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Hello Elm Street Families -

Fall is here! Those chilly mornings are lovely and crisp! Please ensure your child has lots of layer of clothes for the cool mornings and warm afternoons!

Here are some updates for you:

Home and School - Joining the Home and School is a great way for parents to have a voice and support parent-led initiatives at Elm Street! The first meeting will be Thursday, September 25 at 6:00pm in the library!

Meet the Staff Evening - Thank you to all families that were able to attend our annual Meet the Staff Barbeque this past Thursday. We had close to 200 families attend and lots of family members walking through to say hi and see your child's classroom. Congratulations Empress DeCastro and Harvey Capili who were the winners of our gift card draw.

Terry Fox Walk/Run - The Terry Fox Walk will be happening on Thursday, September 25th in the afternoon. All classes will be walking on the Confederation Trail – varying in length based on their grade. If the weather is not suitable, then we will do it on Friday, Sept. 26th. The fundraising goal for this year is \$400.00. Students are asked to donate \$2.00 toward the event. Students are encouraged to wear their Terry Fox T-shirts if they have one from a previous year. #nomatterwhat

Skills for Independence - More and more we are noticing that students are missing some really important skills for them to be successful! Here are some skills that are important to actively teach our children:

- getting dressed and undressed for outside independently
- asking an adult for help - e.g. Can I go to the bathroom? Can I have a Band-Aid? I forgot my lunch, can you help?
- children should know their full day and the full name of their parents
- children should know a phone number of a trusted adult and should know how to make a phone call
- children should understand that following the direction of a trusted adult is part of their job as a child
- children should be able to manage their own lunch and bathroom routine

As children get older, our expectations should increase. We believe that our job as teachers and parents/adults, is to teach children to be as independent as possible for their developmental age. This allows children to build confidence in themselves and be proud of what they can do! We ask that you please practice some of these things with your children to make all our jobs easier!

Occupational Therapy - Please see attached information sheet. Our school OT is a great support for teachers, students and families! [STOT-School intro letter Elm Street 2025-2026.pdf](#)

Musical - We are doing a musical this year! Wow, what an undertaking! Ms J sent an email to families on Friday with specific details and students in gr 3-6 brought home information about auditions that will start next week! We are looking forward to seeing this all unfold!

Grade 6 HPV Vaccinations - On Friday, September 26, the Grade 6 students have the opportunity to receive their HPV vaccinations. Permission forms went home already.

Milk - Milk starts next week!

Island School Board Elections - This fall, you will have the opportunity to help shape the future of public education by electing trustees to serve on the Public Schools Branch boards to provide oversight and direction of our education system across PEI. For the first time, you will be able to vote online, making it easier than ever to participate.

- If you wish to be a candidate, submit a nomination before September 26 at 2pm.
- [Register to vote](#) by mail-in ballot or online!
 - Register for online voting: September 8 – October 17 at 11am
 - Register for a mail-in ballot: September 8 – September 28 at 11:59pm
- Cast your vote:
 - Online voting runs from October 3 at 12 pm to October 17 at 12 pm
 - Mail-in ballots must be returned by October 17 at 12 pm

<https://evote.electionspei.ca/>

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

September 25 - Home and School Meeting, 6:00 pm in the library

September 25 - Terry Fox Walk for K-6

September 30 - NO SCHOOL - Truth and Reconciliation Day

October 1 - Orange Shirt Day at Elm Street

October 2 - Cross Country running zones

October 3 - Bus evacuation practice

October 3 - Lockdown practice

October 7 & 8 - Picture days

October 10 - PD Day - no classes for students

October 13 - Thanksgiving - no school

October 27-31 - Book Fair

Looking forward to the week ahead.

Ms. J and Mrs. Doyle