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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5th – Picture Retakes
- Dec. 6th – Pajama Day
- Dec. 7th – Christmas Concert
- Dec. 8th – School Skate (afternoon)
- Dec. 13th – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
- Dec. 15th – Christmas Flea Market
- Dec. 20th – School Christmas Meal
- Dec. 20th – Christmas Everywhere
- Dec. 22nd – School Skate (afternoon)
- Dec. 22nd – Last Day of School
- Jan. 8th – Students Return to School

Administrator's Message

It is difficult to think that today is November 30th. This year is flying by.

It was great meeting with families during Parent-Teacher Interviews. Our team is appreciative of the time and effort it takes to either come to school to meet or chat over the telephone.

We have been busy planning activities and events for December. Our biggest event may be our Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 1:00. Families are welcome to attend.

We are thrilled to be having two of our annual traditions this month. First, we our Christmas Flea Market will be December 15th. Second, our Christmas Meal will be December 20th. Both are highlights for our students and staff.

As a staff, we want to share our appreciation to all of the support that we have been shown this Fall. The communication between school and home is imperative to student success, and we very much feel like we are all on the same team. Thank you!

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.

Christmas Concert

Save the date:

- Thursday, December 7th at 1:00
- Doors open at 12:30

Stormdate:

- Friday, December 8th at 1:00
- Doors open at 12:30



Bus Passes

Bus passes can only be granted for primary child care situations.

School Skates

We will be having school skates at the O'Leary Cavendish Farms Arena again this year! This is for all of our students.

Dates:

- Friday, December 8th
- Friday, December 22nd
- Friday, January 19th
- Friday, February 2nd
- Friday, February 16th
- Friday, March 1st
- Friday, March 15th

Times:

- 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

Safety:

- Any student wanting to skate will need to have a helmet. This is a safety precaution for all students (regardless of skill level).

Canteen:

- Students will be taking home a canteen form early next week.

Skates and Helmets:

- If your child needs a pair of skates and/or a helmet, please let their teacher know. We have skates and helmets that we can provide.



Basketball News

Practices have started and a schedule will be sent home shortly with players.

Games begin in January. The zone tournament will be February 7th (storm date is February 8th). Girls play at Hernewood and boys play at Callaghan.

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 will be added to our lunch menu at a cost of \$2.50 per slice.

These will be offered every second week.

Pizza – **Tuesday, December 12th**

Garlic Finger – **Tuesday, January 9th**

O'Leary Elementary Home & School

Home & School meet monthly to discuss ideas, concerns, and plan events. New members are always welcome.

Our next Home & School Meeting is **Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 pm.**

Christmas Basket Draw

We are selling tickets on a Christmas Basket (valued at approx. \$600). This basket is filled with items, gift cards and cash from local businesses. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds go towards supporting local families at Christmas. We will draw the winning ticket at the Christmas Concert on December 7th.



Theme Days

We will have three theme days in December.

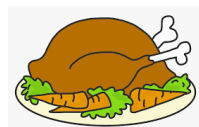
- Dec. 6th – Pajama Day
- Dec. 13th – Crazy Hat/Hair Day
- Dec. 20th – Christmas Everywhere

Flea Market

Our annual Christmas Flea Market will be on Friday, December 15th. If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off at school (please no clothes or footwear).


Christmas Meal

We will have our Christmas Meal on Wednesday, December 20th. Students will be treated to roast turkey, potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, dressing and rolls.



Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be the morning of Tuesday, December 5th.

<p><u>Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025</u> Parents are asked to register their child(ren) for Kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 20-24, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 also be provided, such as a current utility bill. 	<p><u>School Cancellations</u> 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.</p> <p>An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students.</p> <p>An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed.</p> <p>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.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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> </div>	<p><u>Book Draw Winners</u> Congratulations to our two Book Draw winners from November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-3 – Olivia Jelley • 4-6 – Tucker Arsenault <p>Check out the ticket at the bottom of the page to enter the December Book Draw.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><u>Extra Mile Award</u> The PEI Home and School Federation presents <u>awards of recognition</u> to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities.</p> <p>Nominate a deserving school staff person for recognition by January 19th, 2024. Find details at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/</p>
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DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Pajama Day	7 Christmas Concert	8 School Skate	9
10	11	12	13 Crazy Hat/Hair Day	14	15 Christmas Flea Market	16
17	18	19	20 Christmas Theme Christmas Meal	21	22 School Skate	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Christmas Break			
31			No School			

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, December 22nd.

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

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

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