



November Newsletter 2025

Spring Park School

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Safe Arrival Line 902-569-7785

At Spring Park School, we have a **Safe Arrival Line** which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 AM. This 24-hour answering machine is available so parents can call this school and let us know if your child(ren) will be late or absent.

Dates to remember

- Nov. 3 – 7:45- 8:20 First Day of Chess
- Nov. 5 - Grade 4 Remembrance Day Concert in Gym at 10:40 am
- Nov. 6 and 7 – PEITF Convention (no classes)
- Nov. 10 – PD Day (no classes)
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (no classes)
- Nov. 21 – Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

Walking to School

Tips: use sidewalks and cross at crosswalks or intersections, but if there is no sidewalk, walk facing oncoming traffic.



Afternoon pick up

Students who take the bus are dismissed at 2:35. For safety reasons, please do not walk through the bus area. **Parents who are picking up their child(ren) need to wait by the large tree outside the kindergarten doors or on the sidewalk by the street.** The sidewalk by the school is too congested with adults waiting and it is not safe for students. The bell rings for walkers/pick-ups at 2:40. Please share this information with the adults who are picking up your child/children.

Students who are picked up **MUST** be picked up at 2:40. There is no supervision for students past 2:40.

Staying Home When Sick

Staying home when you are sick lowers the chance of spreading Colds, COVID-19, whooping cough and other illnesses to others. You should stay home until your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) you do not have a fever, and you do not develop any additional symptoms.

Warm Clothes

Students are reminded to wear warmer outdoor clothing, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that the days are becoming colder. All students are outside twice a day for outdoor recreation at recess time. This time is much more enjoyable when students are dressed for colder temperatures. **Please remember to label all your child's outdoor clothing with their first and last name so items can be easily returned if they are misplaced.**

Chess

The first chess day will be Monday Nov. 3rd at 7:45 – 8:20

The cost to join is \$2 and we will need to have a low-risk form signed as well.
Stay tuned for more information in the November newsletter.

SPS Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches for dates Nov. 3 - 14 will open Oct. 30 and close at 9am Mon. Nov. 3.
Hot lunches for dates Nov. 20 - 28 will open Oct. 16 and close at 9am Mon. Oct. 20.

Mon. Fri. – Chocolate and White ADL Milk

Tuesday – Domino's Pizza and the breakfast program donations

Wednesday – Subway

<https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net>

(School access code: SPHL for new registration)

**Reminder that all lunch orders must be paid by 9AM Monday morning, or the order will be deleted.

Bon Appétit! Sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. \$5.75 per lunch or pay what you can. Donate to pay for another child who cannot afford to pay for a healthy lunch.

E-mail: info@peischoolfood.ca

Phone: 902-380-3663

Register here and order: <https://peischoolfood.ca/>



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE UTENSILS.



Karate with Aoife, offering karate programs for children, youth, and adults here in Charlottetown.

At Karate with Aoife, we understand the importance of building strong foundations in both physical and mental development, especially for young children. Our Little Dragons and Little Ninjas program is specifically designed for kids, providing them with a fun and engaging introduction to karate, while helping them develop valuable life skills.

- Little Dragons (Kindergarten–Grade 3) – Wednesdays, West Kent Elementary
- Little Ninjas (Grades 4–6) – Wednesdays, West Kent Elementary or Thursdays at Buenos Island Studio
- Additional Women's Self Defence and Adult Karate Kickstart programs are also available.

Families can join anytime, and the full schedule online: www.karatewithaoife.com

Or email for more information at: karatewithaoife@gmail.com

Island Gymnastics Academy – Now Registering for our Winter session!

Boys and girls of all ages are invited to join the fun at **Island Gymnastics Academy!** Our gymnastics, dance and parkour programs build strength, confidence, and coordination in a safe and supportive environment. Spaces fill quickly - register today!

