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| **IMPORTANT DATES****February 16-19 - Winter Carnival****February 15 – Islander Day (NO CLASSES)****February 19-Skating9:00-10:00** **Kindergarten-grade 1** **10:30-11:30 Grades 2-3****1:00-2:00 Grades 4-6****February 24– Pink Shirt Day****February 26-Professional Learning day (NO CLASSES)****March 5 –Parent Teacher Interviews (NO CLASSES)****March 12-Skating 9:00-10:00** **Kindergarten-grade 1****10:30-11:30 Grades 2-3****1:00-2:00 Grades 4-6****March 15-19 – March break****April 2-Good Friday (NO CLASSES)****April 5-Easter Monday (NO CLASSES)****April 16-School goals Day(NO CLASSES)** | **http://forestburglibrary.prl.ab.ca/files/facebook_logo.jpg**  **Facebook.com Alberton Elementary** **Facebook.com/Alberton Home & School** |

**School lunches:**

Starting February 16th, our school lunches have a bit of a change. On the school lunch menu you will see that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we have added hot meals for $3.50 per day. PEI Healthy Food menu is definitely still available like it has been since the beginning of the school year, we are just adding a couple of extras.

**Bring Your Own Cutlery to School**

**Beginning the week of February 15th, students participating in the PEI Healthy School Food Program must bring their own cutlery to school. Please note that February 12th will be the last day that vendors will be providing cutlery with meals.**

**Winter Carnival Week: February 16-19**

This will be in conjunction with Random Acts of Kindness Week (Family Violence Prevention Week) Draw for gift card. Act of Kindness Jar, students will put your name with Act of Kindness ideas on it and we will draw a name.

* + Tuesday:
	+ Wednesday:
	+ Thursday:
	+ Friday: Skating

**Pink Shirt Day – February 24, 2021**

We encourage everyone to wear pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying.

**Parent Support for Digital Tools**

If parents are looking for support in helping their students access digital tools and platforms from home, a

support page is linked here: https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/assistance/home . This page provides

“how to” information and videos for parents on Google account access, Google Sites, Google Classroom,

Google Meet, Sora and other resources.

**Family violence Prevention Week (Random Acts of Kindness Week)**

 National Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 8-12, 2021. We perform random acts of kindness when we go beyond what is expected of us and reach out to help another person. We will be participating in a variety of activities during this week celebrating being kind to one another.

**PSB expectations for Parent-Teacher Interviews, March 2021:**

● In-person interviews should proceed at PSB schools.

● All staff and parents are required to wear non-medical **masks at all times**, even during the interview

conversation.

● Alternate arrangements, such as Phone or Google Meet interviews, should be made for parents who

are not available for an in-person interview.

● If using Google Meet, interviews cannot be recorded.

● Teachers should not be expected to use their personal phones for interviews.

● Student-led conferences should not be held at this time.

● For in-person interviews, only one parent/guardian per child should be in attendance.

● No students or other children should be in attendance.

**Home and School News**, **February 2021**

**1. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
Celebrate Teachers/Staff Appreciation Week, February 14-20, 2021.**
Home and Schools are reminded to say thank you to school staff during this week of recognition. We have newly designed TSAW Posters.
[Click here for TSAW School Poster – Print and Post in your school](https://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/TSAW_PEIHSF_School_Poster.pdf)

[Click here for TSAWStudent Colouring Poster – Print, colour and give to a school staff person](https://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/TSAW_PEIHSF_studentcolouringposter.pdf)

2. [**President’s 2020-2021Annual Reports**](https://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/Presidents%20Report%202020-2021.pdf)

President's Home and School Association Annual Reports are due in the Federation office **by Feb. 28th**. It's been an unusual year with COVID-19. However, it provides an opportunity to talk about how education happened during the pandemic. Write about parent, student and school community's experiences with home learning, parent-teacher interviews, fundraising, school celebrations, parent leadership projects, etc. Your Home and School Association’s report will be in included in the 2021 Annual Book of Reports.
To help get you started, [click here for a template.](https://peihsf.ca/sites/default/files/Presidents%20Report%202020-2021.pdf)

**3. Volunteer Award**

Home and School’s volunteer award is about recognizing the significant contributions that volunteers makes to help people in their school communities. Associations are asked to consider nominating a Home and School member for this year’s award(s). The submission deadline is: **Mar. 12th**

[**Click here for Nomination form**](http://peihsf.ca/content/awards)**.
4. 68th Annual Meeting**

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation’s **Annual General Meeting** will be held virtually in April; date TBA……More information to follow.

**5. Responses to last year’s Resolutions**

**You can review Education Minister Brad Trivers’ response to 2020 Home and School resolutions**.

[Click here for Resolutions/Responses](https://peihsf.ca/agm/resolutions)

**6. Parent Leadership Grants**

**The new grant application deadline is Feb. 28.** Click here to find ideas about Parent Leadership Grants:  **and submit to**: peihsf@edu.pe.ca **or** M**ail to: PEI Home and School Federation PO Box** 1012 Charlottetown PEI C1A 7M4.

**Other Community news….~ The Great Big Crunch, March 11, 2021 -** Students, teachers, parents and others who are passionate about food are invited to share their enthusiasm in a national moment of anti-silence [Register to munch before crunch day](https://forms.gle/oJ81UhvjLpDjv9x87). **Sign up yourself, your class, your school or your whole school district!** You will receive a [Great Big Crunch Toolkit](http://foodshare.net/custom/uploads/2020/02/Great-Big-Crunch-Toolkit-2020.pdf), with lots of [f](http://foodshare.net/custom/uploads/2019/02/GBC-Toolkit-2019.pdf)un curriculum linked class activities, and recommend some fresh local produce for you to snack on. Get all your friends together and take a **synchronized bite at 2:30 pm EST** Don’t forget to share your crunch photos with us using [#GreatBigCrunch](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23greatbigcrunch&src=typd).

~**Pink Shirt day** = Together we can make a difference! Wear something pink on Feb. 26th to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long. More at:  <http://www.pinktshirtday.ca/>

**~ Canada’s Food Guide –** [**Subscribe to get the latest healthy updates, recipes and more**](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canada-food-guide/subscribe.html)

[**Learn to be healthy infogrades1-12.**](https://www.learntobehealthy.org/lessons-and-activities/?gclid=CjwKCAiA9bmABhBbEiwASb35V9eMs_C9owMOwhIJSKxaI14vO1LBALPzj8QaFaWt29Mkzsjda6ZiQxoCul0QAvD_BwE)

~ **2021 Census, May 2021** = Statistics Canada will be [hiring approximately 32,000 people](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CUser%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5CXPgrpwise%5C5FFED58DEDUCATIONEDUPO110016F76731222261%5Cwww.census.gc.ca%5Cjobs) across the country to assist in census data collection activities. Contact: statcan.censusoutreach.atlantic-rayonnementdurec.atlantique.statcan@canada.ca.