



# May Newsletter

## 2026 Spring Park School

**Lynette MacKinnon- Principal**

**Michaela Richards Vice-Principal**

### **Dates to remember**

May 1 – PD Day (no classes)  
May 5 – Choirs at Music Festival  
May 6 - Grade 5 Musical at Drama Festival  
May 12 – Grade 5 concert @ 1:30 for Parents  
May 13 - Home and School Meeting at 6pm  
May 15 – Wizard of Oz @ Confed. Centre/Grade 6 Orientation at QC  
May 18 – Victoria Day (no classes)  
May 20 – Parent session about Cyberbullying 5:00 – 6:30 at Spring Park (see info in newsletter)  
May 27 – Kindergarten Concert 1 pm, Track & Field Zone meet  
June 5 – Kindergarten (no classes)  
June 5- 2026-2027 New Kindergarten Students 9 – 11am  
June 24 – Grade 6 Graduation at 9:30  
June 25 - Last day of classes

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

#### **Fri. June 5- No School for current Kindergarten Students**

There will be half a day for new Kindergarten Students 9-11 am. Parents will receive an email with additional information a week before.

### **Pokeman and other trading cards**

Pokeman and other trading cards are not permitted at school or on buses. They have been causing many issues throughout the school. Thank-you for reminding your child(ren) to keep them home.

### **Save the Date**

The Grade 6 graduation will be taking place on Wednesday, June 24 at 9:30 am in the school gym.

### **Arrival**

Students should not arrive at school until 8:05 am. All students are to go to the playground until the 8:20 bell rings to enter the building. Students who want to have breakfast are asked to go to the breakfast program before 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.

### **End of Day Pick Up**

We kindly ask that parents who are picking up their children at the end of the day wait for their children by the **big tree by the kindergarten doors**. There is too much congestion with students and staff on the sidewalk in front of the school.

Please do not walk through the bus lane to get your child when the buses are parked. Walkers/pick ups are dismissed at the second bell at 2:40.

## **Heritage Fair**

Congratulations to all participants from the Heritage Fair that was held last Thursday. The following students will be representing Spring Park at the Provincial Heritage Fair on April 30th.

Grade 5

Michella Ewuah  
Judy Agyei-Boakye  
Henry McGuirk  
Krista Chen & Angel Lee

Grade 6

Sunny Zhou  
Zuri Carey  
Sadie Dickey  
Daniel Hayman  
Lincoln Cassie

And receiving honorable mention: Eva MacArthur

## **Spelling Bee**

The PEI Spelling Bee was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Spring Park Elementary School. The winners in each category are:

Primary: 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Zahyan Uddin, Stratford Elementary  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Raymond Okudzeto, Spring Park Elementary  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Grace Li, West Royalty Elementary

Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Ethan Davidson, Immanuel Christian School  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Judy Agyei-Boakye, Spring Park Elementary  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize- Xavier Angus, École François Boute

Intermediate : 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Awsaf Sarowar, Stonepark Intermediate  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Deborah Zhao, Queen Charlotte  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize- Sam Davidson, Immanuel Christian School

Registration for next year's bee will start in October. Check out [spellingbeeofcanada.ca](http://spellingbeeofcanada.ca) if you would like more information or email me at [coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca](mailto:coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca).

## **Easter Seal Fundraising**

Thank you for your donations to Easter Seals. We had a lot of fun raising money by having a candy sale; spring raffle baskets; a cookie sale and slop the teacher event. A big shoutout to all who supported this effort and big thanks to Julie Enman for her fundraising talents.

***Our school has raised \$2500. Well done Spring Park Families!***

## **Library**

Scholastic BOGO Bookfair-early June ! Stay Tuned!

## **Diversity Day Thank-you**

On April 23, Spring Park had a Diversity Day celebration. Thank-you to our Diversity committee who organized the day and to our students, staff, families and community members who participated in our day by facilitating sessions for students and for making delicious food for students to try. We had a wonderful day celebrating our diversity.