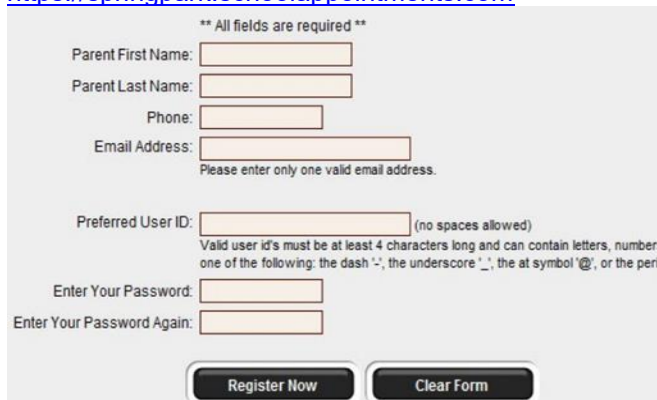
www.islandgymnasticsacademy.com

JOKE Why did the scarecrow win an award? *Because he was outstanding in his field.*

Parent Teacher Interviews

Book your parent teacher interview online from Nov. 6 @ 6am to November 14 @ 4pm. Interviews date available from Nov. 17 – 21 with evening interviews on the 20 and day interviews on Nov. 21.

<https://springpark.schoolappointments.com>



The image shows a registration form with the following fields and instructions:

- Parent First Name:
- Parent Last Name:
- Phone:
- Email Address: (Please enter only one valid email address.)
- Preferred User ID: (no spaces allowed) (Valid user id's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, numbers, one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '_', the at symbol '@', or the period '.')
- Enter Your Password:
- Enter Your Password Again:

Buttons: Register Now, Clear Form

Music Notes

Concerts and Performances

All grade 4 students will be performing for our **Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 5th at 10:40am** in the gym. Parents and guardians of grade 4 students are invited to attend, and grade 4 students are asked to wear formal concert attire for this performance: **white shirts with dark pants or skirts**. Poppies for the students to wear will be provided!

Congratulations to Mr. O. and the Grade 3 classes on their wonderful October Concert - Squirm!

Save the dates for our upcoming December concerts - we can't wait to show you what we've been working on!

- **Wednesday, December 10th** (storm date December 11th) - **Grade 6 Concert**
- **Wednesday, December 17th** (storm date December 18th) - **Grade 1 Concert**

Choir

Students who have signed up for choir are reminded that they are expected to attend every rehearsal as we prepare for our December performances - more details on these to follow soon! Students who have changed their mind and no longer wish to participate in choir require a note from their parents to do so. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will have the opportunity to try out choir for themselves in January with our K/1 Singing Club - stay tuned!

Rock Band

Auditions and sign-ups for Rock Band this year will be posted in the first week of November - Auditions are needed only for students who are new to rock band - regardless of grade. Those that were in a rock band last year and wish to sign up again do not need to audition this year - simply sign up!

Karri Shea (kjshea@edu.pe.ca) (4-6) and Mr. O (K-3) (rdodonnell@edu.pe.ca)

COACHES' CORNER

Cross Country Wrap-Up

Congratulations to the grade 3 to 6 students who participated in our Cross-Country running club this year at Spring Park School. In total, we had over 140 students participate this year. In addition, we had 60 students qualify for the zone meet and 10 students represented Spring Park at the Provincials

Championships on October 18th!

We would also like to recognize and congratulate grade 6 student, Faith Brine who won the 3rd place bronze medal in the novice girls' race and grade 3 student, Ivy Kennedy, who finished 1st place and won the gold medal in the pre-novice girls race at the Provincials!

If you have any questions, please email:
Mr. Maddix(kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca) OR Ms. Canning (kqcanning@edu.pe.ca)

STEAM PEI news

STEAM PEI has a full lineup of exciting fall PD Day camps, November 6th & 7th, and November 21st! Camp themes include The Science of the Body, Geo Geniuses, and Cyber Ready. Starting in October, STEAM PEI will also be hosting monthly Teen Trivia Nights, a fun way for teens to connect and socialize outside of school. Visit the STEAM PEI website for details and registration: www.steampei.ca



Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Scholastic Bookfair** being held in the library November 13th/14th/17th-Viewing days and 18th/19th/20th/21st (am only)-Purchasing days. The fair will also be open during P/T Interviews on Thursday evening. It's a great opportunity to shop for some Christmas gifts or other special occasions. Thanks for supporting the fundraiser for the library!

🌸 Spring Park Home and School Association Newsletter

🍎 Breakfast Program – Volunteers & Donations Welcome!

