringette promotes cooperation with teammates and provides the opportunity for healthy competition. The rules encourage safety, and no intentional body contact. It requires both fitness and strategy. Through ringette, players develop enthusiasm for active life-long participation in sports and active health.

Are you looking for a sport where you can have fun, make new friends and become a great skater? Ringette just may be what you're looking for.

Why not attend our Come Try Ringette event on September 25, CARI Arena B from 1:30 to 3:30 PM and give it a try. This is a FREE event. BEGINNERS are welcome!

For more information, visit <http://charlottetownringette.com/> or call Michael James, President, Charlottetown Ringette at 626-9612

Ringette in Rustico:

Registration for ringette (girls under 9 years old) will take place at the North Star Arena on Saturday, Sept. 17th from 10:00 - 1:00.

PREVENTIVE DENTAL PROGRAM AT GULF SHORE SCHOOL

The Dental Public Health Team will be starting at Gulf Shore School the week of September 26, 2011 to provide preventive dental services. The objective of this clinic will provide oral health education and preventive dental services to help reduce or prevent oral disease.

In the first couple of days of the clinic, all children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of having oral disease. If you do not wish your children to have this dental screening, please advise the school secretary or classroom teacher.

Preventive services including oral health education, fluorides, scaling/polishing and sealants will then be provided, according to each child's individual needs. It will be necessary for you to sign and return a consent form in order to obtain these services. This form will be distributed to the students once the screenings are complete. There is no cost involved with this clinic and parents are encouraged to visit the dental clinic in the school to discuss preventive dental care for their

children.

Please note that only preventive services will be provided, and the screening is not a dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. In addition to the services provided, the Children's Dental Care Program covers the cost of basic dental care delivered in private dental offices for children from ages 3 - 17 (up to 18th birthday).

For further information on our programs and services, please contact the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 368-4918 or Summerside at 888-8145.

Montague Christmas Craft Fair:

Get your table rental application for the Montague Christmas Craft Fair being held on Dec 2nd and 3rd hosted by the Montague Skating Club at the Wellness Centre in Montague. To get an application or for further information contact Laurie Godfrey at 583-2811.

Youth Health Workshop:

On behalf of the Comprehensive School Health Research (CSHR) Group at UPEI, I would like to invite you, as Gulf Shore Consolidated Home and School President, to nominate participants for a workshop ("Engaging Parent/Guardian Voices in School Health Knowledge Translation and Dissemination") that we are conducting about youth health in PEI. Without your support and cooperation, we would not be able to conduct this research.

Early in this school year, we will be holding two workshops to engage students and parents in conversation about school health priorities and information sharing. We are asking you to help us identify one or two parents/guardians who have demonstrated initiative or concern towards youth health within your school or community to participate in the parent/guardian workshop.

The workshop will be held on September 28, 2011 from 6:30-9:00pm on the UPEI campus, and it will be facilitated by members of our research team. In addition, we are inviting all workshop participants to participate in our Provincial Youth Health Forum on October 12, 2011 from 10:00am-3:00pm, along with other invited stakeholders.

The goal of conducting these workshops is to gain insight from both students and parents/guardians about the opportunities and challenges that exist for information sharing regarding youth health. Information collected during the workshops will be used to improve and develop programs and policies that will strengthen our knowledge exchange practices here in PEI.

We would very much appreciate if you could provide us with the names and contact information (email) of parents you feel may be interested in attending these events. We will contact them directly with an invitation letter so they can better decide upon their possible participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the CSHR Project Office (Courtney Laurence) at (902) 894-2891 or by emailing shapespei@