



Newsletter 2025

Spring Park School

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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:

- May 1 – Welcome to Kindergarten 4:30 – 5:30 for parents and incoming K students
- May 2- Staff union meetings (no classes)
- May 3 – Honour Choir concert @ 1:30 (at Park Royal Church)
- May 7- Vaccine for Gr. 6 students in the AM
- May 9 – Music Festival-Park Royal United
- May 15 – Purple Shirt Day-Domestic Violence Awareness, Gr. 5A, 5B, 5C Concert 1 pm
- May 16 – Gr. 6 to visit Queen Charlotte (AM)
- May 20 – Victoria Day (no classes)
- May 23 – Provincial Heritage Fair at Eastlink Centre
- May 26 – Zone meet Track and Field (gr. 5-6)
- June 6- No School for Kindergarten
- Half day for new Kindergarten 9-11
- June 26 - Last Day of Classes, K-9

Bogo Bookfair

The Scholastic Buy 1 Get 1 Fair is fast approaching!! Everything is Buy 1 and Get the 2nd Item of equal or lesser value. You read it right!! Books, posters, erasers, pencils, etc. - everything is BOGO!! Cash, Debit, VISA, Mastercard are accepted.

The Book Fair Times are as follows:

- Monday, May 5th-until 1:30 pm
 - Tuesday, May 6th-until-1:30 pm
 - Wednesday, May 7th-until 6:00 pm (**please use the main entrance**)
 - Thursday, May 8th-until 4:30 pm (**please use the main entrance**)
 - Friday, May 9th-until 1:30 pm
- **Parents are invited to visit the Book Fair during the hours scheduled after school for Wednesday and Thursday.**

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 unless you are going to the Breakfast Program.

Thank you for your donations to Easter Seals.

Our school has raised \$938.35. Well done Spring Park Families!

Summer Camps:

The Charlottetown Parks & Recreation Department is excited to share the 2025 Spring/Summer Program Brochure – now available online: Hard copies will be at City Hall later this week. Click on the link below: [Parks and Recreation Brochure](#)

Kindergarten Orientation

Fri. June 6- No School for current Kindergarten Students

Half day for new Kindergarten Students 9-11 am
Orientation is at 9 am. Please bring your child in through the front door.
The students will be escorted down to the classrooms.
Parents are asked to stay for a short Information session in the multi-purpose room.

Lunch Programs

Hot Lunches for dates May 5-16 Orders will open Thursday May 1 and will close Mon. May 5 @ 9:00 AM
Lunches May 20 – 30 will open May 15 and will close Mon. 20 @ 9:00 AM. Please note, we no longer offer
Quizno's on Mondays.

Tuesday - Domino's 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.

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. The provincial lunch is on a two-week ordering cycle.

E-mail: info@peischoolfood.ca

Phone: 902-380-3663

Register here and order: <https://peischoolfood.ca/>

Peanut/Nut Scent and Shellfish Restricted School



After school plans

Please call the office at (902) 368-6400 before 2:00 pm if you need to change your child's after
school plans. Please do not email your child's teacher in case they are not able to read your email
by dismissal time.

PBIS

Spring Park School is one of 18 schools on PEI using Positive Behavior Intervention
and Supports (PBIS) with our students to promote safety and positive
behavior. There is a focus on teaching children about behavior expectations and
strategies with a focus on prevention. PBIS is a proactive approach schools us to
improve school safety and promote positive behavior.

PBIS is a framework for creating safe, positive schools where everyone feels
successful and seen. By implementing evidence-based practices within a PBIS
framework, schools support their students' academic, social and behavioral
success, engage with families and community stake holders to create positive,
safe, and engaging schools and use data to make informed decisions that
improve the school culture and environment for everyone.

