



February Newsletter

2026 Spring Park School



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Dates to remember

Feb. 11- Grade 2 Music Concert/Storm date Feb. 12 @ 1:00 pm
Feb. 12 – Winter Carnival/Carnaval d’hiver/Storm date Feb. 20
Feb. 13 – PD Day (no classes)
Feb. 16 – Islander Day (no classes)
Feb. 25 – Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 6 – Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
March 16 – 20 – March Break (no classes)

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be turning 5 years of age before Dec. 31/26, please make sure they are registered for kindergarten as soon as possible. Please pass this information on to any friends, neighbors or family who have a student who is of kindergarten age. Having registrations now helps schools plan appropriately for the fall.

Safe Arrival

We ask that parents/guardians leave a message on our safe arrival line 902-569-7785 if your child is going to be late or absent.

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. Visit PSB: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student-resources/storm-closures> or listen to Ocean 100 Radio.

One Hour Delay

When there is a one-hour delay in the morning, students cannot arrive before 9:05 am. Chess club and the breakfast program are cancelled on a one-hour delay.

Early Closure

All families have completed an early closure form at the beginning of the year. This is what we use in the event the school has to close early (ex: weather, heating or electrical issues). If you need to change your early closure plan, please do so before you have to use the plan by contacting the school.

Warm Clothes

All students are expected to go outside each day so it is important they are dressed warmly. We recommend that an extra pair of mitts, socks, etc., be kept in their backpacks for those wet, sloppy days. Students should be wearing snowpants to keep them warm and dry during the winter.

Student Snacks

Please remember to send a snack with your children for morning snack break. All snacks must be peanut and nut free.

Library News

Mark your calendar folks! There will be a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Friday, February 27th-March 6th. Thanks for your continued support.

Why did Dracula go to the library?



**Book Fair Feb. 27
– March 6**

He wanted to sink his teeth into a good book.

Afternoon pick up

Students who take the bus are dismissed at 2:35. For safety reasons, please **do not walk through the bus area**. Please walk around 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.

Carnaval d'hiver 2026 /Winter Carnival 2026 for Wellness Thursday Feb.12

Students will be celebrating their Winter Wellness Day Thursday, February 12th all afternoon with the 3rd annual Winter Carnival organized by the Core French students from grades 4 to 6. There will be activities and snacks for all students. Students should wear warm clothes on this day. Storm Date will be February 20th.

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

Home & School still have delicious Mitchell's Soups available for purchase!

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. Please include the following in the note:

- 1) Soup order
- 2) Child's name
- 3) Child's classroom

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

SPS Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches for Feb. 2 - 13 will open Thursday Jan. 29 and close at 9am Mon. Feb. 2.

Hot lunches for dates Feb. 17 - 27 will open Thursday Feb. 12 and close at 9am Mon. 17

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/>

PBIS Excellence at Spring Park Elementary

We are so incredibly proud of how our students have embraced PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) here at Spring Park! Everywhere you look—from the hallways to the gymnasium—students are rising to the occasion and meeting our school expectations with enthusiasm.

Our goal is to create a school culture where positive behavior is taught, modeled, and celebrated. We aren't just following rules; we are building a community of leaders. Whether it's

a student helping a peer on the playground or a class transitioning quietly through the halls, the "Spring Park SPARKS" are shining bright!

Taking the "Big Four" Home

The same expectations that help our school run smoothly can also create a positive and calm environment at home. Here is how you can use our PBIS language with your family:

Expectation	At School Looks Like...	At Home Could Look Like...
Be Safe	Walking feet and keeping hands to yourself.	Using "indoor voices" and staying in designated play areas.
Be Prepared	Having pencils ready and homework turned in.	Packing your backpack the night before and having shoes by the door.
Be Respectful	Listening when others speak and following directions.	Using polite language and listening the first time a parent asks.
Be Kind	Including others in games and offering a smile.	Helping with chores without being asked or sharing with siblings.

COACHES' CORNER

Badminton Team/Tryouts

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to try out for our school badminton team. Due to the high level of interest, we will be observing students during the first phase of tryouts (Middle of February). During the second phase, we will invite our top players to play in an organized tournament in order to finalize our badminton team. Students who make the team will receive additional information regarding practice times and competition dates



All tryouts will take place during school hours at the student's big recess time block.

For any updates regarding our Badminton Club, please visit our Phys-Ed blog:

<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) OR Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)

February Music News

Huge congratulations go out to our grade 6 classes for their fantastic performances of our original musical, "The Day the Music Teacher Quit" - thank you to all of these wonderful young musicians for your creativity, your hard work, and your bravery. Ms. Shea is so very proud of all of you!

Grade 2 Musical

The Grade 2s have been practicing hard as pigs, sheep, chickens, and more as they prepare for their musical: E-I-E-I-Oops!

The concert for family and friends of our grade 2 students will be on Wednesday, Feb 11th at 1pm in the Spring Park multipurpose room!

Festival Choirs

Our choirs have begun rehearsing for the Queens County Music Festival, which will take place at the beginning of May. Students who participate will get to travel to the music festival for our public performance, as well as perform for the school during our music showcase in May. All of our festival choirs will be performing - our K/1 Singing Club, Grade 2/3 Choir, and Grade 4-5-6 Choir. More details on our performances will follow in the spring!