Our Breakfast Program continues to be a great success thanks to the wonderful support of our school community! If you're able to volunteer your time in person, we'd love to have you join us.

Can't make it in but still want to help out? You can **donate to the Breakfast Program** by simply clicking the **donation button when ordering Hot Lunches**. Every little bit helps keep our students fueled for learning!

🎁 Christmas Shoppe Donations

It's almost that time of year again! The **Christmas Shoppe** will soon be open for students to pick out special gifts for their loved ones.

We're looking for **donations of gently used items** to stock the shoppe — things like small toys, books, home décor, jewelry, and other giftable treasures.

📅 **Donation bins** will be available:

1. During the week of **Parent-Teacher Interviews**
2. At our **next meeting on November 26**

Thank you for helping make this event magical for our students!

🎲 Don't Forget Your CosPlay Numbers!

Our weekly **CosPlay draw** is a fun way to support the school — and the **jackpot can grow quickly!**

Remember: if your numbers aren't played, you can't win. So be sure to play your numbers each week!

📅 **Next Meeting** – Join us for our next **Home and School meeting** on **Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 pm.**

1. Children are welcome if you don't have childcare.
2. Refreshments will be served!

We'd love to see new and familiar faces — come share your ideas, learn about upcoming events, and be part of what makes Spring Park so special.

Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram or send us an email at springparkhsa@gmail.com anytime. We're here for parents, staff, and students.

Thank you for supporting Spring Park – your time, energy, and enthusiasm help make our school community strong and welcoming.

Warmly,
Spring Park Home and School Association

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Reminder to pay 2025-2026 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees. You can now pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office. Questions? Call 1-800-916-0664 / 902-620-3186 / ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca

Volunteers - Leadership Training Workshop - Tignish Elementary School

Westisle region's Home & Schools are invited to a **Home & School Leadership Training Workshop**.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 13th, 2025

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Place: Tignish Elementary School.

Cost: FREE

Content: Guidance for executive positions, bookkeeping tips, and general information for all volunteers. Please register by email: ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by Nov. 10th.

Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/grants>. Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

Recognition and Awards Program 2025-2026

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The Crossing Guard Award Nominations, announced last month, are due Nov. 7th.

The Federation is proud to open nominations for its Extra Mile Award to celebrate school staff personnel. Nominations are due Jan. 17. Read more at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

ADD this to your agenda...

1. Child protection and online safety

The RCMP officer who spoke at the Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting about internet safety and child exploitation is available to speak at local Home and School meetings. Consider inviting him to lead a discussion on keeping children/youth safe online. **Contact: Cpl. Robert Yaschuk, RCMP Child Exploitation Unit / Robert.Yaschuk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca**

2. Student learning, health, and well-being

Ask your principal to share general COMPASS findings to spark a discussion on current student issues and next steps for collective action. This study collects student-level data from youth in secondary school on various health topics, including: Cannabis use, Mental Health, Smoking/Alcohol Use, etc.

Find provincial results at: [2024-25 Provincial COMPASS Report](#)


3. Connect with your local trustee

A new Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees was elected on October 17. Invite your local trustee to a Home and School meeting to discuss priorities and stay connected with board decisions.

Tip#1: Add all news items in this Nov. 2025 newsletter to your agenda.

Tip#2: Review basic parliamentary procedure to keep your meeting running smoothly.

*****Happenings in your community...*****

 **Donagh Home & School Craft Fair** will be held on Nov.15th, 9 am-3 pm, and Nov. 16th, 12-4 pm

at Donagh Regional School (928 Bethel Road, Donagh). Note: 80+ tables showcasing the products of 60+ vendors spread over 3 beautiful rooms; wheelchair/stroller friendly (no stairs), raffles, fudge sale, live entertainment on Saturday, ATM on site. Entrance by donation goes towards our continued playground upgrades. Event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1A9iZqZwv5/> Hope to see you there!

 **Bluefield Band Craft Fair** will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 15th, 10 a.m. - 5 pm. Proceeds go to supporting costs for the band's annual performance tour. Come and be entertained, find some great gifts, and build community. To book a table, if possible, go to <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/bluefieldmusic/christmas-craft-fair> .

Dates to remember: _

November 11 [Remembrance Day](#)

November 20 [National Child Day](#)

November 21–27 [Canada History Week](#)