At Spring Park School our expectations are **SPARKS- Safe, Prepared, Achieve,
Respect, Kindness and Spirited**. The areas of the school that we are focusing on
are Hallways/Stairs, Washrooms, Playground, Buses, Assemblies and Breakfast
Club. We are currently working on teaching and modelling expectations in all
areas daily.

Coaches Corner

Badminton News

Congratulations to our badminton players who competed at the Badminton Zones and Provincial Championships this past month. You all played so hard and did an amazing job representing Spring Park School!

Track and Field News

Students in Grade 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to sign up and try out for our track and field team. Our tryouts will be held during school hours (recess time). Students choosing to tryout, must be available for the following competition dates:

*-Zone Meet at UPEI on **Monday, May 26th** at UPEI Track (during school hours)*

*-Provincials at UPEI on **Saturday, May 31st** at UPEI Track*

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

If you have any questions email: Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)

or Mr. Maddix (kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca)

Heritage Fair

Many thanks to all the participants in the 2025 Spring Park Heritage Fair. The judges were very impressed with the efforts demonstrated by our Grades 5 and 6 students.

The following students and their projects will be going to the Provincial Heritage Fair May 23rd at the East Link Centre.

Grade 5

Faith Brine – Le Drapeau d’Acadie

Ellis Cameron & Michael Hoang– Brad Richards

Emery Stevenson – Hockey sur Luge

KJ Stewart – History of Islanders Hockey

Nikolay Yonchev – History of the Canadian Flag

Sunny Zhou – History of Canadian Figure Skating

Lucy Gillis – Dr. John Gillis

Grade 6

Lamar Adnan - Residential Schools

Brooklynn Hennessey - Wally Hennessey

Nancy Song – Fort MacMurray Wildfires

Gracie Winslow - Chris Hadfield

Daniel Yonchev – Canada Games

Honourable Mentions were given to Aseel Amairi, Grade 5 and Duncan Proudlock, Grade 6.

May Music News

SPS Grade 5 Classes present: Pirates! 2: The Hidden Treasure

Our 5A, 5B, and 5C classes will be presenting a spring musical, taking place on **Thursday, May 15th at 1:00pm**. The roles have been cast, rehearsals are underway, and we are getting excited to share this fun musical adventure with you (a sequel to last year's production)! All are welcome to attend, and cash donations will be gratefully accepted at the door in support of our music program.

Honour Choir Concert

Our honour choir concert will be taking place this **Saturday, May 3rd at 1:30pm** at Park Royal United Church. All are welcome to attend! Honour Choir students are asked to be at the church at **10:00am for rehearsals**, and to wear their new honour choir t-shirts with black pants! Please bring a lunch/snack (nut-free), indoor shoes, and a water bottle.

Choirs at Queen County Music Festival

Our Spring Park festival choirs will be performing at the Queens County Music Festival at Park Royal United Church on **Friday, May 9th** at the following times (all times are approximate - come early!):

9:20am - K/1 Singing Club

9:40am - Grade 2/3 Choir

10:50am - Grade 4-5-6 Choir

All are welcome to attend the performance at the festival (there is an admission cost of \$3 for audience members at the door - cash only). Our choirs will be traveling from school by bus. Grade 2-6 students are asked to dress in our choir uniform: white shirts with black or dark pants or skirts; while K/1 students are asked to dress in bright colours! Information letters and permissions slips have been sent home - please return these along with the \$2 bussing fee by Thursday, May 8th.

Rock Band

Congratulations to both of our rock bands, The Bolts and The Sparks, who brought the house down at the PEI Schools of Rock showcase in April - you made Spring Park proud! Rock on!

SPS Music Showcase for Music Monday

Music Monday, a day to celebrate music in our schools, is coming on May 5th, and Spring Park will be celebrating with a showcase performance for the whole school, featuring all our choirs and rock bands. Later in May, we'll celebrate with a special ice cream party for all our students who participated in our extracurricular music programs this year. Thank you for making music with us!

