



STONEPARK INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break and enjoyed time with family and friends. We have a busy couple of months ahead until our next break in March.

Good News Stories

Before the break, the East Wiltshire Warriors challenged the Stonepark Tigers to a friendly competition to see who could gather the most cans for the Upper Room Food Bank. Collectively Stonepark students gathered 2,848 pounds of food! Go Tigers!



Dance Umbrella Performance

Congratulations to the Stonepark students who performed in *The Nutcracker* at the Confederation Centre in December! Pictured below is Zoe White, Isabelle Lalonde, and Charlotte Carr



What's Happening at Stonepark?

Sewing Club

Sewing Club will continue in the New Year on Tuesdays at lunch time and Wednesdays after school.



Immunizations

Grade 9 Immunizations will be done by Public Health here at the school on **Thursday, January 24th.**



Grade 9 Grad Photos



Grade 9 Grad photos will be done by Harvey's Studios and will be

happening at the school on **February 6 & 7.** All students will have their photos taken, but there is no obligation to purchase a package.

Student Choir



The Stonepark Intermediate Choir will start up again on **January 16th**

after school and will continue from 3pm to 4 pm on Tuesdays. All students are welcome to join, even if they weren't in choir before the break.

Tutoring

After school tutoring will continue on Tuesdays in the school library. It will start again on January 16th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. This is a free service provided by high school students - they tutor in both English and French and for all grade levels.



Second Semester

Reminder: February 2 - first semester courses will end and on Monday, February 5 - second semester courses will begin. These include science, social studies, Skill Development and Specialist sections.



50th Anniversary Celebration

Stonepark celebrated its 50th anniversary on December 2nd! There was an Open House held at the school where hundreds of current and former students and staff reminisced about the fond memories Stonepark held for them.



Current & Former Stonepark Principals



Speeches were made in the cafeteria.



Memorabilia from the decades on display.



Musical performances by the band students

Congratulations Stonepark!

Band News



January Rehearsal Schedule

Early morning band rehearsals will begin the week of January 15. Tuesday, January 16 (**Gr 8**), Wednesday, January 17 (**Gr 7**), Thursday, January 18 (**Gr 9**)

Jazz Band

rehearsals are paused until February.



PEI Intermediate Honours

Band - Students will rehearse on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 during January, beginning on **Wednesday, January 10**.

Honours Band students will be attending a **sectional rehearsal at Birchwood Intermediate on Thursday, January 11**. Transportation to and from the rehearsal is the responsibility of the student's

parent/guardian. Students are to arrive at **Birchwood Intermediate** between 8:30 and 8:45 am and are to be picked up at 2:30 pm. Please bring a bagged lunch, water bottle, music, pencil and instrument. Honours Band students are not permitted to leave school property during lunch. The \$80.00 registration payment is due; cash (a receipt will be provided) or pay online through the SchoolCash portal.

Stonepark Gear

We are pleased to announce that the Stonepark Online clothing store is now open for the entire Stonepark community to shop. This is in conjunction with Gemini Screenprint. There are some basic clothing items available crested with the traditional Stonepark logo.



Here is the link to the store: <https://stores.inksoft.com/stonepark/shop/home>

Stonepark 50th Anniversary stainless steel tumblers are available to purchase at the school for \$20 each.



Student Athletics

Basketball

Basketball season is currently underway. To see the game schedule, go to the [PEI School Athletics](https://www.peiathletics.ca/) webpage.



Gymnastics Team

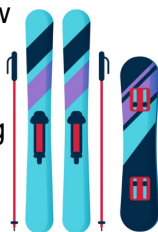
Stonepark is forming a gymnastics team! Any student who is interested in joining the school team, are asked to attend the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 at morning break.



For more information, contact teacher/coach Janet Duval at jduval@edu.pe.ca.

Ski/Snowboard Club

The Stonepark Ski/Snowboard Club is planning a few trips to Brookvale this season. Please stay tuned to morning announcements for details about an upcoming information meeting and our first scheduled visit.



