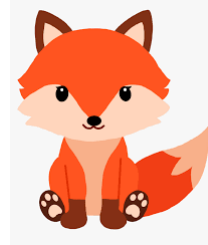


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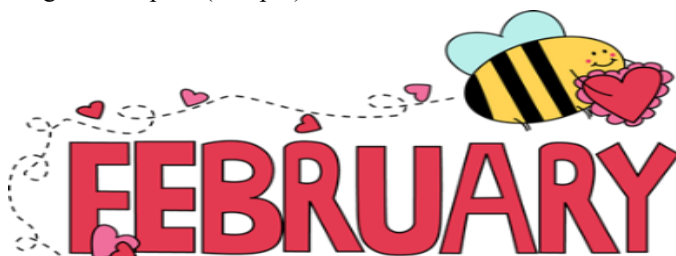
TARA DEGLAN-GALLANT - PRINCIPAL

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NATALIE BROMLEY - VICE-PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 9th- 13th – Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb 10th- Late French Immersion and Band Information Parent Meeting at Stonepark (6:00pm)
- Feb 11th – Grade 6 visit to Stonepark (10:00am-11:30am)
- Feb 13th – School Goals Day (No Classes for Students)
- Feb 14th- Valentine's Day
- Feb 16th- Islander Day (No School)
- Feb 17th – Chinese New Year
- Feb 17th- First Day of Ramadan
- Feb 17th-20th - Winter Carnival Week
- Feb 20th- Winter Wellness Day
- Feb 25th- Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 27th – H&S Chocolate Bar Bingo (7:00 @ North Shore Community Center)



WIND CHILL AND OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY



As per Public Schools Branch policy, students are expected to go outdoors unless the wind chill is -20°C or colder. Please make sure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to play outside during these cold winter days. Please note, this includes children who are dropped off each morning! We are outside each morning until 8:25 therefore students dropped off should be dressed to remain outside until this 8:25 time. It is also a good idea for your child to keep an extra pair of mitts/gloves and socks in their kitbags. **Please ensure that you have an extra pair of clothes packed in your child's backpack to limit the calling home with wet clothing.**

SPRING FUNDRAISER- COUPON BOOKS

Time for another fundraiser. We had such a successful fundraiser this past fall selling Coupon Books we are going to do it again! Watch your child's backpacks for fundraising paperwork late March. **ALL payments for this fundraiser must be made through Cash Online.** If you haven't registered your account or added your children, please see instructions below:



<p>How to register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashionline.com and click Register. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password ○ Select a security question ○ Select Yes to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails) • You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it. • Use your email address and password to log in to your account. 	<p>How to add children to your account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign in to SchoolCash Online: https://publicschoolsbranch.schoolcashionline.com. • At the top of the page, navigate to My Account. • From the dropdown menu, select My Students. • Click to add a child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Type your school board name. ○ Choose your school from the list. ○ Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account. ○ Click Confirm.
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If you need any assistance with setting up your account, please contact the office at 902-368-4150.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE

Mornings can be rough in many households. Routine is paramount with kids. If you feel your child is able, have them be a part of **establishing a morning routine PLAN**, and remember to **stick to the basics!** To begin, you will greatly increase the odds of an easier morning if your child has had **enough sleep**. A nightly routine is just as important, but a topic for another day! To make the morning run as smoothly as possible, **do as much as you can the night before:** packing lunches, choosing clothes to wear, breakfast choice and books in kitbags. **Communicate the "get up" time** to your child. Keep in mind some children rather an alarm than an individual to wake them up, if possible. If the morning is not going well, **stay calm**. Make sure the expectations are clear, use a calm voice and simply focus on the next step. **Visual schedules, or check lists** are needed for some kids. If the morning does not go well, be sure to address it with your child and ask what will make tomorrow's morning go better. Good luck 😊

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION- STONEPARK INFORMATION

There will be a **Late French Immersion Parent Information meeting at Stonepark on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00pm** storm date is February 11th. This Parent Information Meeting will be held in Stonepark's school cafeteria. **Our grade 6 students will be travelling to Stonepark on Thursday, February 11th from 10:00am- 11:30am** to attend an information session to learn about the Band program and the Late French Immersion program. Students will travel by bus from LM to Stonepark. Late French Immersion Registration forms are due back March 10th, 2026. These can be handed to your child's grade 6 teacher or the office at LM.



Information Session for students – All grade 6 students from will be traveling to Stonepark on Wednesday, Feb 11th to see a Band orientation concert, and receive information on the Late French Immersion Program. Students will be leaving LM at 10:00am on Wednesday, February 11th and returning around 11:30pm (storm date February 12th). The Grade 9 band will perform, and the band teacher, Sara Sorensen, will be able to share information, and provide answers to frequently asked questions. A short presentation on the Late French Immersion program will be done at this time as well.

Orientation for in-coming Grade 6 students will be on the first day for students in September when only Grade 7 students will attend.



