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Upcoming Events

Feb. 14th – School Meal
Feb. 16th – School Skate
Feb. 28th – Pink Shirt Day

Administrator's Message

The month of January flew by. Family Literacy Day was held on Friday, January 26th. We had a week of literacy activities that highlighted the importance of coming together and engaging in literate activities – whether it was reading, writing, cooking with recipes, playing board games, etc. We had some staff post videos on the O'Leary Elementary Facebook page throughout the week. Check out the videos to see some ideas for home. The week culminated in the reveal of our Mystery Reader – Carol Gillis.

We will have Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 28th. Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the prevention of bullying and the promotion of kindness and inclusion. Schools across Canada will take this day as a way to encourage a safe and caring environment for students and staff.

You will see a note sent home with students near the end of February. This note will be about Parent-Teacher Interviews. Parent-Teacher Interviews are an important part of the school year and provides an opportunity to meet and discuss student progress. Staff are appreciative of having this time to with student families.

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.

School Skates

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

Dates:

- 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

The basketball season is well underway. Our girls' and boys' basketball teams have had numerous practices and games. We are very proud of the effort students put forth and how well they represented O'Leary Elementary School.

The zone tournament will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 7th (storm date is Thursday, February 8th).

- Girls' Team will play at Hernewood
- Boys' Team will play at Callaghan

Thank you to the coaches for volunteering their time to support O'Leary Elementary's Basketball program.



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 – **February 20th**

Garlic Finger – **February 6th**

O'Leary Elementary Home & School

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

Please keep an eye out for our next Home & School Meeting.

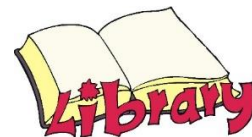
School Library

Students enjoy going to the school library and signing out new books. It is a great opportunity for them to select a book that relates to their interests. As such, we would like to add books to our school library. We would like to ask for your support.

We are looking for donations of new or "like new" books for our school library. In particular, students love chapter books, graphic novels, non-fiction (sports, animals, automobiles, crafts, etc), and picture books.

Some examples of our most popular books are as follows:

- Robert Munsch books
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Babysitter's Club
- Amulet
- Big Nate
- Dog Man
- Gerald & Piggie (Mo Willems)



School Meal

We are looking forward to having a **Valentine's meal** with our staff and students on **Wednesday, February 14th** at 12:30 pm.

We will have spaghetti and garlic toast for everyone. Your child may choose to bring their own lunch if they choose not to the meal.



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” indicates 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/>

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 also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

Book Draw Winners

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

- K-3 – Abigail Doiron
- 4-6 – Benson Handrahan

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



Dress for the Weather

As we are experiencing colder temperatures, please remind your child to dress warmly every day. Jackets, boots, hats, and mitts will be required every day.

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

FEBRUARY 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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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 Thursday, February 29th.

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

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

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