



# April Newsletter 2026 Spring Park School

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## **Dates to remember**

- April 2 – Last day of Chess Club for the year
- April 3 - Good Friday (no classes)
- April 6 – Easter Monday (no classes)
- April 8 – Home & School meeting @ 6:00 pm
- April 10 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- April 14 – 16 Coupon order forms due
- April 15 – Information session for incoming French Immersion Kindergarten parents
- May 1 – PD Day (no classes)
- May 18 – Victoria Day (no classes)

## **Arrival**

Bus students will arrive between 8:05 – 8:15 am. We ask students walking or being dropped off to do so between 8:15 – 8:25. All students are to go to the playground until the 8:20 bell rings to enter the building. Just a friendly reminder to leave a message on our safe arrival line **902-569-7785** if your child is going to be late or absent.

## **Library**

Thanks to everyone for yet another successful Book Fair. Watch for lots of new book titles in the coming months! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Jay

## **Staying Rooted in Excellence with PBIS**

April often brings a change in energy and the start of spring testing. To help our students stay focused, our PBIS spotlight this month is on **Being Prepared and Being Respectful**. We are encouraging everyone to "Finish Strong" by maintaining the same great expectations we set back in September being Safe, Prepared, Respectful and Kind! When students show resilience during a tough assignment or kindness during a rainy-day recess, they are helping our school community thrive. Let's keep that momentum going SPARKS!

Amanda Killorn- PBIS Lead

## **Chess Club**

The last day of Chess Club will be Thursday, April 2. Thank-you to the students who participated and to the staff who volunteer to run the chess club.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2026, please make sure you register them for kindergarten as soon as possible. It is important for schools to have the correct number of students so schools can be appropriately staffed. Please pass this information on to friends, family or neighbors who have a child who still needs to register for kindergarten.

## **Current Kindergarten Students**

There will not be school for current kindergarten students on **Friday, June 5** as we welcome the incoming kindergarten students for their Orientation Day.

## **End of Day Pick Up**

We kindly ask that parents who are picking up their children at the end of the day wait for their children by the **big tree by the kindergarten doors**. There is too much congestion with students and staff on the sidewalk in front of the school.

Please do not walk through the bus lane to get your child when the buses are parked. Walkers/pick ups are dismissed at the second bell at 2:40.

## **Coupon Books**

The coupon books order form has gone home with students. Please return the order form and payment to the school in a reusable bag. Coupon book orders can also be placed on line, through the Spring Park Hot lunch program. <https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net/>

If you do place your order on line, please return the order form and mark it "Paid on-line".

**Orders are due back by April 14, April 15 & April 16, 2026.**

## **Spelling Bee**

The Third Annual PEI Spelling Bee will take place on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at Spring Park Elementary. Registered students from ages 6-14 will compete in three categories for the top three cash prizes and three champions will be eligible to travel to the National Spelling Bee in Toronto. The spelling starts at 9 am with the Primary Category and continues with the Junior and Intermediate categories directly after. All are welcome to watch the competition.

## **Easter Seal Fundraising**

On Monday, April 27, this year's Easter Seals Ambassador, Mr. Rowan MacDonald, will be visiting Spring Park School at 10:40 as part of the school tour. Rowan is currently in grade 10 at Colonel Gray but Rowan went to Spring Park Elementary from grades K-6. We would like to thank everyone for participating in the fundraising efforts.

## **SPS Hot Lunch Program**

Hot lunches for April 7 - 17 will open Thursday April 2 and close at 9am Mon. April 7.

Hot lunches for dates April 20 – May 1 will open Thursday April 16 and close at 9am Mon. April 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](mailto:info@peischoolfood.ca)

Phone: 902-380-3663 Register here and order: <https://peischoolfood.ca/>

## **COACHES' CORNER**

### **Badminton Team**

Students who make our badminton team will receive additional information regarding the location and times for the Zones and Provincials.

