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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. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Dates to Remember:

Dec 13th – 6:30pm – Grade 6 Winter Concert

(Storm Date Dec 14th)

Dec 19th – 1:30pm – Grade 1 Winter Concert

(Storm Date Dec 20th)

Dec. 22 Last Instructional Day for Students for 2023

Jan. 8 First Instructional Day for Students in 2024

More Fun Dates:

Dec. 8 – Fan Day

Dec. 18 – Festive Sweater Day

Dec. 19 – Holiday Best

Dec. 20 – Christmas Shoppe and Flannel Day

Dec. 21 - Festive Hair/Hat Day

Dec. 22 – Pajama Day and Sing – A – Long in Gym

Storm Closures

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am.

Listen on FM: Ocean 100 100.3 or CBC 96.1 FM

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->

PSB Covid Response

I’m positive for COVID-19. What should I do next? Stay home when ill.

Staying home when you are sick lowers the chance of spreading COVID-19 and other illness 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.

Cold Weather

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.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for Dec. 4 – 15 Orders will open Nov. 30 will close Dec. 4 at 9am. Orders for Dec. 18 – 22 will open Dec. 14 and close Mon. Dec. 18 at 9am. Orders for Jan. 8 -19 will open Jan. 4 and close Jan. 8 at 9am.

<https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>
(School access code: SPHL to register)

**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/>
Dec. 4– 15– Orders close at noon Thursday Nov. 30
Dec.18 – Dec. 22. Orders close at noon Thursday
Dec. 14. Orders from Jan. 1-12 will open Dec. 18 and close Dec. 28.

Christmas Shoppe

We are hosting our Annual **Christmas Shoppe** for our Spring Park students on **Wednesday, December 20** with Thursday, December 21st 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 4th to Mme Susan Kennedy in room 166. We'd 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 with organizing the donations. As well, on the day of the event, we would like volunteers to help children pick out the perfect gift, volunteers to wrap the gifts and a cashier to handle the money. Please call the school office 902-368-6400 to sign up.

Each class will be provided a time during the day to browse and buy two special gifts.

On December 20th, each student brings in \$2 in order to buy two gifts for loved ones of their choice. This event brings so much joy to our students!

Merry Christmas!

Music News

Concert Dates:

Dec 13th – 6:30pm – **Grade 6** Winter Concert (Storm Date Dec 14th)

Dec 19th – 1:30pm – **Grade 1** Winter Concert (Storm Date Dec 20th)

All parents and guardians of students performing in their concert may join us in the multipurpose room for these concerts! Please stay tuned to your child's homeroom teacher for updates on what each class will be wearing for each concert. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door in support of our music program.

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 Choir, who caroled so beautifully at the Great George Hotel on November 24th as part of Charlottetown's Victorian Christmas weekend. Our grade 3/4 choir and grade 1/2 singing club will have the opportunity to lead some Christmas carols for the school at our annual Christmas caroling assembly on the last day of school before Christmas break!

Extracurricular Music

Singing Club will be offered for grades 1-6 students - we'll be playing lots of singing games and exploring our voices as well as singing songs together in preparation for choir in the new year.

Grade 6 Show Choir is a performance-based group that involves singing plus choreography!

Our singing schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

- Day 1 – Grade 5/6 Singing Club at LUNCHTIME recess
- Day 2 – Grade 6 Show Choir at LUNCHTIME recess
- Day 3 – Grade 3/4 Singing Club at LUNCHTIME recess
- Day 4 – Grade 1/2 Singing Club at MORNING recess

Junior and Senior Rock Band

Grade 4-6 Senior Rock Band auditions are complete. The final list will be posted on the music room door on Nov 27th. Any students who did not make the Senior Rock Band this year are still encouraged to attend the Jr Rock Band.

Our Rock Band rehearsal schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

- Day 4 – Junior Rock Band (instruments only)
- Day 5 – Senior Rock Band (instruments only)

Once we get rocking with our instruments our singers will then have an opportunity to audition to lead the band on the songs we will be performing. Stay tuned to the announcements in the morning for when singing auditions will begin.

