



December 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

Dec. 17 – Grade 1 concert (Dec. 18 storm date)
Dec. 18 – Christmas Shoppe (Dec. 19 storm date)
Dec. 19 – Last Instructional Day for students in 2025
Dec. 22 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
Jan. 1 – New Years Day (no classes)
Jan. 5 – First Instructional Day for students in 2026

Festive Days to Celebrate

Monday Dec 15 – Wear a festive sweater
Tuesday Dec 16 - Wear your holiday best
Wednesday Dec 17- Wear red and green
Thursday Dec 18- Festive hair or hat day
Friday Dec 19 - Comfy cozy day

Happy Holidays

As we head into the holiday season, I want to share my heartfelt appreciation with all of our students and families for your support, hard work, and contributions to our school community. This time of year holds different meanings and traditions for each of us, and we warmly recognize and celebrate the diversity that enriches our school. Whether you are observing a holiday, spending time with loved ones, or simply taking a well-deserved break, I wish you a peaceful, joyful, and restful season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for the learning ahead!

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Storm Closure

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 6:30 am.

An announcement that “all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled” means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a “system-wide shutdown” indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Visit PSB: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student-resources/storm-closures>. Please note that Spring Park is part of the Charlottetown family of schools.

One Hour Delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 6:30 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am. A one-hour delay means school will start at 9:30 Doors open at 9:20. There is no chess or breakfast program if there is an one-hour delay.

Staying Home When Sick

Staying home when you are sick lowers the chance of spreading other illnesses to students and staff in the school. Please help others stay healthy by staying home until your symptoms have been improving for at least **24 hours**.

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.**

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for 2026–2027 is now open!

Parents and guardians are asked to register their child for Kindergarten now!

Who can register?

Children who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2026.

How to register:

Visit Spring Park School during school hours (8:00 – 4:00) to complete a registration form. Students who were born outside of Canada or speak a language other than English or French at home must register at the EAL/FAL Reception Centre (902-620-3738 or ealfalwelcome@edu.pe.ca)

What to bring:

Government-issued ID showing your child's age (Birth Certificate, PEI Health Card, or Passport) and proof of home address (e.g., current utility bill)

Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for students and parents will take place in Spring 2026.

To make sure you are zoned for Spring Park, please check out the zoning portal

<https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca/Default.aspx>

Spring Park PBIS: Be Safe, Be Prepared, Be Respectful, and Be Kind

Dear Spring Park Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to share an update on our school's **Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** framework, which plays a vital role in creating a positive, safe, and productive learning environment for every student.

Our PBIS system is built around four core expectations that guide student behaviour in all areas of the school:

- **Be Safe** 🛡️
- **Be Prepared** 📅
- **Be Respectful** 🙏
- **Be Kind** ❤️

These aren't just posters on the wall; they are the values we actively teach, practice, and celebrate daily. Staff members explicitly teach students what these expectations look like in different settings—from the classroom and hallways to the playground and cafeteria.

What is PBIS?

PBIS is a proactive approach to school-wide discipline. Instead of focusing solely on punishing undesirable behaviour, PBIS emphasizes teaching and reinforcing positive behaviour. By clearly defining, teaching, and acknowledging appropriate behaviour, we aim to reduce discipline issues and increase time spent on instruction.

How You Can Help at Home

Your partnership is essential to the success of our PBIS framework. You can reinforce our core values by:

1. **Discussing the Expectations:** Talk to your child about what it means to **Be Safe, Be Prepared, Be Respectful, and Be Kind** in various situations at home and in the community.
2. **Highlighting Positive Choices:** When your child demonstrates these behaviours, acknowledge and praise them! For example, "Thank you for being **Prepared** by packing your backpack last night," or "That was a very **Kind** thing to do for your sibling."
3. **Modeling the Values:** Children learn best by example. By demonstrating safety, preparation, respect, and kindness in your own actions, you reinforce the school's message.

