

**NEWSLETTER**  
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**REMEMBRANCE DAY:**

A Remembrance Day Observance Assembly for all students and staff will be held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> , at 7:00 pm for all band students and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> , 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).

**REPORT CARDS:**

Our first set of Report Cards will be going out on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Is a Provincial Professional Development Day for teachers. There will not be classes for students.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:**

At this busy time of year we want to take the chance to remind you that we have a great after school program operating in our school! Even if you just need part-time care or care for a period of time, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. We are open until 5:45 p.m. for your convenience. Great price of only \$10.00 per day! Please contact us at [gsafterschoolprogram@gmail.com](mailto:gsafterschoolprogram@gmail.com) or call Michelle – 621-0534 or Shannon – 621-0155. Also available is our 4-year old program with half day, full day or full day plus after school option.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The girls soccer team defeated Kensington 6-0 for the gold medal at the Provincial Soccer

Championships on Friday. There was lots of excitement on the bench during the entire game, as the girls knew they were making history at Gulf Shore Consolidated School. This is the first-ever medal placing for our school in soccer. Well done girls!! Your coaches are very proud of you and your efforts and dedication to this team. They would like to thank parents, students, staff and Mr. Matthews, for their continued support throughout the soccer season.

Congratulations also goes out to Chloe Toombs and Donovan Wyand for their performance at the PEI School Cross Country Championships last month in Mill River. Chloe finished seventh out of 126 runners in the Pre-Novice girl category (10 years of age) while Donovan finished ninth out of 113 runners in the Novice boys category (10-12 years of age).

### **OTHER SPORTS NEWS:**

The soccer season has ended for our intermediate soccer teams with the boys finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Eastern Division. The girls finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division and went on to win the Provincial "A" Soccer Championship. Thanks to girls' coaches Merryman Porter and Judy Simpson and the boys' coaches Steven Porter and Mitchell Doiron for their time and guidance throughout the season.

Basketball is the next major sport for our student athletes and it is hoped we will have both a boys and girls team entered in the "A" division this year.

### **20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GULF SHORE SCHOOL:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Gulf Shore Consolidated School will be held on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. ( Storm date, January 27<sup>th</sup>) in the Multi Purpose Room from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The committee is looking for pictures or memorabilia that can be displayed that evening. If you are sending in pictures, please send in copies with a description as we want to use them in collages, etc. Please set this time aside to come and help us celebrate.

Any items may be dropped off at the school office.

### **HAUNTED WOODS:**

What a great night! No wind or rain, just lots of witches, ghosts, mummies and screams throughout the woods in St. Ann's.

The annual "Haunted Woods" event took place on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, which saw many

guests wandering through the woods enjoying live performances. It was a successful night for the band members and grade 9 grad class raising \$1600. Many thanks to the students, parents, staff and community for their support in this annual fundraiser.

### **2010 - 2011 YEARBOOK:**

The yearbook committee is excited to share that we are working towards a new, school-wide format, with a goal to include all students and staff this year in our book. We'd like to encourage any "shutterbugs" who have taken photos of Gulf Shore students in action, to email Mrs. Mulcahy, [jemulcahy@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jmulcahy@edu.pe.ca). Please include details describing the event, along with the names of any students in the photo. We will be sure to credit you in our book, should your photo be included! More details and updates to come in future newsletters about our yearbook's progress.

### **WIGGLES!**

Thanks to Sandpiper Studios for donating tickets to the "Wiggles". Grade one student, Emily Maclean and her nana, Marie Darien got to go see the Wiggles. Thank you to Martin and Janet Caird.

### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

The school year is well under way for the school development committee. The staff is divided into 4-5 collaborative teams where they decide, based on students' needs, a focus for study. Making sure the collaborative teams have resources to support their work has been one of our major aims so far. They meet once a week and the group facilitator updates a blog after each meeting.

We've assisted with the planning of the October 1<sup>st</sup> Professional Day to ensure that it was a very positive experience for all staff members.

We are presently planning our November 26<sup>th</sup> P.D. day and are in contact with Sean Cain, to organize a "Tell Them From Me" survey for students, which we hope to administer before Christmas.

Students and staff are working hard at improving assessment results. The parental support shown at the Parent Teacher Interviews goes a long way to helping everyone learn.

The School Development Team has also decided that we would encourage the collaborative teams to have "Celebration of Literacy" evenings. Hard work needs to be celebrated! Keep your ears and eyes open for more information.

We are continuing our "Shark Bite Assemblies" where students are recognized for extra effort put into being a great student and citizen. Our next assembly will be this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **GULF SHORE GIVES BACK:**

Lorna Larkin's class has chosen the North Rustico Lions ' Club as their community partner and will be helping them with the Food Drive that is presently taking place. At the school on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> the grade 4 Immersion class will be hosting a "Crazy Hair Day" for all students and will be collecting non-perishable food items in return for this event. The class would like to "Stuff The Shark" which will be in the foyer of the school. This activity will promote school spirit while carrying through with an act of kindness towards the North Rustico Lions ' Club.

## **HOME & SCHOOL:**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (sharp )in the science lab at Gulf Shore School. We like to see as many people there as possible.

Just a reminder about donations for the Food For Thought cupboard in lieu of teachers' gifts.

If you're thinking about Christmast gifts, don't forget that the 20th anniversary commemorative cook books will be available early in December.

Wishing everyone a Happy November.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **WALK/RUN:**

Every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 at the Gulf Shore School gym there is an opportunity for you to participate in a walk/run hour for free.