Grade 9 Trip

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, 6:30pm** at the school for all parents of students traveling on the grade 9 trip from February 12-16. We will review all of the final itinerary, packing list, and expectations for the students traveling.

Hockey Academy



There are some spaces available for the grade 7 second semester group of the Stonepark

Hockey Skills Academy. It begins on January 30 and runs every "school day" Tuesday until April. There are 12, 1.5 hour sessions at the Cody Banks arena. Details and application can be found at the following link: [Stonepark Hockey Skills Academy](https://www.stoneparkhockey.ca/)

PEI School Food Program

The PEI School Food Program has made some changes to their menus and have brought back some old favorites.

WEEK 1				
MONDAY 	TUESDAY 	WEDNESDAY 	THURSDAY 	FRIDAY
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Week One

Mon - Mini Pancakes with Egg Bites or Mini Pancakes with Yogurt

Tue - Beef Lasagna Casserole or Veggie Lasagna Casserole

Wed - Pulled Pork Loaded Potatoes or Black Bean Chili Potatoes

Thu - Roast Chicken Dinner or Veggie Meatball Dinner

Fri - Beef Taco Pizza or Cheesy Garlic Flatbread

WEEK 2				
MONDAY 	TUESDAY 	WEDNESDAY 	THURSDAY 	FRIDAY
MONDAY 	TUESDAY 	WEDNESDAY 	THURSDAY 	FRIDAY

Week Two

Mon - Beef Stew with Roll or Vegetable Stew with Roll

Tue - Ham and Cheese Snack Box or Hummus and Cheese Snack Box

Wed - Baked Chicken Strips with Mac and Cheese or Baked Veggie Strips with Mac and Cheese

Thu - Beef Burger with Potato Wedges or Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges

Fri - Chicken Alfredo Pizza or Three Cheese Pizza

To order go to <https://peischoolfood.ca/>

Reminder: Cutlery is not provided, please bring your own.

Home and School



Our next Home and School Meeting is **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

PEI Home and School Federation News - Jan 2024

2024 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff
Local Home and School Associations can consider

nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until Jan. 19, 2024. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Resolutions Impact Change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions.


Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2024**.

2024 School Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. What ways can the school community thank school staff?

2024 Annual General Meeting Notice

Book your calendars! The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. All member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is invited to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be posted in February at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

 **Home and School and You** - Dionne Tuplin, PEI Home and School Federation president, writes a monthly column for The Guardian. Her January 2024 news column will be published in The Guardian and posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/news/> on Friday, January 5.



Reminder: Is your membership active?

Keep your membership active to keep up to date on discounted camps, activities and more!

For only \$25.00 (the cost of a one-year individual membership), you can be part of a network of passionate Canadians who are committed to helping young people learn and use French.

As a member of the CPF family, you can feel confident when supporting your child during their FSL schooling. You and your family will gain discounted access to programs and activities that will make learning French fun.

Plus! CPF has connected with other like-minded individuals and organizations to offer members some amazing discounts. [Join or Renew Membership](#)

Provincial Concours is Back!

It is said that one of our biggest fears is **public speaking**. And what's the best way to get over our fears and become more resilient and confident? By facing them head-on! Our longstanding public-speaking Concours d'art oratoire provincial finals will be held in person. Typed manuscripts of the speeches must be submitted by email to William Henault at cdo@cpfnl.ca.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, March 29, 2024**, open to youth who are learning French in school. It is a great way to celebrate our participants' many hours of hard work and official language bilingualism in Canada! [Click to Learn More!](#)

Early Start Mentorship Program is now open for registrations!



You will notice that we are announcing the contest earlier this year. The intention is to encourage more Schools, Teachers, and Students to participate in the contest. We also encourage greater participation in all 5 categories of French education in the province.

- Core French
- Core French Plus
- Early French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Francophone

Everyone should know that there is a spot for them to compete, regardless of the French program they are in. Core French students compete with Core French students, Early French Immersions students with Early French Immersions students, and so on.

