



SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH/MARS 2025

Dates to Remember:

- March 5 – Report Cards go home
- March 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 17 - 21 - Mid-term Break (no classes)
- April 11 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- April 18- Good Friday (no classes)
- April 21 – Easter Monday (no classes)

Grade 6 Graduation

Save the date! Grade 6 graduation will be June 25 at 9:30 am.

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.

Incredible Years Parent Group

The Student Well-Being Team is offering the Incredible Years Parent Group for parents and caregivers of children aged 5-12 years. It will take place in the Spring Park library for 8 weeks on Mondays from 6-8. The first group is on March 10th. For more information, contact Sara MacDougall, Family Support Worker, SWT saramacdougall@gov.pe.ca. Click on the link to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/fVJjPcMxDE>

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.

End of the Day Pick-up

A reminder to Parents/Guardians to please wait on the sidewalk across from the bus lane until all the buses have left before coming to meet your child in front of the school.

What falls during March but never gets hurt?
– The rain

How can you tell the weather is getting warmer?
– People have spring in their step.

Why did the farmer bury all his money?
-To make their soil rich.

What did the teacher say about the pizza student?
– There’s mushroom for improvement.

A BIG THANK YOU
TO HOME AND SCHOOL
AND ALL THE KIND
PARENTS WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING
STAFF APPRECIATION
WEEK
SO FANTASTIC

SPS Hot Lunch Program

Hot Lunches for dates Mar. 3 – 14

Orders will open Feb. 27 and will close Mar. 4 @ 9:00 AM Orders for Mar. 24-April 4 will open Mar. 13 and close Mon. Mar. 24 at 9am.

Monday – Quiznos

Tuesday - Dominoes' Pizza

Wednesday - Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE UTENSILS.

<https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net/admin/> (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/>

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Week of March 3 - 7

Open after school on Thursday March 6 until 7pm

and Friday morning March 7 from 8-11:00am

Come check out the great selections!

All funds raised will help purchase new books.

SPS Home and School Association

We had a great February with Staff Appreciation Week! Many thanks for our parents and caregivers who were able to help out with lunch duty and other treat drop offs for our staff!

We continue to encourage all parents and caregivers to attend our meetings. If you're unable, and have an interest in volunteering with us, or have any concerns you'd like to raise, please reach out at springparkhsa@gmail.com.

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!

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!

We are also hoping to build a **Culture and Language Inclusion Committee** to support the school celebrating cultural events from across our diverse student community. If you or someone you know is interested to get involved, let us know.

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

We can't wait to see you at our next meeting

Home and School News, March 2025

Registration is now OPEN

The 72nd Annual General Meeting & Conference of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation will be held Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St., Charlottetown. This year's theme is "Tackling Digital Influences on Youth."

REVIEW speaker bios and AGM documents, etc.: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

- **REGISTER by March 26th:** <https://forms.gle/UpCNXiZ9xcmHsgqp7>

2025 Resolutions/By-Laws

Proposed resolutions and by-law revisions are circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic. Then hold a vote to determine how your voting delegates will vote on April 12th. Voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. **REVIEW AGM Meeting Documents:** <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> If you have any questions, call 902-620-3186.

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 7**. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>


Nominate a new Director for your region

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 who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Remember – We learn by doing! 2025 Nomination Form is online at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

Province launches new multiyear school calendar

The government introduced a [multiyear calendar](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars) for upcoming school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Check online at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2025-2026-and-2026-2027-school-calendars>

Community News...

~~ Great Big Crunch! Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 6, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch). Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

~~ Introducing The Heart Squad Volunteer Club! – A 12-week experience about building leadership, teamwork, and community service skills...while having fun and making a real impact! For: Ages 12-15 & Ages 16-24...Youth who are ready to learn, lead, grow, and give back! **Starts:** March 16, 2025 **Time:** Contact: Renita Bartlett Compassioncornerpei@gmail.com Call/Text: 902-859-3427

~~So, what role do parents play in education?

Parental involvement in education refers to the active participation of parents in their children's learning process, both at home and in school. It involves a wide range of activities and behaviors that support a child's academic and social development.

At home, parental involvement includes:

- Helping with homework; Creating a dedicated study space and time
- Providing ongoing encouragement; Monitoring homework completion
- Modeling desired behavior

In school, parents can be involved by:

- Communicating regularly with teachers; Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews; Participating in school governance by attending Home and School meetings where parents and teachers, together, meet to discuss school activities and learn about advocating for the gaps in PEI's education system.

Coaches Corner

Gymnastics Club

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our gymnastics program this year. We had a great year, as our Novice Boys team placed 2nd overall at Provincials and our Novice Girls team came 1st place overall and won the Provincial Bar! Another congratulations goes out to Adele Scott who won the 1st place gold medal for best All Around Gymnast in the Novice Girls category.

Badminton Tryouts

Our badminton tryouts are open to grade 5 and 6 students and tryouts will take place during lunchtime hour. Due to the high interest, we will be observing students during the first week of tryouts. By the second week, we will invite our top players to play in an organized tournament to finalize our novice girls and boys' badminton teams. Students who make the team will receive additional info regarding practice times and competition dates. We hope to have the team finalized prior to March Break!

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):

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If you have any questions, please email:

Mr. Maddix(kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca) OR Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)

Music News

Rock Band Showcase

Our rock bands are hard at work preparing for the Island Rock Showcase which will take place on Saturday, April 5th at Birchwood Intermediate School.

Professional sound techs are on site for professional quality sound checks all day. Groups will have a designated sound check time in the morning/afternoon and the concert usually happens at 5:00. Exact timings for our groups will be sent out once they make the schedule!

With rock band, it is very important to have all of our members present for both the soundcheck and the performance—if you know of any conflicts with your rocker for that date, please let Mr. O know ASAP!

Festival Choirs

All of our Spring Park choirs, including our Grade 2-3 and Grade 4-6 choirs and our K-1 Singing Club, will be participating in the Queens County Music Festival this year, which will take place during the week of May 5th-9th—more information on dates and times to follow!

Honour Choir

A reminder for our Grade 6 Honour Choir students that our special rehearsal day will take place on Thursday, March 27th at Park Royal United Church from 10am to 3pm. Participating students should bring their honour choir music, pencil, indoor shoes, water bottle, and a lunch! Please note that parents and guardians are responsible for their child's transportation to and from this event. You can direct any questions to Ms. Shea at kjshea@edu.pe.ca.

Grade Two Dinostars

Thank you to all the family and friends who came out to our grade two concert! Your support for your children in music is very important and we appreciate you accommodating the last-minute storm change! Also a huge thank you to those who gave a donation to our music program - your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Music Dates to Note:

March 27th - Honour Choir Rehearsal Day

April 5th - Island Rock Showcase

May 3rd - Honour Choir Concert

May 5th-9th (TBD) - Festival Choirs at Queens County Music Festival

May 15th - Grade 5 Musical