CHINESE NEW YEAR – FEBRUARY 17

Chinese New Year marks the beginning of a new lunar year and embodies the desire for a fresh start. Originally a ceremonial day to pray to the gods for a good harvest, it has evolved over time into a vibrant cultural and social festival. In Canada, with its diverse multicultural society, the Chinese New Year hold significant value

RAMADAN – FEBRUARY 17-MARCH 19

Ramadan is the holy month for Muslims worldwide. This month-long celebration involves fasting, prayer, reflection, and communal gatherings. It's viewed as a time of spiritual development and personal growth, encouraging individuals to focus on positivity and purify their thoughts and actions. Although fasting is a crucial observance, Ramadan also emphasizes charitable giving, family bonding, and community outreach.



PINK SHIRT DAY – FEBRUARY 25

Pink shirt day seeks to raise awareness about bullying. This day hopes to foster healthy self-esteem in children and prevent bullying in schools, workplaces and online. This day encourages everyone to wear a pink shirt in solidarity against bullying.

ATHLETIC ZONE

Zone Gymnastics Meet

Congratulations to all LM Gymnasts who competed at the Zone 3 Gymnastics Meet January 21st. Our novice girls team placed 1st, our pre-novice girls team placed 2nd and our Novice Boys team also placed 2nd.

Our top overall placements were:

Maya Currie, Jordyn Bolo, Darci Bain who all tied for 2nd, Ashlynn Geldert 7th, Kallie Packwood 8th, Fiona Brown 2nd, Sloane Laughlan 2nd, Sarah MacBeath 6th, Allyson Dugay 8th and Zahara Allen 10th.

Provincial Gymnastics Meet

Congratulations to LM gymnasts who competed on January 31st at the Provincial Gymnastics Meet. Our Pre-Novice Girls and Novice Girls were Provincial Champions.

Our top 10 finishers were:

Fiona Brown – 3rd on floor, 6th on vault and 2nd overall

Sloane Laughlan - 4th on floor, 6th on vault and 3rd overall

Allyson Dugay - 8th overall

Jordyn Bolo – 3rd on vault and 3rd overall

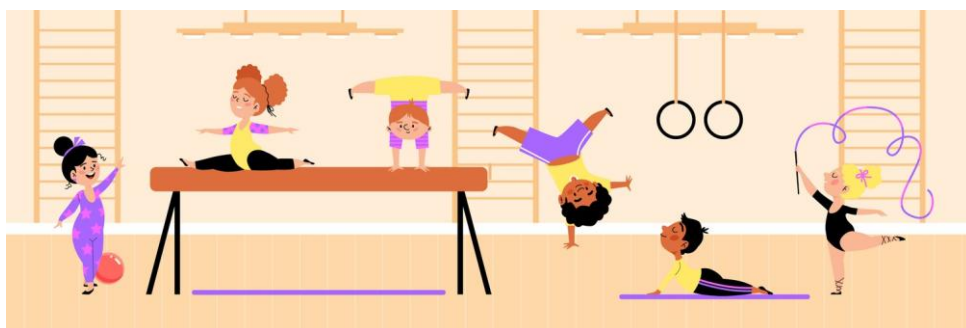
Laina Boswall – 2nd on floor and 5th overall

Ashlynn Geldert – 5th overall

Breann Geldert – 7th overall

Maya Currie – 2nd on vault

Our Novice Boys Team placed 2nd overall. Well, done boys!



Badminton

Intramural and after school badminton will begin in February for students in grades 5 and 6. Permission slips will be sent home with interested students.

Basketball Intramurals

Basketball intramurals are starting for grade 3 students with Mr. Irish. The games will take place in the mini gym during recess times. There is NO after school activity for this, and students do not require a permission form to sign up. Sign up will occur in the first week of February. If your grade 3 student wishes to join, please advise them to talk to Mr. Irish.

Basketball intramurals will run throughout February.



LM'S GRADE 4-6 MUSICAL - CINDERELLA

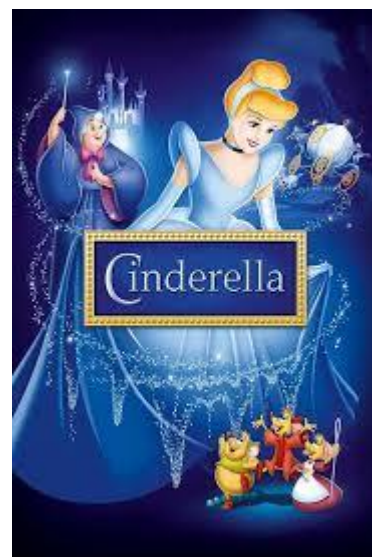
We are currently rehearsing the musical Cinderella! There are many grade 4, 5 and 6 students learning songs and lines and I am working on costumes! We still need a few more long dresses (ball gown style if possible) so if you have any that you are willing to part with, please let me know! I am still on the hunt for gold buttons, gold fringe or gold tassels to jazz up the jackets. If you have these at home, I will gladly take off your hands as well. It takes quite a long time to make sure all cast have a costume so if your child says they haven't been given one yet, have no fear, it's coming and everyone will look their best!