### **Zone 3 Competition**

**Doubles-** Tuesday, April 7th

**Singles Preliminaries-** Wednesday, April 8th

**Singles Finals –** Wednesday, April 15th

**Badminton Provincial Championships (SUMMERSIDE):**

**Singles and Doubles Preliminaries- Thursday, April 23rd**  
**Singles and Doubles Finals - Saturday, April 25th**

Please continue to visit our PE blog for any times, changes and information pertaining to our Badminton Club/Team: <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/sps-physical-education/home>

If you have any questions, please email:

Mr. Maddix([kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca)) OR Ms. Canning ([kgcanning@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kgcanning@edu.pe.ca))

### **April Music News**

#### **Rock Band Showcase**

Our rock bands are getting stage-ready for the PEI Schools of Rock Concert on Saturday, April 11 at Birchwood Intermediate School. Doors open at 4:30 PM | Show starts at 5:00 PM  
Open to the public, admission by donation.

This is going to be an incredible show featuring 10 bands from 7 different schools from across PEI, all performing with professional lights and sound so students get the full rock star experience.

Each band will have a scheduled soundcheck earlier the on same day:

Spring Park soundcheck times:

10:30 – Spring Park 1 (Boltz)

11:30 – Spring Park 2 (Sparkz)

Evening performance lineup:

Spring Park 1 (Boltz) – 8th in lineup

Spring Park 2 (Sparkz) – 10th (closing the show!)

What parents and students need to know:

Students MUST attend both their soundcheck and the evening performance

Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for soundcheck so we're ready to take the stage

All instruments and music will be at Birchwood - we just need your rockers!

If your child has any conflicts with the sound check time or performance time, please email Mr.

O as soon as possible:

[rdodonnell@cloud.edu.pe.ca](mailto:rdodonnell@cloud.edu.pe.ca)

We can't wait to see these students light up the stage. It's going to be a fantastic night of music.

#### **Grade 6 Honour Choir**

The PEI Junior Honour Choir concert will be taking place on Saturday, April 18th at Park Royal United Church - all are welcome to attend! Grade 6 students who are participating in the Honour Choir will be asked to come to Park Royal in the morning to rehearse and prepare for the concert - more details to follow!

#### **Festival Choirs**

Our Spring Park Grade 4-6 Choir, Grade 2-3 Choir, and K-1 Singing Club will be performing at the Queens County Music Festival on the morning of Tuesday, May 5th. All are welcome to attend the performances at the festival, which will take place at Park Royal United Church. Our choirs will be traveling from school by bus, and an information sheet and permission form will be sent out with more information closer to the date!

Our performance times are as follows (please note these are approximate as the festival may run ahead of or behind schedule):

9:30am - Grade 2/3 Choir, followed by the K/1 Choir

11:05am - Grade 4-5-6 Choir

#### **Grade 5 Musical**

This year, we are excited to share that our Grade 5 spring musical will be taking part in the PEI School Drama Festival, with a performance at the Carrefour Theatre on Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30am, in addition to our usual school and parent performances the following week! Stay tuned for more information to come!

#### Music Dates to Note:

March 27th - Honour Choir Rehearsal Day

April 11th - Island Rock Showcase

April 18th - Honour Choir Concert

May 5th - Festival Choirs at Queens County Music Festival

May 6th - Grade 5 Musical at Drama Festival

May TBA - Grade 5 Musical at SPS

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Shea or Mr. O.

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

#### **Knitting Club**

There is a knitting club for Gr. 5-6 that will take place every day one, Room 204 at 12:05.

#### **Spring Park Home and School**

We hope all our Spring Park families had a wonderful March Break! We are looking forward to getting ready for spring at our next meeting on **April 8 at 6:00 pm** in the school library. Our new School Board Trustees will be in attendance and sharing how they can support our school community.

If you want to join us but don't have childcare, please know kiddos are welcome! And we even have snacks!

Make sure you are following us on Facebook and Instagram so you can stay up to date on any announcements or activities. We love to engage with our families as much as possible!

