

Home and School Newsletter, November 2024

FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st

The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers' effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers -- parent, teacher and student.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Ellerslie Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eliot River Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 1st to ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186. FREE. Refreshments provided.

Thank you for Ellerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees

PEI Home and School Association **membership fees are due: Nov. 1**. Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

School Crossing Guard Award

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. **The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8.**

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Parent Leadership Grants

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and engagement in school communities. [Click here for Application](#). For more information, contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186. **Submission deadline Nov. 8th.**

What's on your Home and School meeting's agenda?

1. Ask the principal for a school report.
2. Inquire about integrated inquiry-based curriculum, Gr. 5 pilot.
3. Invite a PSB staff person to talk about the recent PSB school study review.
4. Involve everyone around the meeting table. List committees and ways for volunteers to help.
5. Motions are required for all financial decisions; use basic parliamentary procedures.
6. Sign up for Home and School Volunteer Leadership Training workshops coming up on the Nov. 4th (Ellerslie School) or Nov. 5th (Eliot River School)

Effecting Change through Resolutions

It is useful and practical to effect change by using a formal resolution writing process. Home and School Associations are asked to consider presenting an issue in education that is affecting the learning success of students to influence change at the provincial level. For your reference, follow this link to Federation approved resolutions <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> More on this topic in the December newsletter. The 2025 Resolution submission deadline: Jan. 31.

More school community news...

~ **Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night** - Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5 to tammynorden@gmail.com

~ **Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair** - Nov 16th, 9 AM-3 pm & Nov 17th, 12 - 4 pm. Over 80 tables, Raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: annamariarsenault@gmail.com

~ **Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair** - Nov. 15th, 5:30–9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield Band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is 3\$ / Children under 12 are free.

~ **Are you a school food volunteer?** Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>. Note: *May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.*

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