Mentorship Program

An early start also gives participants time to take advantage of the mentorship program. This will be a series of online workshops offered by Francophones, French Teachers, and former participants of the contest. Workshops will go over skills to master Vocal Expression, Coherence, Language, and Physical Presentation. The online sessions will be offered in the Winter of 2024, leading up to the deadline for

applications on **March 29, 2024**. [Click to Learn More!](#)

Need French ideas and resources? Visit [Parlez Vous PEI](#)



Are you learning French as a second (or even third) language? Do you like reading and writing poetry? Do you like winning cash prizes? If so, O'Poésie is the contest for you! O'Poésie is a national French-language poetry contest for students in grades 1 to 12 (CEGEP 1) enrolled in FSL programs across Canada. The **deadline to participate is February 5, 2024**.

This is an opportunity for students to:

- explore the beauty and expressiveness of the French language through a creative learning project.
- to practice literary skills.
- to develop a sense of belonging to Canada's Francophone community.
- win exciting prizes!

In addition to encouraging students to participate, we are also looking for volunteer judges to participate in the grading of the submissions we receive!

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

EARLY MARCH 2024

Click here for [Poetry Contest and Details](#)

French as a Second Language Student Enrolment Statistics 2021-2022

On December 4, Canadian Parents for French released the French as a Second Language Enrolment Statistics for the [2021-2022 school year](#). This yearly publication provides a quick analysis of national trends of enrolment in FSL programs by presenting the data by province and territory and by type of program.

Highlights from the 2021-2022 edition:

- At the national level, total enrollment in FSL programs continues to remain stable albeit stagnant.
- Regarding the overall percentage of students in an FSL program, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Ontario keep growing steadily.
- French immersion enrolment in British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Ontario and the Yukon either grew modestly or remained stable.
- Core French keeps steadily growing in Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Ontario and in Canada overall.

Community News

Name the Puppy contest - the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Prince Edward Island is asking students across PEI to help name their Puppy!

That's right – PEI RCMP have a new four-legged member and they need a great name for her. They are running a **Name the Puppy** contest for some great prizes.

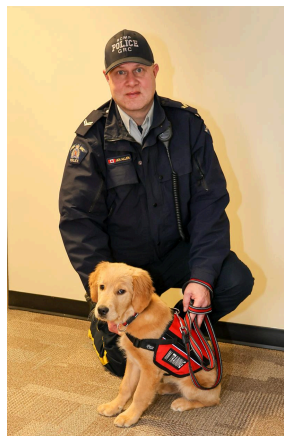


Here's the Puppy details:

- Our puppy is a female golden retriever;
- She is in training to be a Facility Dog - a facility dog is a type of therapy dog that can provide services to help people by encouraging movement, opening up ways to communicate, and just helping out in any way she can with her presence;
- The Puppy has a special handler – Corporal Ian Allen – and he will be able to bring the dog along with him wherever and whenever she is needed. Corporal Allen will also get some special training!

Here's how you can send us your name idea:

- PEI RCMP is known as “L” Division so we are looking for names that begin with the letter L.
- If you're 18-years-old or younger, send us one name idea by email to PEI RCMP at rcmppei.grcipe@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- Include your name, age, what school you go to and let us know why you chose the name you did. Make sure we have an email address we can get back to you.
- Contest is open to residents of Prince Edward Island.
- If your entire class or group wants to submit a name, that's great. Please ensure you have your teacher's permission or that of your group leader.
- Deadline for sending us your name ideas is Friday, January 26, 2024.
- One winner will be chosen and announced January 29, 2024.



Upcoming Dates

January 8 - First Instructional day of 2024

January 10 - Grade 9 Trip Meeting at 6:30

January 11 - Home and School Meeting at 6:30

January 24 - Grade 9 Immunizations

February 6 & 7 - Grade 9 Grad Photos

February 12-16 - Staff Appreciation Week

February 12-16 - Grade 9 Trip

February 19 - Islander/Family Day - No School

February 28 - Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day

March 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews (evening)

March 8 - Parent Teacher Interviews (morning) No Classes

March 22-28 - Mid-term Break (no classes)

March 29 - Statutory Holiday (no classes)

April 1 - Statutory Holiday (no classes)