Our choir rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Day 1 - 11:40 Grade 2 Choir and 12:30 Honour Choir
- Day 2 - 10:00 - K Singing Club
- Day 3 - 11:40 - Grade 3 Choir and 12:30 - Grade 4-5-6 Purple Choir
- Day 5 - 12:30 - Grade 4-5-6 Yellow Choir
- Day 6 - 10:00 - Grade 1 Singing Club

Grade 6 Honour Choir

Our Grade 6 Honour Choir began learning our parts for our performance in April! Reminder that registration forms and fees are due, and the dates for our special rehearsal day and concert day are as follows:

- **Rehearsal Day** - Friday, March 27th (10am - 3pm)
- **Concert Day** - Saturday, April 18th (10am drop off, concert at 1:30pm)

Rock Band

Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned for rock band. We will be starting our regular rehearsals when we are back in classes here is the schedule:

The Sparks - Day 2 @ 12:30

The Boltz - Day 4 @ 12:30

Day 6 @ 12:30 will be a sectional day and will change each cycle - students will be told on the announcements which groups will rehearse on day 6

PEI Schools of Rock Showcase

Both rock bands will be participating in the PEI Schools of Rock showcase this year. Here is the information - please save the date and let Mr.O know if your rocker will not be able to attend this event as soon as possible!

What is it?

The PEI Schools of Rock Showcase. It's open to any popular music ensemble including but not limited to rock bands, hip-hop collectives, ska, and funk bands. K-Audio is often hired to do sound for this event.

When is it?

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Where is it?

Birchwood Intermediate School

What time?

Professional sound techs are on site for professional quality sound checks all day. Groups would have a designated sound check time in the morning/afternoon and the concert usually happens at 5:00. Specific times will be determined closer to the date.

Island Summer Rock Camps - Registration now open!

Island Rock Camps are back up and running this summer at Sherwood Elementary School for the following weeks:

Week One: July 6 – 10 (WAITLIST ONLY)

Week Two: July 13 – 17

Week Three: July 20 – 24

Registration can be completed at their website - <https://islandrockcamps.com/registration/>

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

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

Spring Park Home and School Association

We hope everyone is enjoying the winter season! The Spring Park Home and School Association would like to share a few important updates and ways you can get involved in supporting our school community.

Staff Appreciation Week – Volunteers Needed!

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up, and we're excited to celebrate the incredible staff at Spring Park! We're looking for volunteers to help with gift bags, treat delivery, and to cover lunch duty on Tuesday, February 10, so staff can enjoy a hot lunch together.

If you're able to help out in any way, please email us at springparkhsa@gmail.com. Any support is greatly appreciated!

Breakfast Program – Donations & Volunteers Welcome

Our Breakfast Program continues to be a vital support for students, and we're always happy to welcome new volunteers. You can sign up once a week or help out whenever you're available—every bit helps!

Can't make it in but still want to support the program? You can donate directly by clicking the **donation button when ordering Hot Lunches**. Thank you for helping ensure our students start their day ready to learn.

Don't Forget Your COSPEI Numbers!

Our weekly COSPEI draw is a fun and easy 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 each week.

Graduation Committee – Grade 6 Families

If you have a child in **Grade 6** and are interested in helping plan the end-of-year celebrations for our graduates, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to let us know you're interested.

Thank you for your continued support of the Spring Park community. Together, we make a difference for our students and staff!

Warm regards,

Spring Park Home and School Association

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Say 'Thank You' to School Staff

PEI celebrates Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 9–13, 2026. Across the Island, Home and School Associations — together with parents and students — are expressing their gratitude and recognizing the dedication and hard work of school staff who make a difference every day. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming — every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due February 28 for inclusion in the 73rd Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. Read last year's 'Book of Reports 2025' for writing tips at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. If you need help, call Shirley at 902-620-3186 or Jeana at 902-620-3187.


Mark your calendars for AGM April 18th

Mark your calendars for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Make decisions to shape positive changes in PEI's school system with delegates from across the Island. The Federation will mail AGM registration packages to presidents in February. Details will be posted at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Home and School Volunteer Award

Every school has that special someone who's always ready to lend a hand - organizing events, helping out in the school, fundraising or bringing people together. Do you know a volunteer who makes a real difference in your school community? Nominate them for the Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award and help us celebrate their contributions.

Deadline for nominations: March 6th. Learn more at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

 Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 25, 2026. This year's design for CKNW Kids' Fund Pink Shirt Day reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'. The artwork shows a child sharing an umbrella with friends as hearts fall like rain from the sky. A playful reminder that kindness grows when it is shared. For more information, go to: <https://pinkshirtdaycanada.ca/>

feedback.

Key 2026 February Holidays & Observances:

Black History Month: February honours Black Canadian history and excellence.

Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14

National Flag of Canada Day: Sunday, February 15

Islander Day: Prince Edward Island: Monday, Feb 16

International Mother Language Day: February 21

Pink Shirt Day: Last Wednesday of February