



O'Leary Elementary



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Upcoming Events

Sept 8th – First Day of Classes
Sept 16th – Meet the Staff (5:00)
Sept 18th – Terry Fox Run
Sept 22nd – School Pictures
Sept 29th – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30th – National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation (No Classes)

Welcome

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. While it may be difficult to believe that it is already September 8th, we are excited and ready to start the school year.

Our school team has been busy meeting and planning for our students. We are confident that this will be a fantastic school year – one that will have opportunities for our students to shine.

As always, we look forward to working with families and community members to ensure our students have a rewarding school year. We know the valuable role families and community play in the success of schools, and we look forward to strengthening this important relationship.

We encourage you to call or email with any questions and/or comments.

Mr. Costello & Ms. Tanya



Peanut Allergies

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

2025-2026 Staff

Principal – David Costello
Vice Principal – Tanya Gaudet

KA – Laura Dillon
KB – Janelle Milligan
1A – Megan Ellis
2A – Rae-Lynn McLellan
2/3Z – Emma Ellsworth
3A – Chris Shaw
4A – Tanya Gaudet/Kerri-Anne Ellsworth
5A – Katie Cormier
6A – Karla Handrahan

Counsellor – Kerri-Anne Ellsworth
Resource – Daphne Ballem
Foundations – Denise Boulter
Core French – Katie Cormier
Music – Danielle Topping
Phys Ed – Denise Boulter

Administrative Assistant
Wendy Hardy

Education Assistants
Tyler Arsenault, Bethany Gallant, Linda Gray, Bobbilynn Jacklyn, Deanna MacCaull, Edna MacIsaac, Madison MacKinnon, Courtney MacWilliams, Quinn Moore, Renita Radje, Chastity Veno, Diana Wallace, Donna Woodside

Youth Service Worker
Paula Kalkman

Custodians
Rhonda Boulter
Nicole Gavin

Bus Drivers
Jamie Hierlihy (#544)
Davis Gallant(#563)
Carol Gillis (#760)
Norman Woodside (#533)

School Arrival and Dismissal

- Students enter school at 8:40. We ask that students are not dropped off prior to 8:40.
- Any students being dropped off must enter through the main door.
- Families use visitor's parking spaces when dropping off students.
- Dismissal bell rings at 2:40.
- Students walk to the bus.
- Students who walk/bike leave after buses have left the parking lot.
- Students being picked up will go to the main door at approx. 2:45.
- Families use visitor's parking lot when picking up students.

School Day

8:40	Homeroom
8:50	Classes Begin
10:20–10:30	Little Recess
11:45–12:05	Big Recess
12:05–12:25	Lunch
2:40	Dismissal

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

The **school lunch program** will be offering white milk (\$0.55) and chocolate milk (\$0.90) daily. Milk will be available beginning September 14th.

Pizza and Garlic Fingers are now part of our lunch menu at a cost of \$2.50 per slice. These will be offered every week.

Pizza – September 15^h & 29th
Garlic Finger – September 22nd

Meet the Staff

Meet the Staff will look a little differently this year. We will host a **barbeque** behind the school 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 **Wednesday, September 16th at 5:00**.

Terry Fox Run



O'Leary Elementary will be having a Terry Fox Run on September 18th. 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. We will then go outdoors and **walk** around the playground. As a conclusion, we will have a **corn boil** for our staff and students.

Bus Passes:

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

Please send written notes to school with your child. Notes should contain students' name, and the name and address of the bus stop. We do not want to miss any requests.

If an emergency arises during the day, please call the office prior to 2:00 so that we have time to write and deliver passes.

<u>Truth and Reconciliation Week (Sept 21-25)</u> Students and staff will be engaged with learning opportunities throughout the week to highlight the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. O’Leary Elementary will have Orange Shirt Day on Sept 29th. <u>Dress for the Weather</u> Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for outside play. If there is light rain, we plan on still going outside for fresh air. 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.	<u>Bus Safety</u> As we return to school, we ask you to make note of the following safety items: - Please be at the bus stop a few minutes prior to bus arrival. Bus times will be confirmed as we move through the first few days of school. - When waiting for the bus, please stand a few feet away from the edge of the road. - If children need to cross the road for the bus, please wait until the bus stops before crossing the road and make sure to look in both directions.  <u>New Approach To Student Forms</u> In the past, your child brought several forms home on the first day of school that would require your signature. These forms are now in digital format. The intent is to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for our students.	<u>Student Attendance</u> For the 2026/2027 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child’s time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. <u>Breakfast Program</u> Our Breakfast Program begins Monday, September 14th, and it will be offered daily. The Hot Breakfast Program begins Thursday, September 17th. <u>School Pictures</u> School pictures will be on Tuesday, September 22nd.
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September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 First Day Of Classes	9	10	11	12
13	14 School Lunch Menu Starts	15	16 Meet The Staff BBQ (5:00)	17 Hot Breakfast Program Starts	18 Terry Fox Run / Corn Boil	19
20	21	22 School Pictures	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)			

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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 Tuesday, September 29th.

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

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

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