The musical will take place on May 26, 2026 so please save the date. If your child is an understudy for a main part, there will be a run through with the understudies so those parents could attend at that time. More information will follow closer to the performance date.

Entrance will be by donation, or an item for the food bank. All donations go towards the cost of production which include costumes, lights, microphone rentals etc. Thank you in advance! Students are doing very well so far!!!

Any questions please feel free to email me!

Wendy Evers-Forrester wjevers@edu.pe.ca



SEL – SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

At L.M., and all schools in the PSB, we are engaging in Social Emotional Learning. SEL is beneficial to children because it builds social and emotional skills, increases self-awareness, academic achievement, and positive behaviors both in and out of the classroom. Family conversations are a great way to make connections and booster SEL skills. These conversations allow family members to develop perspectives, family culture, respect for each other and problem-solving skills. *Conversation Starters for Families* list questions to help get you and your family started on this SEL activity, <https://www.playworks.org/resource/34-conversation-starters-for-your-family/>



SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools – LM belongs to the Charlottetown Family of schools.

ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late this morning).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our PSB website as early as possible. Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating, and that staff are present to supervise the children. Note: we do not have morning supervision for students who are dropped off until 8am.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The information provided is for information purposes and is not necessarily sanctioned by the PSB or LMMS.

EAL/FAL Reception Centre

Kindergarten Registration

2026-2027

- ✔ Was your child born outside of Canada?
- ✔ Does your family speak a language other than English, French, or Mi'kmaq at home?

If you said yes to either of these questions, please register with the EAL/FAL Reception Centre!

Phone Number:
902-620-3738

Email:
EALFALWelcome@edu.pe.ca

Address:
85 Fitzroy Street, Suite 203
Charlottetown PE

EAL/FAL Reception Centre

Inscription en Maternelle

2026-2027

- ✔ Votre enfant est-il né à l'étranger ?
- ✔ Votre famille parle-t-elle une langue autre que l'anglais, le français, ou le micmac à la maison ?

Si vous avez répondu oui à l'une de ces questions, inscrivez-vous auprès du centre d'accueil EAL/FAL !

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PEI Home and School Newsletter, February 2026

🍷 **Say 'Thank You' to School Staff** - PEI celebrates Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 8–14, 2026. Across the Island, Home and School Associations — together with parents and students — are expressing their gratitude and recognizing the dedication and hard work of school staff who make a difference every day. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming — every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

🍷 **Annual Reports** - President's Annual Reports are due February 28 for inclusion in the 73rd Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. Read last year's 'Book of Reports 2025' for writing tips at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.
If you need help, call Shirley at 902-620-3186 or Jeana at 902-620-3187.

🍷 **Mark your calendars for AGM April 18th** - Mark your calendars for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Make decisions to shape positive changes in PEI's school system with delegates from across the Island. The Federation will mail AGM registration packages to presidents in February. Details will be posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

🍷 **Home and School Volunteer Award** - Every school has that special someone who's always ready to lend a hand - organizing events, helping out in the school, fundraising or bringing people together. Do you know a volunteer who makes a real difference in your school community? Nominate them for the *Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award* and help us celebrate their contributions.
Deadline for nominations: March 6th. Learn more at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

🍷 **Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 25, 2026.** - This year's design for CKNW Kids' Fund Pink Shirt Day reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'. The artwork shows a child sharing an umbrella with friends as hearts fall like rain from the sky. A playful reminder that kindness grows when it is shared. For more information, go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

🍷 **PSB School Trustee Messages** - Charlottetown, Zone 5: As we look forward to February, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. In January, we had the pleasure of attending Home and School Association meetings at Donagh Regional, Sherwood Elementary, St. Jean's Elementary, West Kent Elementary, and West Royalty Elementary. Zone 5 association meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to connect with families, hear parents' concerns, and learn about the great ideas and initiatives being shared. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting.

Kindest regards & Happy Islander Day to All!

Andrew (amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca) & Gaylene (gcarragher@edu.pe.ca)

Bluefield, Zone 4: I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of the Englewood and Bluefield Home and School Associations in January. We chatted about what's happening at each school, and I provided an update on my activities as their new School Board Trustee. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to meeting other Home and School Associations. I also welcome any questions or feedback.

Karen (kclare@edu.pe.ca)

● **Key 2026 February Holidays & Observances:**

- Black History Month: February honours Black Canadian history and excellence.
- Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14
- National Flag of Canada Day: Sunday, February 15
- Islander Day: Prince Edward Island: Monday, Feb 16
- [International Mother Language Day](#): February 21
- [Pink Shirt Day](#): Last Wednesday of February