



Newsletter 2024

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. This 24-hour answering machine is available so parents can call this school and let us know if your child(ren) will be late or absent.

Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 1 – PD Day (no classes)
- Nov. 5 – Picture Retakes
- Nov. 6 – Gr. 4 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:40
- Nov. 7 – 8 PEITF Convention (no classes)
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (no classes)



- Nov. 18 – 22 Book Fair
- Nov. 19 – Report Cards go home
- Nov. 20 – Grades 4-6 attend Islanders game @ 11:00 am
- Nov. 22 – Parent Teachers Interviews (no classes)

Note to parents

We kindly ask parents who are picking up their student during the day to please report to the office for assistance. If your student is arriving late, please ensure they are signed in on the sheet outside the office.

Stay home when ill

Staying home when you are sick lowers the chance of spreading COVID-19, whooping cough and other illness to others. You should stay home until: your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) you do not have a fever, and you do not develop any additional symptoms.

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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Book your parent teacher interview online from Nov. 9th -14th Interviews dates available from Nov. 18th – 22nd. <https://springpark.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

**** All fields are required ****

Parent First Name:

Parent Last Name:

Phone:

Email Address:
Please enter only one valid email address.

Preferred User ID: (no spaces allowed)
Valid user id's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, number one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '_', the at symbol '@', or the peri

Enter Your Password:

Enter Your Password Again:

Cold Weather

Students are reminded to wear warmer outdoor clothing, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that the days are becoming colder. All students are outside twice a day for outdoor recreation at recess time. This time is much more enjoyable when students are dressed for colder temperatures. Please remember to **label all your child's outdoor clothing** with their first and last name so items can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

SPS Lunch Programs:

Hot lunches for dates Nov. 4 - 15 - Orders will open Thursday Oct. 31 and will close Mon. Nov. 4 @ 9:00 AM and for dates Nov. 18 - 29 Orders will open Thursday Nov. 14 and close on Mon. Nov. 18 at 9AM.

Monday – Quiznos

Tuesday – Domino’s Pizza and Donation to the Breakfast Program

Wednesday – Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE
UTENSILS.**



<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! They are on a two-week cycle. Orders open Nov. 9 for Nov. 18 -29 and Nov. 23. for Nov. 2-13.

Orders close at noon on Thursday. Once you sign up, they will be sent a reminder.

E-mail: info@peischoolfood.ca Phone: 902-380-3663

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

Demand for P.E.I.'s school lunch program nearly double what province expected. Please keep this program going ~ pay what you can please.

Spooktacular Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to the Spring Park School families for being part of Spooktacular this year. You put the ‘fun’ in fundraiser!

We are pleased to be able to support our school community in a variety of ways.

Chess Club

The chess club starts Nov. 4 from 7:40- 8:20 for grade 2-6 in the multi-purpose room.

Only children attending chess can get dropped off early. There is no supervision for students who are not in chess club until 8:05 am.

There is a \$2 fee and a form to sign up and no experience is necessary. Unfortunately, if students arrive on the bus, they won’t have time to enter the school and get ready to play, so students need to be dropped off or walk to school. If we have a one - hour delay in school, chess club will be cancelled that day.

Remembrance Day Assembly

The Grade 4 Remembrance Day assembly will be at 10:40 am on November 6th. Parents & Guardians are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026

Kindergarten Registration will be taking place at Spring Park School from November 18 – 22 during the office hours of 8:00 – 4:00.

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, in order to be eligible for kindergarten.
- If you are unsure of your child's school zone, please contact the Stratford Office of the PSB at (902) 368-6990.
- You will complete a registration form for your child. You will need to bring a government-issued ID verifying proof of the child's age, such as a birth certificate, a passport or PEI health card. Verification of home address must also be provided such as a current utility bill.

Knitting Club

The knitting club is for anyone in grades 5 & 6 and will be taking place on Day 1 at 12:05 in Ms. Johnston's class (room 204). No experience necessary, but if you have knitting needles (size 4 mm, 4.5 mm or 5 mm) bring them with you. We will be learning the basic stitches, plus how to start and end a project.



Wow butter

We kindly ask that WOW butter and other peanut butter alternatives do not get sent to school.

Coaches Corner

Phys-Ed Blog: <https://sites.google.com/cloud.edu.pe.ca/sps-physical-education/home>

Cross Country Wrap-Up

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Cross-Country Program this year at Spring Park School. In total, we had over 130 students participate. In addition, we had 21 students qualify and represent our school at the Cross-Country Provincials Championships on October 19th.

Way to go everyone!

We would also like to recognize and congratulate grade 5 students Faith Brine and Will Younker who finished 5th place in their race and to our newest Provincial Champion, grade 3 student Ivy Kennedy, who finished 1st place and won the gold medal in the pre-novice girls race at the Provincials. Great job SPS!!!

If you have any questions, please email:
Mr. Maddix (kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca) or Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)

Music News

Concerts and Performances

All grade 4 students will be performing for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 6th at 10:40am in the gym. Parents and guardians of grade 4 students are invited to attend, and grade 4 students are asked to wear formal concert attire for this performance: white shirts with dark pants or skirts. Poppies for the students to wear will be provided!

Congratulations to Mr. O. and the Grade 3 classes on their wonderful Thanksgiving Concert! Save the dates for our upcoming December concerts - we can't wait to show you what we've been working on!

