Dates to Remember
February 10th – 14th - Staff Appreciation Week
February 13th – Kindergarten Sleigh Ride Field Trip – Rescheduled
February 13th – Gymnastic showcase
February 17th - Islander Day (No School)
February 18th – 21st - Diversity Week
February 26th – Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying)
February 28th – Professional Learning Day (NO SCHOOL)
March 5th – Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)
March 6th - Parent- Teacher Conferences (Day) (NO SCHOOL)
March 12th – Report Cards

Parent-Teacher Conferences
Parents/Guardians will be able to log on and book parent-teacher conferences beginning on February 24th until the March 1st. The online scheduler will close for Parents at 10:00pm. Parents are able to book parent-teacher conference times for students attending both Westwood Primary and Eliot River Elementary Schools at the same time. We recommend that you allow at least for 15 minutes between multiple interviews when booking. A link to the Parent-Teacher Conferences Scheduler is on our main web page. https://eliotriver.schoolappointments.com/admin/

Emergency Early Closure
Occasionally schools need to close during the day because of emergencies beyond our control or poor weather conditions. There will be an announcement on local radio stations in the event of an emergency early closure. In the event of an emergency early closure, we follow the emergency early closure plan you indicated at the beginning of the school year (yellow form). We do not follow any bus notes that may have been sent in that day.

Please note: During an emergency early closure we are unable to phone individual children’s homes, so it is critical that we have this emergency bus plan on file. We do not follow any bus notes that may have been sent in that day. Calling the school is not an option during an emergency early closure because we may have had to evacuate the school or you may not be able to get through to the school, as the phone lines are busy. We do not take calls for pick-ups as we do not hold children at the school during emergency early closures. If you are able to arrive at the school prior to the dismissal of the buses we will call your child(ren) up to the office for pick-up.

Regular Home Head Checks
We suggest that all parents check their child(ren)’s head(s) for head lice on a regular basis. This is the most proactive way to control the spread of lice. If your child has lice, please contact the office so that we can inform others of a case in the class. As per the Public Schools Branch Head Lice Management Protocol, when a child in a class has a case of head lice we will send a “Letter of Attention” home to parents of all students in the class. Students are not identified in the letter. Information is available on our school website regarding procedures for treating and controlling the spread of lice. It is also very important that you contact the school if you have discovered and/or treated your child for lice.

Bus Safety
Most of our students begin and end their school days on the bus and it is important that they are safe while on the bus. Students had a bus safety presentation at the beginning of the year. Classes have periodically reviewed the safety rules; however, it would be beneficial for students to review these at home as well. While on the bus, we expect students to sit (seat to seat and back to back), stay in their seats, use quiet voices, keep hands to themselves and listen to the bus driver. We also want to ensure that students are waiting safely at the bus stop area. Thank you for your cooperation.
Staff Appreciation Week
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week across PEI is coming up and runs from February 10th – 14th. The Westwood Home & School Association is encouraging parents and student to show their appreciation for the excellent staff at our school by treating them to some goodies throughout the week. Log on to our sign-up page at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4daeaa2ea4f58-teacher to show your support and appreciation if you wish to participate. Please remember: Westwood Primary is a “tree nut, peanut and kiwi free” school. Treats can be delivered to the school office on the morning of your chosen day. Thanks so much for your support!!

Medications
Reminder to all parents: if you are dropping off medication for your child to take at school the medication must be pre-measured and in a labeled container with your child’s name. As well, a form to administer medication must be completed. All medications are kept and administered in the office. Please do not send medications with your child on the school bus. All medications should be dropped off at the school.

Dental Clinic
The Dental Preventive Clinic will be starting at Westwood Primary School in March. Purpose of Dental Clinic is to screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child’s individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher. Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the Children’s Dental Care Program.

Contact: If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 368-4918.

Diversity Week
Westwood has students from a variety of cultural backgrounds. We want to celebrate our cultural diversity during the week of February 18th – 21st. We are inviting members of our school community to share their culture with our school as a whole school, grade level or on a classroom level – whatever you are comfortable with. You could share a cultural dance, tradition, language, costume, craft, etc. If you are interested in sharing your culture with our school, please contact Lynette MacKinnon, Vice-Principal at (902) 368-6855 or lymackinnon@edu.pe.ca.

Breakfast Program
We gratefully accept donations of Cheerios, whole wheat bread, margarine, jam and apples. Our Breakfast Program serves a large number of students each day. Thank-you to all of the fabulous volunteers who give their time to make the Breakfast Program happen each day. A reminder that there is no Breakfast Program when school is delayed an hour.
Hot Lunches
A reminder to parents that Hot Lunches must be placed and paid for by 9:00pm on the Sunday before the menu begins. Unpaid orders over $5.00 will be deleted on Monday morning. Orders are paid online.

I’m Thumbody
Grade 3 students at Westwood will be participating in the I’m Thumbody program which is put on by the Canadian Mental Health Association. The I’m Thumbody Program helps young people understand and learn about mental health and increases skills that promote personal development and successful relationships. Volunteers will be coming into the classes during the month of February for two - one hour sessions with the students.

