



O'Leary Elementary



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Upcoming Events

Mar. 17th – Green & Pajama Day
Mar. 23th – Parent-Teacher Interviews (afterschool)
Mar. 24th – Parent-Teacher Interviews (no school)
Mar. 27th - Mar. 31st – School Spirit Week

Administrator's Message

We are less than one week until the first day of Spring! It's great to see the days getting longer and there being more opportunities to get outside.

Our staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to the families of our students and community! We felt very supported and were quite spoiled during Staff Appreciation Week (held in February). We couldn't imagine being anywhere else!

Parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity for staff and families to meet and discuss our students. We encourage all parents and guardians to meet with their child's teacher as we work together to support students! If you are unable to make it, please reach out to the teacher to plan an alternate time to meet. Parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, March 23 (after school) and Friday, March 24 (during the day).

Our last week of March will be School Spirit Week. We have planned theme days and activities to celebrate our school community. Each day will be a different theme/activity.

As always, we encourage you to call or email with any questions and/or comments.

Mr. Costello & Ms. Smallman

Nut Allergies

O'Leary Elementary is a **peanut-free school**. Foods containing peanuts or traces of peanuts are not permitted.

Bus Passes

The PSB is limiting bus passes this year. Bus passes can only be granted for primary child care situations.

School Spirit Week

We will be celebrating **school spirit** during the week of March 27 – March 31. As such, we will have lots of activities planned for students and staff.

Monday, March 27th

Theme Day – Twin Day

Tuesday, March 28th

Stations will be held for all students in the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 29th

We will be having our last skate of the year.

- Kindergarten – Grade 3 students will skate each date from 12:30 – 1:30.
- Grade 4 – Grade 6 students will skate each date from 1:30 – 2:30.

If your child needs skates and/or a helmet, please let their teacher know. We have additional skates and helmets available to share with students.

Thursday, March 30th

Movie Day!

Students and staff will be travelling to the Cineplex Theatre in Summerside. A permission form will be going home with students early next week.

Friday, March 31st

Students and staff will be attending the Under-15 hockey game at O'Leary Cavendish Farms Arena in the afternoon. The Community of O'Leary is hosting the Atlantic Championships for the first time in 30 years.

Badminton

We are entering badminton season. Tryouts will start this week for Grade 5 and 6 students.

- Boys – Mondays until 4pm
- Girls – Wednesdays until 4pm

Instruments for Music

Do you have an old guitar you never play? The Grade 5/6 class will be starting guitar soon, but we don't have enough instruments for every student to have their own. If you have a guitar that you'd be willing to donate to the school, please let us know!

Home & School News

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Lunch Programs

The **PEI School Food Program** is available once again this school year. Families can register online at www.peischoolfood.ca.

The **school lunch program** will be offering white milk (\$0.50) and chocolate milk (\$0.80) daily. Students will also be able to order ice cream (\$1.00) each Thursday.

Pizza and Garlic Fingers

Pizza and garlic fingers have been added to our lunch menu at a cost of \$2.50 per slice. These will be offered every second week.

Pizza – **April 4th**

Garlic Finger – **March 21st**

Kindergarten Registration

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year wrapped up on November 25, 2022, families can still register their child by visiting the school office in person.

Please note that children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.

Please bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport. Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held:

- Afterschool on Thursday, March 23rd
- Morning of Friday, March 24th

Your child's interview date and time will be sent home early next week.

School Clubs

We are thrilled to be able to offer three clubs to our students.

Art Club:

- Students in Art Club are busy working on some projects for upcoming school activities. This will be held after school on Thursdays. The club is for students in Grades 4-6.

Music Club:

- Our Grade 3-6 Music Club will now be after school on Tuesdays. Students will need a note and a drive to be arranged for 4:00 to stay.

Dance Club:

- Dance Club is growing! In addition to the Grade 2 & Grade 3 club at big recess on Wednesdays, Kindergarten & Grade 1 will now have a club at big recess on Tuesdays.

School Cancellations

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am.

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 across Prince Edward Island.

It may be necessary that the Public Schools Branch close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Please remember we are in the **Westisle Family of Schools**.

School Website

The school website is a source of information for parents, guardians and community members. It can be accessed at <https://oleary.edu.pe.ca/>

Seven Sacred Teachings

During the 2022-2023 school year, O’Leary Elementary has been working with the Seven Sacred Teachings.

The Seven Sacred Teachings is a set of teachings on human conduct. These teachings form the foundation of Indigenous way of life, and each honor one of the basic virtues necessary for a full and healthy life. The Seven Sacred Teachings are as follows:

- Love, Courage, Respect, Truth, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility

Each law is embodied by an animal to underscore the point that all actions and decisions made by people have an impact on the world around us.

So far, as a school, we have explored the following Sacred Teachings:

- Love
- Courage
- Respect

Book Draw Winners

Congratulations to our two Book Draw winners for the month of February:

- K-3 – Kipton Rayner
- 4-6 – Ben Lewis

Check out the ticket at the bottom of the page to enter the March Book Draw.



Dress for the Weather

As Spring approaches, we are aware that temperatures and weather can change rapidly. As such, please remind your child to dress appropriately for playing outdoors.

It helps to label all clothing so that it can be returned if it is left on the playground or on the bus.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Green & Pajama Day	18
19	20	21 Garlic Fingers	22	23 P-T Interviews (after school)	24 P-T Interviews (no school)	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
School Spirit Week						

Book Draw

Read with your child and complete the following ticket to be entered into a draw for a **FREE** book. Return this to your child’s homeroom teacher by Friday, March 31st.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book Student Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_