Watch for Students on the Road

As the weather warms up students are walking and cycling



SPS Home and School Association News and Updates



We've had our final meeting of the year in April, but if you still want to get involved or share any thoughts, feel free to reach out to us at springparkhsa@gmail.com. Stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with the latest news, events, and ways to get involved. We love staying in touch with our school families! Want to lend a hand but tight on time?

We totally get it! That's why we have ongoing committees that are easy to jump into with flexible time commitments. This spring, our Outdoor Space and Graduation Committees are especially active, and we'd love your help!

Here's how you can pitch in:

Outdoor Space Committee

Help us keep our school grounds looking their best! Tasks include weeding, planting, and assisting with playground maintenance. We usually meet 3–4 times a year—any time you can give makes a big difference.

Breakfast Program

Volunteer just an hour a week, month, or whenever you can to help prepare and serve breakfast to over 150 students. No experience? No problem—there's always someone to guide you.

Graduation Committee

Have a Grade 6 student graduating this year? Help us celebrate their big milestone! Work with staff and fellow parents to plan a memorable send-off. Whether you have lots of time or just a little, we'd love your input.

Fundraising Team

Join us in supporting our school through fun and creative fundraising events like the spring coupon books and Gold Rush draws. Whether you can help a few times a year or want to be more involved, we appreciate every bit of support!

Stay in touch!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or send us an email at springparkhsa@gmail.com. We're here to support our amazing SPS community—parents, staff, and students alike!

Home and School News, May 2025

School Bus Driver Award

Reminder: Home and Schools can nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. Submission date: **Friday, May 9, 2025**. More at:

<https://peihsf.ca/school-bus-driver-of-the-year-award/>

Science Fair Specialty Awards, April 10

The PEI Home and School Federation's Science Fair Specialty Awards were awarded to two students:

1. Queen Charlotte, Grade 7 / 7e année Pathogen AI: "My science fair project explores how AI can be used to detect fungi in food, helping to improve food safety and prevent food waste."
2. West Royalty, Grade 6 / 6e année Stress Less Stress feels different for everyone, but learning how to manage it is key to a healthy lifestyle. "My project looked at - if calming strategies really do help students to focus and feel ready to learn."

Home and School News Column

President David Schult's May 2025 Home and School column will be published in The Guardian newspaper on May 3 and posted online at <https://peihsf.ca/news/>.

Newly Elected Board

Congratulations to the newly elected PEI Home and School Federation's board for 2025-2026. Thank you to outgoing board reps Erin Veale, Mikayla Paynter, Jannett Jones, and Shannon Bruyneel. Two vacant positions include Vice President and Morell. For more information, contact the Federation office at 902-620-3186.

National Volunteer Week April 27 – May 3, 2025

Theme: "Small Island. Big Impact." This year's volunteer celebration week is all about shining a light on the everyday contributions volunteers make across PEI. With support from the Government of Prince Edward Island, the Community Sector Network of PEI has put together tools and opportunities to help your organization recognize, celebrate, and inspire. Access the Volunteer Week Toolkit at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wAfMrJVXPbL_0K9sclypzL3sGf-nJVT78P3aY2LUSZc/edit?usp=sharing

Family Violence Prevention Week, May 12-18, 2025

The Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention (PAC) encourages Island municipalities and community organizations to play an active role in 2025 Family Violence Prevention Week, 12-18 May 2025. Family Violence Prevention Week highlights PAC's vision of a society where everyone is safe, respected, and valued and where people have opportunities to reach their full potential while contributing to the overall well-being of families and communities. The theme for Family Violence Prevention Week 2025 is "Preventing Family Violence in Older Adults."

Environmental Services Association of the Maritimes (ESAM) \$1,000 scholarship

is presented to three students each year pursuing post-secondary education in a science/environmental discipline; one award will be given to a student in each Maritime province. Application forms and more information on our organization can be found at <https://esamaritimes.ca/2025/04/21/esam-scholarship-program-2025/>