- Wednesday, December 11th (storm date December 12th) - Grade 6 Concert (including 5/6Y, 5/6Z, 6A, 6B, and 6D)
- Wednesday, December 17th (storm date December 18th) - Grade 1 Concert

Extracurricular Music Schedule

Extracurricular music activities are getting underway and our lunchtime rehearsal schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

- Day 1 – Grade 2/3 Choir at 11:35; Rock Band YELLOW at 12:00
- Day 3 – Rock Band PURPLE at 12:00
- Day 4 – Grade 5/6 Choir at 12:00
- Day 5 – Grade 4 Choir at 12:00

Choir

Students who have signed up for choir are reminded that they are expected to attend every rehearsal as we prepare for our December performances! Students who have changed their mind and no longer wish to participate in choir require a note from their parents to do so. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will have the opportunity to try out choir for themselves soon with our K/1 Singing Club - stay tuned!

This year our Grade 4-6 choir has been invited to perform at a very special Human Rights Day celebration - save the date of the morning of December 10th, with more information to follow soon!

Rock Band

Auditions for our rock band instrumentalists are complete! Lists for the two senior rock bands (Yellow and Purple) are posted. Rehearsals will begin after Remembrance Day. Rock Band singers will be auditioned at a later date so we can get the songs under our belt with the instrumentalists first!

Home and School News

FREE Home & School Leadership Training - Sign up by Nov. 1st

The Federation hosts two Home & School Leadership Training Workshops annually which are designed to improve Home & School volunteers' effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Sessions open to any Home & School executive & other school volunteers -- parent, teacher and student.

Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eilerslie Elementary School

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Eliot River Elementary School

SIGN-UP by Nov. 1st to ssmedleyjay@gov.pe.ca or 902-620-3186. FREE. Refreshments provided.

Thank you for Eilerslie and Eliot River Home and Schools for hosting the workshops.

Reminder to pay 2024-2025 Membership Fees

PEI Home and School Association **membership fees are due: Nov. 1.** Remind Treasurers that they can pay fees by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.

School Crossing Guard Award

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Awards Programme recognizes deserving individuals (crossing guards, school bus drivers, school staff, and volunteers) in P.E.I.'s school communities. The first of our awards in the 2024-25 school year is the Crossing Guard Award. **The nomination package for the Crossing Guard Award is due in the Federation office on Nov. 8.**

What is the process? Your Home and School can show appreciation for a school crossing guard by nominating the individual for a recognition award. Associations discuss and approve nominating individuals, request support letters, and submit nomination packages to the federation office by the deadline.

The package will include the Home and School president's cover letter and support letters from others in your school community, including the principal, other teachers, parents, and students. Tip: Young students can draw a picture of their crossing guard. If you have questions, contact the Federation office about its awards program at 902-620-3186. You will find the nomination form at

<https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Parent Leadership Grants

The Federation's Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$500 are available to Home and School Associations. Projects are to focus on Parents and their leadership and engagement in school communities. [Click here for Application](#). For more information, contact: peihsf@gov.pe.ca / 902-620-3186. **Submission deadline Nov. 8th.**

~ **Dyslexia - Parents and Kids Info Night** - Nov. 7th, 6:00 PM at BDC Place, 119 Kent St., Suite 510, 5th Floor, Charlottetown. Alicia Smith, Dyslexia Canada, will present new resources and help with connections with parents, supports and encouragement. Register by Nov. 5 to tammynorden@gmail.com

~ **Donagh Regional School, Craft Fair** - Nov 16th, 9 AM-3 pm & Nov 17th, 12 - 4 pm. Over 80 tables, Raffles, 50/50, and fudge sale! Entrance is by donation and all monies raised goes towards phase 3 of the playground upgrades! Contact: annamariarsenault@gmail.com

~ **Bluefield High School Christmas Craft Fair** - Nov. 15th, 5:30–9:00 pm & Nov. 16th, 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors: decorations, pottery, fibre arts, candles, jewelry, bake sale, canteen with hot cider, door prizes and raffles. Bluefield Band students will be selling \$25 vouchers for poinsettias...buyers will pick up at VK Greenhouses, Charlottetown or purchase poinsettias online at: <https://www.vankampens.ca/pages/bluefield-high-school-band-trip> Admission is 3\$ / Children under 12 are free.

~ **Are you a school food volunteer?** Your non-profit organization is required to have at least one organizer or volunteer present during food preparation who has completed the Food Safety Training or has a Certificate of Attendance from the Volunteer Food Safety Presentation offered by Environmental Health. Register for a FREE presentation at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>. Note: *May be cancelled if the minimum # of participants has not been reached.*

SCHOOL. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

DID
YOU
KNOW?

**If a child is 10 minutes
late every day they will
miss 2.5 weeks of class
time every school year**

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

SPS Home and School News



All parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend our next meeting on December 4 to stay informed, share their perspectives, and find ways to get involved to make this school year a great one.

We have active committees that you can sign up for that allow you to get involved occasionally, regularly, or just one time. Find something that suits you:

- Outdoor Space – help weed the flowerbeds, plant trees, and support playground repairs and upgrades. 3-4 times a year.
- Breakfast – come for an hour a week, a month, a year to help make and serve breakfast to 150 kids. There are lots of seasoned parents to show you how it goes. As often as you like.
- Staff Appreciation – In February we do our best to take good care of the teachers and staff at Spring Park School. We make treat bags, hold draws, bring lunch, do lunch monitoring, bring more snacks. 3-4 days in February.
- Graduation – is your little graduating Grade 6 this year? Get involved and help organize a graduation to remember. Work with Grade 6 teachers and other parents to make it special. As much time as you think you'll need
- Fundraising – We do coupon books in the spring. We promote the Gold Rush to parents. And we can do more. 4-5 times a year or ongoing.

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.

Upcoming Events:

- We are looking for individually wrapped baked goods and volunteers to sell them!
- Christmas Shoppe – gift wrappers needed!

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