## COACHES' CORNER

### Track and Field News

Students in Grade 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to sign up to try out for our track and field team. Students trying out must be available for the following competition dates:

**-Zone Meet at UPEI on Wednesday, May 27th at UPEI Track (during school hours)**  
**-Provincials at UPEI on Saturday, June 6th at UPEI Track**

Students who make the team will be notified and given additional information regarding practices and competition dates/times.

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))

### SPS Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunches for May 4 - 15 will open Thursday May 30 and close at 9am Mon. May 4.

Hot lunches for dates May 19 – May 29 will open Thursday May 14 and close at 9am Mon. May 19.

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 our 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/>



Please provide utensils for your children

Please do not send nuts and nut products to school.



### May Music News

#### **Honour Choir and Rock Band SHOUT OUT!**

Congratulations to our gr. 6 Honour Choir and gr.4-6 Rock Band members for their incredible work this year! Our Honour Choir represented Spring Park School so well, and we were especially proud of your outstanding performance at the April 18th concert. At the same time, both of our rock bands, The Bolts and The Sparks, brought the house down at the PEI Schools of Rock Showcase in April, making Spring Park proud. Your dedication, musicianship, and energy truly shone on stage. Well done everyone!

#### **Music Festival Choirs**

Our Spring Park Grade 4-6 Choir, Grade 2-3 Choir, and K-1 Singing Club will be performing at the Queens County Music Festival on the morning of Tuesday, May 5th. All are welcome to attend the performances at the festival, which will take place at Park Royal United Church - but please note that times below are approximate. Our choirs will be traveling from school by bus - please return the permission form to allow your child to attend!

## Tuesday, May 5th 2026

1. 9:30am - Grade 2/3 Choir,
2. 9:50am - K/1 Choir (directly after the 2/3 choir)
3. 11:05am - Grade 4-5-6 Choir

### Grade 5 Presents: ZOMBIES the Musical

This year, we are excited to share that our Grade 5 spring musical will be taking part in the PEI School Drama Festival, with a performance at the Carrefour Theatre on Wednesday, May 6th at 10:45am, in addition to our performance for parents and families at 1:30pm on Tuesday, May 12th at Spring Park!!

### SPS Music Showcase for Music Monday

Music Monday, a day to celebrate music in our schools, is coming on May 4th, and Spring Park will be celebrating with a showcase performance for the whole school, featuring all of our choirs and rock bands. Before the end of the school year, we'll celebrate with a special ice cream party for all of our students who participated in our extracurricular music programs this year. Thank you for making music with us!

#### Music Dates to Note:

**May 4th - Music Monday at Spring Park School (for students only)**

**May 5th - Festival Choirs at Queens County Music Festival**

**May 6th - Grade 5 Musical at Drama Festival**

**May 12th - Grade 5 Musical at SPS - 1:30pm**

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 you're enjoying the winter season! Here are a few updates and ways to get involved with the Spring Park Home and School Association:

#### **Breakfast Program – Volunteers & Donations**

Our Breakfast Program continues to support students each day. Volunteers are always welcome—whether weekly or occasionally. You can also support the program by donating through the Hot Lunch ordering system.

#### **COSPEI Numbers Reminder**

Don't forget to play your COSPEI numbers each week for a chance to win while supporting the school!

#### **Soup Sale – Mitchell's Soups** (*While supplies last*)

- \$12 per bag or 3 for \$30  
Flavours include: Chicken & Herb, Loaded Potato, Mexican Tortilla, Beef Barley, and Turkey Cranberry.  
E-transfer to [springparkhsa@gmail.com](mailto:springparkhsa@gmail.com) with your order, child's name, and class. Orders will be sent home with students.

#### **Grade 6 Graduation Committee**

We're looking for volunteers to help plan year-end celebrations. Please reach out if you're interested.

#### **Gardening Committee**

Join us the week of May 11 (weather dependent) to help clean up the school gardens. No experience needed—everyone is welcome!

 **Next Meeting – May 13 at 6:00 PM**

Join us for our next meeting, featuring a short presentation from the new Zone 5 School Board Trustees. Children are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

Thank you for supporting our school community—we appreciate your time and involvement.

