



# O'Leary Elementary



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### Upcoming Events

Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal (12:40)  
Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> – PD Day – NO SCHOOL  
Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – HPV Vaccines  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meetings – NO SCHOOL  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

### Administrator's Message

It was great to welcome everyone back to school this week! We hope everyone had a great March Break.

As you may be aware, there will be an early dismissal on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the solar eclipse. School will dismiss two hours earlier (12:40 pm). This will allow all students to be home by the time of the eclipse.

As referenced in last month's newsletter, we want to celebrate the diversity within our school community. We are planning a multicultural celebration that includes an opportunity for students to experience a range of cultures.

We are pleased to be hosting the Easter Seals Ambassadors on April 26<sup>th</sup> as part of their school tour this Spring. This is a great campaign and we always look forward to being part of it. More information regarding date and time will be shared as the month progresses.

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

Mr. Costello & Mrs. 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.

### Solar Eclipse – April 8<sup>th</sup>

School will be dismissed two hours earlier (12:40 pm) on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the solar eclipse.

In addition to the early dismissal, all students will be provided solar eclipse glasses that can be used for viewing. Instructions and recommendations are listed on the glasses.

### Spring Concert – Save the Date

We are thrilled to share that O'Leary Elementary will be having a Spring Concert on **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** at **1:00pm**.



### Easter Seals Campaign

We're delighted to welcome Lucie, the first Ambassador representing PEI's Francophone community in our 67-year history!

Lucie is ten years old and a Grade 5 student at École-sur-Mer in Summerside. Joining her on her Ambassador journey are her parents Melissa and Chris and her younger brother Jackson.

Outside of school, Lucie enjoys basketball, sensory-friendly swimming, art, making videos and spending time with animals – particularly horses and cats.

### Raising Funds

- Students can bring a loonie or toonie to school during the week of April 15 – April 18<sup>th</sup> to support Easter Seals.

Lucie will be at O'Leary Elementary on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 pm.

### Badminton

Our Boys and Girls Badminton teams have been selected. Thank you to all the students who tried out for the teams.

Mr. Richard will share a practice schedule with players.

The zone tournament will be held at Hernewood with a start time of 12:30:

- Singles – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Doubles – Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Programs

The **PEI School Food Program** is available once again this school year. Families can register online at [www.peischoolfood.ca](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Garlic Finger – **April 9<sup>th</sup>**

### O'Leary Elementary Home & School

Our next Home & School Meeting will be **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00**.

**Families attending the meeting may bring their children for supervised activities in the school gym.** Staff and volunteers are busy planning activities for children.

### Kindergarten News

We are busy planning for our incoming Kindergarten students (*children who are registered for Kindergarten in 2024-2025*). As more information becomes available, we will be in contact with families of our incoming Kindergarten students.

### Welcome to Kindergarten

We will be hosting our Welcome to Kindergarten evening on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event will be for our incoming Kindergarten students and their family.

### Kindergarten Orientation

We will have our incoming Kindergarten students join us for the morning of Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

- On this date, our current Kindergarten students will not have school.

If you know of anyone who hasn't registered their child(ren) for Kindergarten, it would be very much appreciated if you could advise them do so as soon as possible.

### June Dates

We want to share some upcoming dates so that you can add them into your calendar.

- Kindergarten Orientation – June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6 Field Trip – June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Shining Waters – June 21<sup>st</sup> (raindate is June 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Grade 6 Closing – June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00
- Last Day of Classes – June 26<sup>th</sup>

More information regarding events will be shared as the date approaches.n

**School Doors**

We have had a new system installed at the main entrance of the school. All guests entering the school will need to buzz the office so that the door can be unlocked. This is becoming common practice across all PSB schools.

Guests will need to use this system between 9:00 and 2:30. Once in the school, all guests are to report to main office.

**Dress for the Weather**

As we are in the early stages of Spring, 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.

**Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025**

Parents are asked to register their child(ren) for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at the local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to 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 be provided, such as a current utility bill.

**Book Draw Winners**

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

- K-3 – Kenzie Clements
- 4-6 – Ashlynn Mullen

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



**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/>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	EARLY DISMISSAL (12:40) 8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	Home & School 6:00	PD Day – NO SCHOOL	19
21	22	23	24	25	Easter Seals & Multiculturalism	26
28	29	30				

## **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, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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