

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
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Children's Wish Penny Drive:

Just a reminder that the penny drive for the Children's Wish Foundation will continue until the end of April.

Easter Seals Ambassador Tour:

On Tuesday, April 19th the Easter Seals Ambassador Tour will visit Gulf Shore School.

Book Sale:

The Grade 3 class would like to thank everyone for their book donations last month. Close to **2,000 books** were donated over a period of one week and **\$420** was collected during the book sale on March 17th. The money collected will be donated to the **Children's Wish Foundation**. Students in the grade 3 class received many positive comments for their efforts and as a result, this Grade 3 Book Drive will become an annual event. The goal of this project was to engage young readers with new and interesting text books. We certainly exceeded our expectations! Raising over \$400 was a **BONUS**, and the students decided to make a donation to a wonderful cause. We will be looking for your book donations again next year!!! Thank you for your support!

Easter Weekend Holidays:

Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25 are Easter holidays, Tuesday, April 26th is a Professional Development Day for all schools, therefore students do not have classes.

"Gepetto" Performance at Confederation Centre

The entire school will be going to the Colonel Gray performance "Gepetto" at the Confederation Centre on May 13th. More information will follow as the date gets closer.

Thank You

Thank you to the North Rustico Lions' Club for their donation of Personal ID Kits for students. Parents can use the kits for their sons/daughters and keep these records safe at home.

Home & School:

Reminder that the next Home and School meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Gulf Shore Yearbook Update:

We have been working very hard on completing the contents of the 2010-2011 yearbook, which will be going into production in the next few weeks. Our beautiful book-to-be is a hardcover, full-color, 48-page book which includes pictures of our entire student population (K-9), and activities from throughout the year. Students from the Yearbook Committee are currently seeking donations in order to keep the book price reasonable; if you are interested in sponsoring, please email Mrs. Mulcahy, asap. Receipts will be provided, and sponsors will be recognized on a page in the yearbook. We will begin pre-sales of our book next month, stay tuned for updates in May!

Sports News:

The Wrestling team is preparing for the Provincial School Wrestling Championships the weekend of April 15-16th in Summerside. Twelve of Gulf Shore's thirteen wrestlers have qualified for these championships after finishing in the top three positions at the Zone Wrestling Tournament hosted by Gulf Shore earlier this week.

Try-outs are also taking place for positions on the school's Badminton Team. Zone meets for badminton will take place at various schools in the Charlottetown area the week of April 18-21st.

Literacy Bits for Parents: Choosing the Right Book

To develop a love for reading, your child needs to learn to choose books that are 'just right' for him or her.

- Encourage your child to use the cover, back, table of contents, pictures, or other text features to decide if he or she would be interested in the book.
- Encourage your child to read the first two pages and ask themselves if they understand the book so far.

- Suggest to your child that if there are more than three words on a page that they don't know, then it would be better for them to read it with an adult.
- Talk to your child about how you choose a book to read.

Months At A Glance:

April 7	Free The Children Presentation 9:30 - 10:30
April 13	Home & School Meeting
April 13	Day of Pink
April 15	Walk to School
April 19	Easter Seals Ambassador's Tour (1:25)
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
April 26	Professional Development Day - (no classes for students)
April 27-28	Band Trip to Halifax
May 3	Grade 9 Math Assessment
May 5	Children's Wish Presentation (11:40)
May 6	Area Association Meeting (no classes for students)
May 9	Water Safety Presentation K-6
May 13	"Gepetto" at the Confederation Centre
May 20	Children's Wish Walk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baseball

Kensington and Area minor baseball registration will be held at the rink from 9:30-12 on Sat., April 30th and May 7th . Programs will be offered for kids aged 5-18. Registration forms will also be available during that week at the FIT PLEX. If you have any questions, please contact Blair Christopher at 836-3750.

Bible Camp:

Attention all children ages 5 to 12! The Fourth Annual Vacation Bible Camp sponsored by St. Dunstan's University Board, will take place July 11-15th, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Cymbria Lions Club, South Rustico. More details to follow. If you would like further information, please call Sister Audrey M. Brocklehurst @ 963-2098.

Clippers Soccer Summer Registration

Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club will be holding registration for summer soccer on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Hunter River Lions Club. **On-line registration** is also available at <http://centralqueenssoccer.pe.ca/>

Horseback Riding Summer Camp

Horseback Riding Summer Camp Registration! April 29th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Hughes-Jones Centre, 271 Cornwall Road, Cornwall. Talk to industry professionals and find out everything you need to know before you put your child into horse camp this summer. Call Ellen 894-5452 or email: info@thehughesjonescentre.ca for more information.

Spring Training Baseball Program

The Edge Sports Training is offering a spring training baseball tryout preparation program. The program is open to Rookie/Mosquito and Peewee/Bantam players. Certified coaches and players from the PEI Senior Team and KCBL will develop players' batting, pitching, catching, fielding, throwing, and other aspects of the game. It will be held at the Terry Fox Complex at the Cornwall Turf Field. Times for these sessions are: Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register: <http://www.theedgesports.ca/Registration-Form.html> or phone 367-1373, email: info@theedgesports.ca. The cost is \$60.00

Homestay on the Island

Invite the world home - Be a host family – Looking for an experience where the whole family can have fun and grow together? Eight Japanese youth aged 12 to 16 are dreaming of spending a month this summer with an Island family. Host families are simply asked to welcome the exchange student into their home and treat him/her like one of the family. We provide lots of support for this volunteer opportunity. Develop a friendship that reaches around the world. For more information, contact: Michelle at 887-3299 or Nola at 859-3684.

Camp Seggie

Summer is right around the corner and we are very excited about this year's program. We offer a variety of full week camps for students finishing grades 3 - 9 and a mini camp for students completing grades 1 - 3. New this year: For campers and parents who may not yet be ready for an overnight camp, we have the option for day campers! Check out the website for more information – www.campseggie.ca Come and share some of your summer with us.

