



# O'Leary Elementary



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### Upcoming Events

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – School Skate (afternoon)  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Family Literacy Day

### Administrator's Message

Welcome to 2024! We hope that all of our students and their families had a great holiday break, and had an opportunity for rest and relaxation.

I think that you would agree that this school year has been going quickly. Looking back on the first four month of the school year, it is easy to see how much our students have accomplished. Whether it was through participation in choir, drama, sports, dance, art or leadership, students have strengthened the school community and created an environment that reflects teamwork. I want to thank our great staff at O'Leary Elementary for provided students with these opportunities and offering them support along the way.

It has been great to walk around the school, visit classrooms and see all of the progress that our students have been making this year. We always notice how well our students are behaving and how much effort they put into their work.

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 Information

There has been a change to Norman Woodside's bus number. Norman's new bus number is 618. Pick-up and drop-off times remain the same.

### Bus Passes

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, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

### 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 this week with players.

Games begin this month. The zone tournament will be February 7<sup>th</sup> (storm date is February 8<sup>th</sup>). Girls play at Hernewood and boys play at Callaghan.

### Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. It will be celebrated across the country in schools, libraries, homes, and community centres.

We will be having special activities on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate literacy.



### 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 will be added to our lunch menu at a cost of \$2.50 per slice. These will be offered every second week.

Pizza – **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Garlic Finger – **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**.

### RISE Indoor Volleyball Camp

This is an introductory volleyball program, SmashBall, played on badminton courts. Core volleyball skills will be addressed.

**Who:** Female athletes in Grades 3 - 6

**Date:** Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Westisle High School

**Time:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Cost:** \$5 VPEI fee + \$30 program fee

**Maximum Number:** 24 athletes

### **TO REGISTER:**

1<sup>st</sup> step:


Get VPEI "Come Try it membership" here:  
<https://volleyball.canada.sportsmanager.ie/spo-rtlomo/registration/member-registration/club/12319>

*Note: if they already have a Recreational player membership they can skip this step as well as the form will take either membership.*

2<sup>nd</sup> step:

Register for the **RISE Volleyball Camp by P3 Vball @Westisle** here:  
<https://volleyball.canada.sportsmanager.ie/spo-rtlomo/registration/event-registration/index/12319>



<p><b>Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025</b> 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"> <li>• Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.</li> </ul>	<p><b>School Cancellations</b> 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 <b>Westisle Family of Schools</b>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>School Website</b> The school website is a source of information for parents, guardians and community members. It can be accessed at <a href="https://oleary.edu.pe.ca/">https://oleary.edu.pe.ca/</a></p> </div>	<p><b>Book Draw Winners</b> Congratulations to our two Book Draw winners from December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K-3 – Maira Malate</li> <li>• 4-6 – Ashlynn Mullen</li> </ul> <p>Check out the ticket at the bottom of the page to enter the January Book Draw.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Extra Mile Award</b> 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 <b>January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>. Find details at: <a href="https://peihsf.ca/awards/">https://peihsf.ca/awards/</a></p>
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JANUARY 2024						
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 School Skate	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Family Literacy Day Activities	27
28	29	30	31 Book Draw			

**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 Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

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