We continue to look forward to a successful year filled with positive choices and celebrated achievements! If you have any questions about our PBIS framework, please don't hesitate to contact the PBIS Lead at Spring Park School- Amanda Killorn: atkillorn@edu.pe.ca

Please complete the parent survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0OrsCiJmzvlm0GgS5M3surQFcp71AQnurPKkRp2RAaZp5w/viewform?usp=header>

Sincerely,

Amanda Killorn & The Spring Park Administration Team

Get your Spring Park Hoodie, T-shirts and long sleeve shirts at:

<https://allstarcresting.ca/springparkschool/shop/home>

Christmas Shoppe

We are hosting our Annual Christmas Shoppe for our Spring Park students on **Thursday, December 18th** with Friday, December 19th for a storm date.

If anyone has any gently used items to donate to our Christmas Shoppe, please send these in the week of December 8th to Mme. Susan Kennedy in room 166. We love to have a variety of items for children to choose from and appreciate any donation that you can spare.

We are hopeful to have some helping hands who can sign up to help us on the day of the event. We need help organizing the donations, wrapping the gifts on the day of the event and helping children pick out the perfect gift as well as a cashier to handle the money. This event brings so much joy to our students! The Christmas Shoppe will take place on Wednesday, December 18th with a storm date of Thursday, December 19th. We are asking for help to collect wrapping paper to enable us to wrap up our precious gifts. Any child in grade 6 who has an extra roll of wrapping paper is asked to bring this to school the week of December 9th. This will give us lots of time to ensure we have plenty of supplies for our wrapping station. Please email: Susan.ellen.kennedy@gmail.com

Each class will be provided with a time during the day to browse and buy two special gifts. On December 18th, each student brings in \$2 to buy two gifts for loved ones of their choice.

We appreciate all your help to make this event successful

Counselor Corner

Support for Families:

Santa's Angels is accepting referrals for home visits on Christmas Day. Register at

<https://santasangels.ca>

Gifts from the Heart offers assistance year-round: information can be found on their website: <https://giftsfromtheheartinc.com/>

Spreading Holiday Cheer

If you would like to help a family in our community, we are gratefully accepting gift cards and/or cash to purchase gift cards for families.

Please feel free to drop off at the main office or email Marti or Darlene for any questions or concerns:

Marti Pendleton mxpendleton@edu.pe.ca

Darlene Heilman dcheilman@edu.pe.ca

Mabel's Labels

This school year we are continuing our partnership with Mabel's Labels. This Canadian company makes labels that last! Save money now by labelling your child's belongings!

Labels are personalized, peel & stick, super-durable labels that safely go in the laundry, dishwasher, and microwave. They're perfect for all your kids' stuff – from shoes & clothes to water bottles, lunch boxes, backpacks and more! 20% of the proceeds from sales go directly to support Spring Park Elementary.

How to participate:

1. Visit the Mabel's Labels website at www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com

2. At the top right of the page, click on « Support a fundraiser »
3. From the « Select Your School/Organization » box, scroll down a (very) long list of schools until you find Spring Park Elementary
4. Click on our school's name and then proceed to shop from Mabel's Labels large catalogue of products!



SPS Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches for Dec. 1 - 12 will open Thursday Nov. 27 and close at 9am Mon. Dec. 1.
 Hot lunches for dates Dec. 15 - 19 will open Thursday Dec. 11 and close at 9am Mon. Dec. 15
 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 to bring your own utensils.



Music Notes

Congratulations to our Grade 4 classes on their wonderful and heartfelt performance for our Remembrance Day Ceremony - you all did a beautiful job!

Please note: Grade 6 Concert - Change of Date!

Please note that the date of our Grade 6 musical, "The Day the Music Teacher Quit," has been changed to **Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30pm** (storm date January 29th). We are looking forward to sharing this original musical with you and hope it will brighten up your January!

Grade 1 Holiday Concert

Our Grade 1 students will be performing the musical **Toys: The Night they Come Alive!** on **Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00pm** (storm date December 18th). Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door in support of our music program.