Winter Weather
Cold winter weather is upon us. Students must bring clothing appropriate for the weather. Please make sure your child has mittens (preferably 2 pairs), hats, boots and snow pants and a change of clothes for the kitbag. Extra clothes can be placed in a plastic bag and left on your child’s hook in the classroom.

Book Drive for PEI Literacy Alliance
A big thank-you to everyone who brought in gently used books for our Book Drive last week. We collected 4 boxes full of books (257 titles to be exact), which we will deliver to the PEI Literacy Alliance this week. They are very grateful for this donation to their programming.

Physical Education News
Gymnastic Showcase - The Grade 3 Westwood Gymnastic Club will be presenting a Gymnastic Showcase on Thursday, February 13th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Westwood gym. If there is no school on Thursday, the Showcase will take place on Thursday, February 20th. The students will have a short warm-up at 2:30 and parents may arrive at 3p.m. and park in the school bus parking lot for the performance. This will be the last before/after school gymnastic event at Westwood.

Home & School News

1. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
   Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 10 - 14, 2020. Home and Schools are reminded to say thank you to school staff during this week of recognition. Form a committee to discuss a plan to show appreciation.

2. President’s Annual Reports
   The Annual Book of Reports is being compiled for circulation at the Annual Meeting in April. Presidents are asked to submit your Home and School Association’s 2020 Annual Report to the Federation by February 28th.

3. Youth Vaping Project
   Call Julia Hartley, PEI Lung Association 902- 892-5957 to find out more about materials on youth vaping - youth, parent and teacher information. Find information at: http://pei.lung.ca/vaping-prevention

4. Volunteer and Life Membership Awards
   Home and School awards are about recognizing the significant contributions that volunteers makes to help people in their school communities. Associations are asked to consider nominating a Home and School member for this year’s award(s). The submission deadline is: March 13, 2020. Find criteria /nomination form online at: http://peihsf.ca/content/awards
5. **67th Annual Meeting & Convention**
The P.E.I. Home and School Federation’s **67th Annual Meeting & Convention** will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2020**. All Home and Schools are invited to attend with each association asked to designate five attendees as your school’s voting delegates. You are encouraged to include teachers, administrators and staff as delegates. Registration information will be circulated in February.

6. **Speaker Resources**
A speaker resource is posted online at: [http://peihsf.ca/content/speaker-resources-listing](http://peihsf.ca/content/speaker-resources-listing)
Send your speaker suggestions additions to: peihsf@edu.pe.ca / 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664.

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**Community News**

**CORNWALL PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS**
902-629-8415   www.library.pe.ca

**ADULT**

Drumming Workshop!
Celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth with our Drumming Workshop for ALL AGES
Saturday, February 29
2:00 p.m.

Writers’ Group
Would you like to meet other people who are interested in writing?
Third Saturday of the month
February 15
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mystery Book Club: Deborah Crombie
Read any book by this month's author, then join us for a lively discussion.
Thursday, February 13
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drop-In Computer Help
Bring your electronic gadget and your questions.
Every Friday 9:30 a.m. to noon

Budgeting with Sharon Gillis
Lots of great tips! Mark your calendar.
Wednesday, February 19
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Book Club
Read this month's book, then join us for a lively discussion.
Fourth Wednesday of the month
February 26
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meet the artist: Kevin Gauthier
Join us for the opening celebration of his exhibit *Hodgepodge: a collection of woodwork projects reflecting a variety of styles and functions.*
Tuesday, February 18
7:00 p.m.
Afternoons with Austen: Six Months, Six Novels
Join us for our sixth and final Jane Austen book discussion.
Tuesday, February 18: Persuasion
2:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

Wiggle, Giggle, Read
Songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers.
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Junior Writers’ Group
Play a noisy game of Apples to Apples to get started, then try out our writing challenge.
Third Saturday of the month
February 15
10:30 a.m. to noon

Family Storytime
Stories, songs, felt board rhymes and more: promoting the six early literacy skills
(while having fun).
Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

No School! Stories and Crafts
Join us for stories at 10:30 a.m. and crafts at 11:00 a.m.
Friday, February 28

Astro Pi: Send your code to OUTER SPACE!
Free coding event for ages 9 to 12 with kidscodejeunnesse.org
Please PHONE the library to register.
Saturday, February 8
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

I Read Canadian!
The inaugural I READ CANADIAN DAY is a national celebration of Canadian books, dedicated to
‘reading Canadian’. Drop in for a library scavenger hunt, Canada-themed storytime, book
recommendations, and more!
February 18-22

Move & Play Indoor Program Offered by the Eliot River Ramblers Soccer Club

Designed for children born 2015, 2014 and 2013, this program uses a play-based format to skills
development that kids will definitely enjoy. The program runs once a week for six weeks in the
APM Centre gymnasium. Each session is 45 minutes with an additional 15 minutes available after
for free play. Cost is $45 per participant per section.

Winter Section 2 - Fridays 5:00 pm, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 and 27
Spring Section - Fridays 5:00 pm, April 3, 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15

Contact technical@ramblerssoccer.ca to register.