Warm regards,  
Spring Park Home and School Association  
[springparkhsa@gmail.com](mailto:springparkhsa@gmail.com)

# HOW TO HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION WITH YOUTH A WORKSHOP ABOUT CYBERBULLYING

PRESENTED BY: PEI COMMUNITY LEGAL INFORMATION - [Cyberbullying Project](#)

SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY  
MAY 20TH 5:00-6:30PM

\*RVSP by May 18th here: [RSVP Form](#)

NOTE: THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR PARENTS AND NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN. LIMITED CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED. PIZZA WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.



## PEI Home and School Federation Newsletter, May 2026

### **School Bus Driver Award**

**Reminder:** Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver for recognition in keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 8, 2026**. More at: <https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

### **Science Fair 2026 Specialty Awards**

The PEI Home and School Federation's Science Fair Specialty Awards were presented to: Landon Seamon, Gr 9, East Wiltshire (Bio-Shield), and Jaidyn McKinnon, Gr 12, Colonel Gray (Hidden Hazards: Microplastics in Feminine Hygiene Products)

### **Home and School News Column**

President Tom Deelstra's Monthly Home and School columns will be published in The Guardian newspaper and online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

### **Motion 18 - Tracking school absences due to bullying.**

The Legislative Assembly of PEI passed a motion on April 22, 2026, to track school absences due to bullying. Consider inviting your MLA to speak at a Home & School Meeting. More at: [Tracking school absences due to bullying.](#)

### **Family Violence Prevention Week**


The Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in Family Violence Prevention Week, May 11-17, 2026: "Supporting Intergenerational Resilience in Our Communities." Information is online at: <https://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/I-Need-Help>

### **PSB Trustees' Updates**

**Charlottetown Family of Schools Zone 5:** As May begins, we reflect on the excitement of celebrating our dedicated Home & School Associations across P.E.I. during the 73rd AGM & Spring Conference, "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging." Congratulations and gratitude to everyone who made the event informative and inspiring. The ideas shared will strengthen our schools and communities. We're happy to support any student events planned for June that foster learning and fun. Minutes from our April 9 Public School Board meeting are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#). Kind regards, Andrew ([amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca](mailto:amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca)) & Gaylene ([gcarragher@edu.pe.ca](mailto:gcarragher@edu.pe.ca))

**Bluefield Family of Schools, Zone 4:** As always, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the PEI Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on April 18. I found the resolution discussions very interesting, and I learned more about the challenges that Home and School members face during an information-sharing workshop in the afternoon. Looking forward to chatting with Home and School members in my zone soon! *Karen* ([kclare@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kclare@edu.pe.ca))

**Westisle Family of Schools, Zone 1:** As the 2025-2026 school year nears its end, I encourage all students and staff to maintain a good balance among study, rest, and physical activity. Westisle will be one of 6 PEI schools in the new Community Use of Schools pilot program beginning in 2026. I hope this will be a successful initiative and eventually be offered year-round at all Island schools. At the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, I expressed concern to Minister Croucher about the cancellation of the Imagination Library, which provides free monthly books to kids under 5. I was pleased to learn of the government's decision on April 21 to reinstate this program. Special congratulations to Penny Newcombe, Ellerslie Elementary, who was recognized at the PEI Home and School Federation's AGM on April 18, as "Home and School Volunteer of the Year", thanking her for all her efforts and contributions. Please feel free to contact me at [andrewavery@edu.pe.ca](mailto:andrewavery@edu.pe.ca)

 **PEI School Food Program Inc** .Members of the public can donate to the PEI School Food Program and receive a charitable receipt. Go to: <https://ordering.peischoolfood.ca/donation> . See Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GTgNnd2Qk/>

### **Math For Gr. 3-6 8:30 - 11**

The students who are participating in the National Mathematica math contest will do so May 8. And students can access the site online with their username and password to practice beforehand at Mathematica or mathematica-test.ca websites. Good luck and good work!  
-Mary MacPhee