Christmas Choirs

We're happy to share that both of our Spring Park Choirs have been invited to sing Christmas carols for the residents at some of our local long-term care facilities. Choir students will be taking the bus in the morning to visit with the residents and sing Christmas carols to spread a little holiday cheer! The dates of the outings are as follows:

- Wed, Dec 10th - 10:30am - Grade 2/3 Choir at the Beach Grove Home
- Thurs, Dec 11th - 10am - Grade 4-5-6 Choir at the Prince Edward Home

A permission form for this outing will be sent home shortly - please return your child's permission form by **Friday, December 5th** if your child is able to sing with us!

Both choirs are also caroling at evening events this year - parents are responsible for transportation to and from these events and are welcome to stay to watch the choir sing! Permission forms for these events have already been sent home - please return these colourful forms by **Friday, November 30th** to let us know if your child is able to attend. The evening events are as follows:

- **Grade 2/3 Choir - Wed, Dec 10th - leaving at 10am, returning by 11:30am - to Beach Grove Home**
- **Grade 4-5-6 Choir - Thurs, Dec 11th - leaving at 9:30am, returning by 11:30am - to Prince Edward Home**

Honour Choir

Grade 6 students are invited to take part in the PEI Junior Honour Choir - students who participate have the opportunity to sing with others from across PEI under the direction of a guest choral conductor. Students will take part in a rehearsal day in March before performing their concert in April. There are a limited number of places available for this wonderful opportunity - please make sure your child signs up with Ms. Shea ASAP if they are interested in taking part!

If you have any questions about our choir outings, please reach out to Ms. Shea. Karri Shea (kjshea@edu.pe.ca) (4-6) and Mr. O (K-3) (rdodonnell@edu.pe.ca)

COACHES' CORNER

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

SPOOKTACULAR UPDATE

We want to thank all the families that came to our annual Spooktacular event! Because of all of you, this year's Spooktacular fundraiser was a huge success. We want to express an additional thank you to our Sponsors this year, Giant Tiger, Blue Ribbon Pet Supply and Old Dutch. We can't wait for next year; the plans have already begun.

Spring Park Home and School Association Newsletter

Soup Sale - Mitchell's Soups

Our Home and School Association is excited to launch a delicious new fundraiser featuring Mitchell's Soups! These hearty, easy-to-prepare soup mixes are perfect for busy families or cozy winter meals. Each bag is available for **\$12**, or you can save with a bundle of **3 for \$30**. Proceeds from this campaign will go directly toward supporting the Home and School Association initiatives.

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

Etransfers can be made to springparkhsa@gmail.com with a note of:

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

Order by December 12, with delivery to be sent home with kids on December 18.

**While supplies last!*

Christmas Shoppe

Stay tuned for when we put the call out for Christmas Shoppe volunteers! This beloved event gives children the chance to pick out a special surprise gift for a loved one (or even for themselves—shh, we won't tell! 😊). Each item will be wrapped and sent home, ready to slip under the tree. Your support helps create joyful memories and a little holiday sparkle for every child!

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? 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!

Next Meeting – January

Join us for our next **Home and School meeting** that will be happening on January 21st at 6:00 pm.

- Children are welcome if you don't have childcare.
- 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

PEI Home and School Newsletter, December 2025

Extra Mile Award 2026

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff member for recognition by **Jan. 16th**. Details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Resolutions = Positive change in P.E.I.'s School System

Resolutions are developed to address issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 2026 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 18. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Check our online assistance: How to Write & Present a Resolution / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#) or call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions.

School Staff Appreciation Week 2026

Set up a committee to plan for School Staff Appreciation Week, coming the week of **February 8-14**. Brainstorm ideas for thanking all school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

President's 2025-2026 Annual Report

Presidents are asked to start writing their annual reports, which are due by **Feb. 28**. Write about your Association's activities in a one to two-page report detailing Home & School's accomplished and planned activities, September to June.

