



O'Leary Elementary



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 7th – First Day of Classes
Sept 12th – Meet the Teacher (5:00)
Sept 22nd – Terry Fox Run
Sept 28th – Orange Shirt Day
Sept 29th – PD Day (No Classes)
Oct 2nd – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No Classes)

Welcome:

It is hard to believe that it is already September 7th. However, we are excited to be welcoming students and families to the 2023-2024 school year.

Teachers, Educational Assistants, Youth Service Worker, Student Attendant and our administrative assistant have been busy meeting and planning for the arrival of students. We know that we will have a great school year – one that will have opportunities for our students to shine.

We look forward to chatting and working with families and community members as we move throughout the school year. We know the valuable role families and communities play in the success of schools, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

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.

2023-2024 Staff

Principal – David Costello
Vice Principal – Aldene Smallman

KA – Samantha MacDonald
KB – Kristina Harper
1A – Megan Ellis
2A – Amber Ramsay
3A – Chris Shaw
4A – Tanya Gaudet
5A – Chris Richard
6A – Heather MacLean

School Counsellor – Taylor Baglole
Resource/Fundations – Terry Murney
Core French – Aldene Smallman
Music – Aldene Smallman
Phys Ed – Chris Richard

Administrative Assistant
Wendy Hardy

Education Assistants
Bethany Gallant, Claudette Getson, Judy Gorrill, Deanna MacCaull, Madelyn Marchbank, Quinn Moore, Diana Wallace, Donna Woodside

Youth Service Worker
Paula Kalkman

Student Attendant
Aneasa Ramsay

Custodians
Rhonda Boulter
Stephanie Costain

Bus Drivers
Gordon Buchanan (#544)
Davis Gallant (#563)
Carol Gillis (#760)
Norman Woodside (#631)

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 Day:

8:40	Homeroom
8:50	Classes Begin
10:20–10:30	Little Recess
12:00–12:20	Big Recess
12:20–12:40	Lunch
2:40	Dismissal

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 – September 19th
Garlic Finger – October 3rd

Meet the Staff:

Meet the Staff will look a little differently this year. We will host a **barbecue** behind the school as a way to have informal conversations with families. **Families can take their children** with them to this informal meet-and-greet. There will be hot dogs available to all families who attend.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on September 12th at 5:00.

Terry Fox Run:



O'Leary Elementary will be having a Terry Fox Run on September 22nd. We will have an **assembly** for students and staff in the gymnasium at 1:45 to provide an overview of the importance of Terry Fox and the Terry Fox Run. We will then go outdoors and **walk** around the playground. As a conclusion, we will have a **corn boil** for our staff and students.



Breakfast Program:

Our Breakfast Program begins Monday, September 11th. It will run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Hot Breakfast Program begins Thursday, September 28nd.

Truth and Reconciliation Week

(Sept 25-30):

Students and staff will be engaged with learning opportunities throughout the week to highlight the importance of Truth and Reconciliation.

As part of this week, O’Leary Elementary will have Orange Shirt Day on Sept 28th.

Bus Passes:

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

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.

Our Fall days can go from warm to rainy to cool quickly so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. It helps to label all clothing so that we can return it if it is left on the playground or on the bus.

Bus Safety

As we return to school, we ask you to make note of the following safety items:

- Please be at the bus stop a few minutes prior to bus arrival. Bus times will be confirmed as we move through the first few days of school.
- When waiting for the bus, please stand a few feet away from the edge of the road.
- If children need to cross the road to get on the bus, please wait until the bus stops before crossing the road and make sure to look in both directions.



Forms

Your child brought several forms home on the first day of school. Please fill out these forms and return by the end of the week so that our administrative assistant can update student information.

Student Attendance:

Regular attendance is important to school success and school staff need to take steps to intervene when there is a student attendance concern that is impacting student learning. As such, the PSB Student Attendance and Engagement Operational Procedures have been updated.

The changes to the attendance procedures allow teachers and administrators to use their judgment when acting on student absences. The shift will be to absences that are concerning to the teacher and are impacting student learning, rather than being automatically triggered at 5, 10, 15, 20 absences.

These updates have been approved and are posted on the PSB website:

<https://psb.edu.pe.ca/policies>

Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

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/>

SEPTEMBER

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	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 Thursday, September 28th.

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

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

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