



O'Leary Elementary



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Upcoming Events:

- Oct 6th – Thanksgiving Meal
- Oct 9th – Thanksgiving (No Classes)
- Oct 13th – School Pictures
- Oct 27th – PD Day (No Classes)
- Oct 31st – Halloween Activities

Welcome:

What a month September was!

We were thrilled to meet our students last month. It was fantastic to see returning students and students coming here for the first time!

Our Meet the Staff BBQ was a success. Thank you to all those who attended. Our staff was very appreciative to meet and chat with families. We also want to thank people who volunteered to set-up, barbeque and clean-up.

Our Terry Fox Run was fantastic. Students enjoyed the run and the corn boil that followed. We reached our fundraising goal of \$500 so all students enjoyed an extra recess last week.

We have a few special events planned for October and we are looking forward to a great month.

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.

Staffing Update

Due to an increase in staffing, we have made the following changes:

- We created an additional Grade Two classroom. Ms. Amber Ramsay will teach 2A and Ms. Heather MacLean will teach 2B.
- We hired Ms. Samantha Dickieson as our new Grade 6A teacher for the mornings.

In addition to these changes, we have hired an additional Educational Assistant. Lauren Cornish has joined our team.

Bus Passes:

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

School Arrival and Dismissal:

- Students can enter school at 8:40.
- Any students being dropped off must enter through the main door and we ask that students are not dropped off prior to 8:40.
- Families use visitor's parking spaces when dropping off students.
- Dismissal bell rings at 2:40.
- Students walk to the bus.
- Students walking/biking will leave after buses have left the parking lot (bell rings at approx. 2:45).
- Students being picked up will go to the main door at approx. 2:45.
- Families use visitor's parking lot when picking up students. Please be at school by 2:45 to pick up students.

School Sports

Soccer

Upcoming Soccer Games:

October 4th

- Boys play in St Louis
- Girls play in O'Leary

October 5th

- Boys play in Tignish

October 12th

- Boys play in Alberton
- Girls play in O'Leary

Zone Tournament:

October 17th (Raindate: October 18th)

- Boys @ Bloomfield at 12 pm
- Girls @ Tignish at 12 pm

Cross Country

Cross County Zone Meet will be **October 10th (Raindate: October 12th) at Mill River @ 12:00 pm.**

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 (\$0.50) and chocolate milk (\$0.80) daily. Milk will be available beginning September 11th.

Students will also be able to order ice cream (\$1.00) each Thursday. Ice cream will be available starting 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 second week.

Pizza – October 17th

Garlic Finger – October 31st

O'Leary Elementary Home & School

We had a fantastic turn-out for our first Home & School meeting. Families that attended the meeting could bring their children to the gym for supervised activities.

Our next Home & School meeting will be Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm.

Regular Hair Checks

We ask that parents/guardians check their child's hair on a regular basis for head lice. This is the most proactive way to control the spread of lice. Parents are reminded to contact the office if head lice are found.

As per the PSB Head Lice Management Protocol, when a child is in a class where a case of head lice is detected, a "letter of attention" will be sent home to parents/guardians of all students in that class so parents/guardians can check their child's hair at home and provide treatment if necessary.

Thanksgiving Meal

We are looking forward to having a **Thanksgiving meal** with our staff and students on **Friday, October 6th** at 12:30 pm.

We will have turkey, potatoes, carrots and a roll for everyone. Your child may choose to bring their own lunch if they choose not to the meal.



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/>

Note from Student Wellbeing Team

Hello O'leary Elementary Families,

We are so pleased to be working in your child's school this year! You may see information come home about presentations and groups we are offering in your school around topics such as emotions, coping skills, families, communication, hygiene etc.

We are looking forward to connecting with students, caregivers and school staff this school year 😊

Lindsay Lidstone (Registered Nurse) and Jordan Costain (School Outreach Worker)



Reading With Your Child At Home

Consider the following tips when you are reading with your child at home.

• Encourage your child to read more. If they like one book, perhaps find another book with a similar subject or by the same author.

• Take turns reading. Perhaps you read one page and your child reads the next.

• Make connections to your child's life.

Help your child make connections between what they are reading and what happens in their life.

• Try different types of books and magazines.

Encourage your child to read different types of books or stories. Some kids prefer nonfiction books while others like magazines.

Dress for the Weather:

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed to be outside for play. In the event that there is light rain, we plan on still going outside for fresh air.

Halloween Activities

We will have Halloween activities at school on Tuesday, October 31st. More information (activities, costumes, etc.) will be shared as the date approaches.

Book Draw Winners

Congratulations to our two Book Draw winners for September:

- K-3 – Louise Capili
- 4-6 – Delylah Morton

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



2023 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Thanksgiving Meal	7
8	9 Thanksgiving – No School	10	11	12	13 School Pictures	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PD – No School	28
29	30	31 Halloween Activities				

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, October 31st.

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

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

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