#### **Soup Sale – Mitchell's Soups (While Supplies Last!)**

We still have delicious Mitchell's Soups available for purchase!

- **\$12 per bag**
- **3 for \$30**

Available flavours:

- Classic Chicken and Herb
- Fully Loaded Potato
- Mexican Tortilla
- Old Fashioned Beef Barley
- Turkey Cranberry

Proceeds from this fundraiser go directly toward supporting Home and School Association initiatives.

#### **Payment Details:**

E-transfers can be sent to [springparkhsa@gmail.com](mailto:springparkhsa@gmail.com). Please include the following in the note:

- Soup order
- Child's name
- Child's class number

Once received, we'll be sure your soup order is sent home with your child.

Curious about how you can help out? We have ongoing committees throughout the school year that require very little time commitment (we know we're all busy!):

- **Outdoor Space** – Help keep our grounds beautiful by weeding flowerbeds, planting trees, and supporting playground repairs and upgrades. We organize these efforts 3-4 times a year, and every little bit helps!
- **Breakfast Program** – Volunteer for an hour a week, a month, or however often you can to help prepare and serve breakfast to 150 students. Don't worry if you're new—experienced parents are always on hand to show you the ropes.
- **Graduation** – Is your child graduating from Grade 6 this year? Join us in making this milestone memorable! Collaborate with teachers and fellow parents to plan a special celebration. You can contribute as much time as you'd like to make it an unforgettable event.
- **Fundraising** – Help us raise funds through initiatives like our spring coupon book sales and the Gold Rush promotion. We're always open to new ideas and have several events throughout the year. Whether you can pitch in 4-5 times a year or want to get involved more regularly, your support makes a difference!

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

**👉 It's time to register for 73rd AGM & Conference**

**Please register your school and ensure it is represented at this meeting. Bullying is being addressed by guest speaker Alain Pelletier at the AGM.**

**Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2026

**Time:** 08:40 a.m. – 02:50 p.m.

**Fee:** \$40 per person

**Place:** Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

**Conference Highlights:** Theme: **"Stop Bullying. Start Belonging."**

**A.M. Keynote Speaker:** Alain Pelletier "5 Faces of Bullying"

**Workshop Topics:**

1. Child Exploitation Unit
2. "5 Faces of Bullying"
3. Food, Finances & Fundamentals, etc.

**Participation:** This meeting is open to all parents and educators! While each member school is limited to five (5) voting delegates, more than 5 people can register to attend from each school. *The greater the attendance, the richer the discussions.*

**REGISTER by early deadline April 1st** at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

PEI Home and School Federation contact information: 902-620-3186 | [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca)

**👉 Review 2026 Proposed Resolutions before the AGM**

Resolutions submitted by local Home and School Associations will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 18. Please ensure your voting delegates (parents and educators) review these resolutions in advance so they come to the meeting ready to vote.

The proposed resolutions include:

2026-01 = Integrating Playground Equipment into the Provincial Capital Budget

2026-02 = Increase Psycho-Educational Assessment Capacity for School-Aged Children in Prince Edward Island

2026-03 = Repeal Section 43 and Prohibit Corporal Punishment of Children

2026-04 = Urging Compliance with PEI Teacher Librarian Directive (Md 2025-05) By Hiring A Provincial Teacher-

Librarian Leader

**Find proposed resolutions online:** <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

**👉 School Bus Driver Award**

The PEI Home and School Federation's School Bus Driver of the Year Award celebrates the dedicated bus drivers who help keep PEI's students safe every day as they travel to and from school. Nominations for the 2026 award are now open! Submit your nomination by May 8, 2026.

**👉 National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026. Ignite Volunteerism: A year-long, nation-building celebration.**

We will celebrate how people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities to deepen our collective impact. Visit: <https://ivy26.ca/> for resources

**👉 PSB School Board Trustee Reports**

Congratulations to the Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees' new Chair, Andrew MacFarlane, and Vice-Chair, Karen Clare, who assumed their one-year roles on March 13, 2026.