COACHS' CORNER

Gymnastics Club

During the month of December, we will be asking students in Grades 3 to 6 if they are interested in signing up for our gymnastics club that will begin immediately following the Christmas break on Monday, January 8th. Students who wish to sign-up will be given a high-risk form and letter with all the information (dates and times of practices and competitions) that pertains to our gymnastics club.

*Stay tuned for more information regarding our Gymnastics Club that will be shared in our January Newsletter. In addition, please visit our **Phys-Ed Blog** that will also keep you up to date with all the information you need to know!

<https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/sps-physical-education/home>

Breakfast Program/SPS Home and School

The Breakfast Program runs 5 days a week starting at 8am until the first bell rings. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with the program. If you are able to assist, please email: spsbreakfastprogram@gmail.com for further details.

Holiday Season

As the Holiday Season approaches it is important to remember that children need your presence more than actual presents. Also, a reminder that not all of our families celebrate the holidays and to be respectful of differences.

If you are a family that would like support over the holidays feel free to reach out to <https://santasangels.ca> as they are currently accepting referrals for home visits on Christmas day, or dial 211 as they can connect you with food hampers and gifts. If you are interested in spreading holiday cheer to a family in our community, please contact Marti Pendleton or Darlene Heilman, School Counsellors at mxpendleton@edu.pe.ca or dcheilman@edu.pe.ca or call (902) 368 6400, we are accepting gift cards this year.

May your holidays sparkle with moments of love and laughter and may the year ahead be full of happiness and health.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

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

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



Our next Home and School Association (HSA) meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17 at 6PM in the Spring Park School Library**. We had great attendance at our last one and hope to see even more people in the new year.

We have committees of the HSA starting up and are looking for volunteers. Please contact us at springparkhsa@gmail.com to learn more and to sign up for a couple of hours:

1 – **Outdoor Space Committee** – Did you know the Spring Park HAS planted and maintains the flowerbeds in front of our school? Do you have a green thumb, join us!

2 – **Breakfast Program Committee** – 150 students get breakfast 5 days a week thanks to the Breakfast Program Committee. Got an hour or two to help coordinate?

3 – **Staff Appreciation Week Committee** – 1 week in winter when we spoil our teachers and staff. If you like to see smiles on faces, help out!

4 – **Graduation Committee** – Got a kid or two in Grade 6? Help make their final days at Spring Park memorable by joining in the planning and hosting of grad events!

5 – **Spring Coupon Books Committee** – Perhaps you prefer using your organizational and finance brain. If so, we need parents to help coordinate the spring coupon books fundraiser!

6 – **Cultural and Language Inclusion Committee** – Did you know over 25% of our students speak a language other than English at home? How do we include these families in our school community? Help us come together....

Keep in touch on facebook and Instagram.

WARNING DAD JOKE: Do you know why the man fell into the deep hole? He couldn't see that well.

Home and School News, December 2023

Extra Mile Award

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 individual for recognition by Jan. 19, 2024. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Affecting Change in PEI's School System

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 71st Annual Meeting & Convention on April 13, 2024. Assistance with writing resolutions is available.

Deadline to submit resolutions: Jan. 31, 2024.

More at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions> How to Write & Present a Resolution /Fillable pdf Resolution Form

Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all those who supported our Book Fair! It was a huge success with over 223 new books added to our book collection!!! Spring Park School Library is truly grateful!!

Mrs. Jay
Librarian

Hello Spring Park Families!

This December, SPS will be hosting a food drive to benefit The Upper Room food bank. Starting on December 4th, we will be collecting items for the food bank in our giving train. We ask that anything you donate be unopened and non-perishable. **The most commonly needed items are canned beans, canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables, and soups.**

On December 8th we will be having a "Fan Day" spirit day, where students are encouraged to wear something that they are a fan of (could be a sports team, a character, an animal, etc). In order to participate in this, students will be asked to bring in an item for the food drive. Thank you kindly in advance!