



# March Newsletter

## 2026 Spring Park School

**Lynette MacKinnon- Principal**

**Michaela Richards Vice-Principal**

### **Dates to remember**

Mar. 6 – Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

March 16 – 20 – March Break (no classes)

April 3- Good Friday (no classes)

April 6 – Easter Monday (no classes)

April 10 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

### **Arrival**

Bus students will arrive between 8:05 – 8:20 am. We ask students walking or being dropped off should arrive between 8:05 – 8:25. All students are to go to the playground until the 8:20 bell rings to enter the building. Students who want to have breakfast should enter from the back of the school between 8:05-8:20. 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.

### **Drop off and pick up parking**

Please do not park in an area that blocks our buses from entering or exiting the bus lane. Buses require a lot of space to turn in and out of our bus lane.

### **A Big Thank You**

To Home and School and all the kind parents/guardians who contributed to making staff appreciation week so fantastic. Thank you for your time, thoughtfulness, and contributions.

### **Book Fair**

Book Fair Week of Feb. 27 – March 6

Open after school on Thursday March 5 until 7pm

and Friday morning March 6 from 8-11:00am

Come check out the great selections! All funds raised will help purchase new books.

### **Early Closure**

Please note that Spring Park School has collected your information on what plans your children have for an early school closure at the beginning of the year. We follow those instructions on early closure days and if you need to make a change, please let the office know so Power School can be updated. We kindly request families/guardians to follow the early closure plan.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

We look forward to meeting with parents this week to discuss your child's/children's progress. If you are unable to make your appointment, please let your child's teacher know. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact your child's teacher.

### **Student Snacks**

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

### **Kindergarten Registration**

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2026, please register them for school ASAP. We need to make sure we have the correct numbers so we can staff our schools appropriately.

## **SPS Hot Lunch Program**

Hot lunches for Mar.2 -13 will open Thursday Feb. 26 and close at 9am Mon. Mar. 2.  
Hot lunches for dates Mar. 23 April 2 will open Thursday Feb. 19 and close at 9am Mon. Mar. 23.

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**

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))

## **March Music News**

Huge congratulations go out to Mr. O and our grade 2 classes for their fantastic February performances of their musical, "E-I-E-I-Oops"! The next school concert coming up will be our Grade 5 spring musical in May... stay tuned!

## **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 has begun 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**

Singer auditions will soon be taking place for our rock band singers. Here is our rock band rehearsal schedule for our instrumentalists in the meantime:

**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.

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))

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **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.

### **Next Meeting – April**

Join us for our next **Home and School meeting** that will be happening on **April 8 at 6:00 pm.**

- Our new Zone 5 School Board Trustees will be in attendance to do a short presentation.
- 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](mailto: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.

We hope everyone in our Spring Park community has a wonderful March Break!

Warm regards,

**Spring Park Home and School Association**

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### Home and School Newsletter, March 2026

### **AGM Registration is OPEN**

**PEI Home and School Federation 73rd AGM Theme: "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging."**

Saturday, April 18, 2026, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown

Keynote: Alain Pelletier, "5 Faces of Bullying"

Deep Dive Workshops: RCMP Child Exploitation Unit, Cst. Robert Yaschuk

"5 Faces of Bullying," Alain Pelletier

Food, Finance, and Fundamentals, Home & School Reps

Each Association may designate **up to five of its attendees as voting delegates** for this meeting. All parents and educators are welcome to attend and advocate for the education and well-being of our students.

**REGISTER by April 1st:** <https://forms.gle/xUjANKnh61VhRnGy8>

### **2026 Proposed Resolutions**

Proposed resolutions are being circulated to Local Home and School presidents and executive members for discussion at your March Home and School meeting. Find resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Action steps:

1. Review and discuss each resolution.
2. Hold a vote on each resolution.
3. Select your H&S voting delegates (2 or more individuals) and share the voting results with them so they can vote on behalf of your Home and School at the AGM on April 18th.

### **School Food Environment Policy - Virtual Info Session with Margaret Young**

Would you like to learn more about the draft school food policy?

Margaret Young, School Food Project Coordinator, Education and Early Years, invites Home and School executive members to attend a virtual information session on the draft School Food Environment Policy.

Sessions are scheduled as follows:

= Tuesday, March 3, 6 pm-7 pm (in English)

= Wednesday, March 4, 6 pm-7 pm (in French)

Follow this link to register by Feb. 27th: <https://gov.questionpro.ca/t/AB3utlkZB3vAw6>

### **Add the following discussion topics to your March meeting's agenda...**

1. **AGM 2026 Registration:** Ask 2-5 parent and/or teacher reps to attend the AGM as your Voting Delegates. The AGM invitation is open to ALL parents and educators. Send as many as wish to attend, with the required designation of five as your voting representatives.

2. **Proposed Resolutions 2026** = Review 4 resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>
3. **Home and Schools are urged to pay** for your delegates' registration fee, travel, and offer to pay for a hotel room as an incentive to thank them for their time.
4. **School Food Policy:** Plan to attend the March 3rd virtual School Food Policy session with Margaret Young, Dept. Education and Early Years, to learn about and ask questions about the proposed policy.
5. **Review Hon. David Jenkins' Report:** [Hon. Judge David Jenkins Report StudentSafety](#)

### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Home and Schools can submit nominations to the Federation office by **March 6**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

### **Nominate a Federation Director**

The PEI Home and School Federation is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates at the AGM. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates from within their Home and School, who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. The 2026 Nomination Form is available at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>. Contact Shirley at 902-620-3186 for more information.

### **PSB School Trustee Reports:**

**Charlottetown, Zone 5** = As spring approaches, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. We encourage you to review these resources to stay informed about board discussions and decisions. In February, we had the pleasure of attending the Home and School Association meeting in Charlottetown Rural High School. These meetings provide Andrew and me with a valuable opportunity to connect with families, listen to parents' and school administrators' perspectives, and learn about the many creative ideas and initiatives taking place within our school communities. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting at your school – we are happy to do so. Additionally, if you have any upcoming activities that you would like us to attend, we would be happy to participate and support your efforts.

Happy March Break to All!

Andrew ([amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca](mailto:amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca)) & Gaylene ([gcarragher@edu.pe.ca](mailto:gcarragher@edu.pe.ca))

**Bluefield, Zone 4:** It was lovely meeting members of the East Wiltshire Home and School Association in February. I'm looking forward to touching base with other Bluefield Family of Schools' Home and School Associations in the coming months. I enjoy learning more about each school and sharing information about the role of School Board Trustees and our activities to-date. I do welcome any questions or feedback!

Karen ([kclare@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kclare@edu.pe.ca))

### **Great Big Crunch!**

Register [here](#) to participate in the Great Big Crunch (or [Munch](#)) anytime in February, March and April, and let us know how your students or team members are taking part. You can also join 1000s of students and school food supporters at the virtual Great Big Crunch, Thursday, March 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. EDT. Register [here](#) for virtual event! Explore the [2026 Activity Toolkit](#) / View the [2026 Communications Guide](#)