Add the following items to your Home and School agenda...

January	16	Extra Mile Award nominations deadline
	31	Resolutions submission deadline
February	28	President's Annual Reports submission deadline
March	01	Registration is open for AGM & Convention
	06	Volunteer of the Year / Life Membership nominations deadline
April	18	AGM & Convention Speaker topic: Bullying
May	08	School Bus Driver of the Year nominations due
	31	Parent Leadership grant final reports deadline
June	01-30	Associations elect new officers

Kindergarten registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year

Island parents and guardians can register their child who is turning five years old by **Dec. 31**. Click on this link to learn more about [registering your child](#) in Island schools.

COMPASS Report 2024-25

[COMPASS](#) is a comprehensive longitudinal study collecting student-level data from youth in secondary school on various topics, including: obesity (e.g., BMI), sedentary behaviours, physical activity, mental health, healthy eating and diet, substance use, bullying, equity and inclusion, school connectedness, academic outcomes, sleep duration, and demographic characteristics (e.g., age, gender, income, ethnicity). Ask your principal about PEI's provincial COMPASS report 2024-25 is available at: <https://www.livewellpei.ca/compass-project-0>

Other community news...

****International Volunteer Day (IVD) is celebrated on December 5** to highlight the impact of volunteers worldwide. The UN emphasizes the power of collective action, suggesting that if everyone volunteered, we could achieve sustainable development goals such as food security, clean environments, and peaceful societies. Volunteers are crucial in addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges, often stepping up in crises. For more, visit <https://volunteer.ca/international-volunteer-day/>

****The Public Schools Branch's newly elected Board of Trustees** started their 3-year term on Nov. 1. Trustees' names/contact are listed at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees>

Message from the Charlottetown, Zone 5, trustees = Gaylene Carragher, and Andrew MacFarlane

"We're excited to introduce ourselves. You can see our bios at www.trusteeandrewmacfarlane.ca (902-200-1804) & [MEET GAYLENE | My Site](#) (902-626-7432) and welcome you to reach out to either or both of us whenever it's convenient for you. As we've just stepped into these roles on November 1st, we're looking forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. We are happy to attend any upcoming Christmas concerts, public meetings, etc., in December if you could send us a schedule of your events. All the best in the upcoming busy month."

Community News Delta Soccer

Delta Soccer's indoor winter soccer programs at the APM Centre in Cornwall offer boys and girls born between 2014 and 2022 an opportunity to participate in structured play, games, and activities. The winter season is divided into two six-session sections: Section I runs from January 2 to February 13, and Section II from February 17 to March 27. Participants may register for either section individually or for both sections together, with a 20% discount for those registering for both. Registration opens on Monday, December 8. For more information please visit deltasoccer.ca or contact joel@deltasoccer.ca.

PEI Spelling Bee

Calling all word-wizards! Get ready for the 2026 PEI Spelling Bee in Charlottetown on April 18, 2026. Open to students aged 6-14, this is your chance to shine, spell and win – with a grand prize of \$500 and the opportunity to advance to the national championship in Toronto. Registration is now open and closes on December 31. Don't miss out – register today and let the spelling begin! Registration cost \$60 and can be found at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration. Any questions can be directed to: coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca

STEAM PEI

"STEAM PEI is holding several upcoming educational camps during the holidays! The 2.5 day holiday camps (Dec. 22–24 & Dec. 29–31) include uncovering a CSI themed **Holiday Mystery** and exploring creativity in **Art in STEM**! Register at www.steampei.com or call 902-201-4734.

Found out more at
STEAMPEI.com

Holiday Camps

MON-WED

DEC
22-24

Holiday Mystery

STEAM PEI, Charlottetown

K-6

MON-WED

DEC
29-31

ART in STEM

STEAM PEI, Charlottetown

K-6

Single day sign
up is available!

The 24th and 31st
are half days.