



O'Leary Elementary



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 7th – First Day of Classes
Sept 9th – School Picture Day
Sept 13th – Meet the Teacher (5:30)
Sept 16th – Terry Fox Run
Sept 20th – Home & School Meeting (6:00)
Sept 29th – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No Classes)

Welcome:

We are excited to be welcoming students and families to the 2022-2023 school year. We have had lots of construction at O'Leary Elementary this past summer. As part of that work, our custodians have been busy making sure that the school is ready for everyone.

Teachers, Educational Assistants, Youth Service Worker, and our administrative assistant have been busy meeting and planning for the arrival of students. We know that we will have a great school year – one that will have opportunities for our students to shine.

We look forward to chatting and working with families and community members as we move throughout the school year. We know the valuable role families and communities play in the success of schools, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

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.

2022-2023 Staff

Principal – David Costello
Vice Principal – Sarah Smallman

KA – Samantha MacDonald
1A – Amber Ramsay
2A – Lydia Lawless
3A – Sarah Smallman
4A – Tanya Gaudet
5A – Chris Richard
6A – Kristina Harper

School Counsellor – Taylor Baglole
Resource/Fundations – Terry Murney
Core French – Logan MacDougall
Music – Megan Grounds
Phys Ed – Chris Richard

Administrative Assistant
Marilyn Smallman

Education Assistants
Claudette Getson, Deanna MacCaull,
Diana Wallace, Donna Woodside

Youth Service Worker
Paula Kalkman

Custodians
Audrey Howard
Rhonda Boulter

Bus Drivers
Gordon Buchanan (#544)
Davis Gallant (#563)
Carol Gillis (#760)
Norman Woodside (#539)

School Arrival and Dismissal:

- Students can enter school at 8:40.
- Any students being dropped off must enter through the main door.
- Families use visitor's parking spaces when dropping off students.
- Students are not to be dropped off prior to 8:40 as there is no supervision up until that time.
- Dismissal bell rings at 2:40.
- Students walk to the bus.
- Students walking/biking will leave after buses have left the parking lot (bell rings at approx. 2:45).
- Students being picked up will go to the main door once buses leave the parking lot (bell rings at approx. 2:45).
- Families use the visitor's parking lot when picking up students. Please be at school by 2:45 if picking up students.

School Day:

8:40 Homeroom
8:50 Classes Begin
10:20–10:30 Little Recess
12:00–12:20 Big Recess
12:20–12:40 Lunch
2:40 Dismissal

Lunch Programs: The **PEI School Food Program** will be 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. Milk will be available beginning September 7th.

Students will also be able to order ice cream (\$1.00) each Thursday. Ice cream will be available starting September 8th.

Meet the Teacher:

Meet the Teacher will look a little differently this year. We will be hosting a **barbeque** behind the school as a way to have informal conversations with families. **Families can take their children** with them to this informal meet-and-greet. There will be hot dogs available to all families who attend.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on September 13th at 5:30.

Let's hope for nice weather!

Terry Fox Run:



O'Leary Elementary will be having a Terry Fox Run on September 16th. We will have an **assembly** for students and staff in the gymnasium at 1:45 to provide an overview of the importance of Terry Fox and the Terry Fox Run. Following this, we will go outdoors and **walk** around the playground. As a conclusion, we will have a **corn boil** for our staff and students.



Breakfast Program:

Our Breakfast Program begins Monday, September 12th. It will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Hot Breakfast Program begins Thursday, September 22nd.

<p><u>Truth and Reconciliation Week (Sept 26-30):</u> Students and staff will be engaged with learning opportunities throughout the week to highlight the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.</p> <p>As part of this week, O’Leary Elementary will have Orange Shirt Day on Sept 29th.</p> <p><u>Bus Passes:</u> The PSB is limiting bus passes this year. Bus passes can only be granted for primary child care situations.</p> <p><u>Dress for the Weather:</u> Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed to be outside for play. In the event that there is light rain, we plan on still going outside for fresh air.</p> <p>Our Fall days can go from warm to rainy to cool quickly so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. It helps to label all clothing so that we can return it if it is left on the playground or on the bus.</p>	<p><u>School Website:</u> The school website is a source of information for parents, guardians and community members. It can be accessed at: https://oleary.edu.pe.ca/</p> <p><u>Forms:</u> Your child brought several forms home on the first day of school. Please fill out these forms and return by the end of the week so that our administrative assistant can update student information.</p> <p><u>Home & School Meeting:</u> The first Home & School meeting for the 2022-2023 school year will be on September 20th at 6:00 pm. Hoping to see lots of people come by and check it out.</p> <p><u>COVID Update:</u> Our province is in a time of relatively low risk. This means that students will be returning to school in a low risk scenario. Masking and testing is not required at this point. However, students and staff can still wear masks if they wish to do so.</p> <p>CPHO is encouraging the public to keep vaccinations up to date.</p>	<p><u>Student Attendance:</u> The PSB Student Attendance and Engagement procedures were paused for the past two years due to COVID. With the hope that COVID will have less of an impact this year, there is a need to unpause the procedure with some changes. It will still be important for students to stay home if they have COVID and when they are sick. However, regular attendance is important to school success and school staff need to take steps to intervene when there is an attendance concern that is impacting student learning. As such, the 406.1 Attendance and Engagement Operational Procedures have been updated.</p> <p>The changes to the attendance procedures allow teachers and administrators to use their judgment when acting on student absences. The shift will be to absences that are concerning to the teacher and are impacting student learning, rather than being automatically triggered at 5, 10, 15, 20 absences.</p> <p>These updates have been approved and are posted on the PSB website: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/policies</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please contact the school.</p>
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September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9 School Pictures	10
11	12	13 Meet The Teacher	14	15	16 Terry Fox Run	17
18	19	20 Home & School	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 No School	