SPRING PARK SCHOOL

November Newsletter 2026

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Safe Arrival Line 902-569-7785

Dates to remember

Nov. 5 and 6 - PEITF \ Annual Convention (no classes)
Nov. 9 - Monday Picture Retakes
Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Concert/Assembly @ 10:40
Nov. 13 – Parent Teacher interview scheduler opens @ 6:00 am
Nov.11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)
Nov.16 - Teacher Administrative Day (no classes)
Nov. 18 – Home & School meeting @ 6:00 in library
Nov. 19 – Parent Teacher interview scheduler closes @ 8:00 pm
Nov. 27 - Parent Teacher Interviews, PSB and CSLF K-12 (no classes)
Nov. 30 – Report cards go home

Thank-you to our Spring Park families for supporting Spooktacular again this year!

Walking to School

Tips: use sidewalks and cross at crosswalks or intersections, but if there is no sidewalk, walk facing oncoming traffic.



Afternoon pick up

Students who take the bus are dismissed at 2:35. For safety reasons, please do not walk through the bus area. **Parents who are picking up their child(ren) need to wait by the large tree outside the kindergarten doors or on the sidewalk by the street.** The sidewalk by the school is too congested with adults waiting and it is not safe for students. The bell rings for walkers/pick-ups at 2:40. Please share this information with the adults who are picking up your child/children.
Students who are picked up MUST be picked up at **2:40**. There is no supervision for students past 2:40.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

If you would like to help a family in our community, we are gratefully accepting gift cards and/or cash to purchase gift cards for families.
Please feel free to drop off at the main office or email Ellen or Darlene for any questions or concerns:
Ellen MacArthur ejmacarthur@edu.pe.ca
Darlene Heilman dcheilman@edu.pe.ca

Staying Home When Sick

Staying home when you are sick lowers the chance of spreading illnesses to students and staff in the school.

Warm Clothes

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.**

Christmas Shoppe

It is that time of year that some of you start to purge. I would like to ask that you keep our Christmas Shoppe in mind before transporting your items to Value Village. For those new to our school, we have an annual Christmas Shoppe, the last week before our Christmas break. At the Christmas Shoppe, gently used items are donated (household, toys, books…etc) and our students are able to each choose two gifts that are wrapped and they take home for their loved ones. Mme Kennedy will begin collecting these items in early December for the Christmas Shoppe and would appreciate if you could hold onto your items until that time. Thank you in advance for anything you may have to donate. It is such a beautiful event for our students.

Clothing donations

We are looking for gently used pants for our students in sizes that would fit K-Grade 6. If you have any pants, please drop them off at the school.

Spelling Bee

PEI Spelling Bee is taking registrations for their 2027 Spelling Bee. Registration is open until December 31st. After that, in person practices will begin in January on Monday nights. Students aged 6-14 are welcome to register. Discounts are available for more than one family member registering. Please email coordinator.pei@spellingbeeofcanada.ca if you have any questions. Registration takes place on the website: spellingbeeofcanada.ca

Our Breakfast Program

A HUGE thank you to those who have donated to our Breakfast Program - we've had local businesses and individuals help us build our budget up to make sure we can keep it going!

Every school day, our Breakfast Program provides a healthy start to the day for 150+ students. From yogurt parfaits, muffins and fruit to smoothies, bagels and toast, we offer a variety of options to help ensure every student has access to breakfast when they need it. This important program is made possible by our amazing volunteers and the community members who help keep us stocked and running each morning.

- **150+ students served** every school day.
- **A variety of healthy breakfast options** are available, along with snacks as needed.
- **Volunteers make it possible**, from preparing and serving food to keeping our supplies stocked.
- **Provincial funding doesn't cover the full school year**, so we rely on grants, donations and community partnerships to fill the gap.
- **We need some extra support this year** to keep this important program running.

Want to help? Donations can be made through the donation button on the school Hot Lunches page or by e-transfer. Have an idea for a fundraiser or partnership? We'd love to hear from you at **springparkhsa@gmail.com**

SPS Hot Lunch Program https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net

(School access code: SPHL for new registration)

Hot lunches for dates Nov. 9 - 20 will open Nov. 5 and close at 9am Mon. Nov. 9.
Hot lunches for dates Nov. 23 – Dec. 4 will open Nov. 19 and close at 9am Mon. Nov.23.

Mon. to Fri. – Chocolate and White ADL Milk

Tuesday – Domino's Pizza
Wednesday – Subway

You can also donate to the breakfast program and pay for field trips.

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/



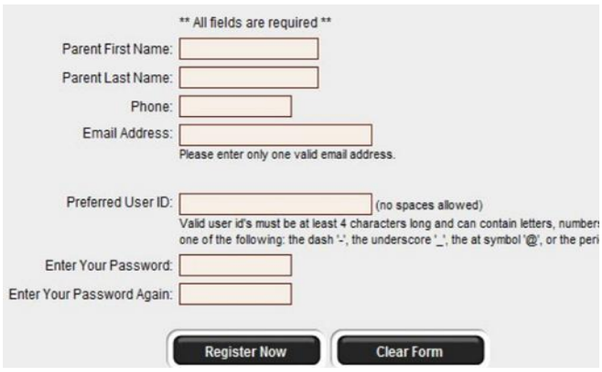
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Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews

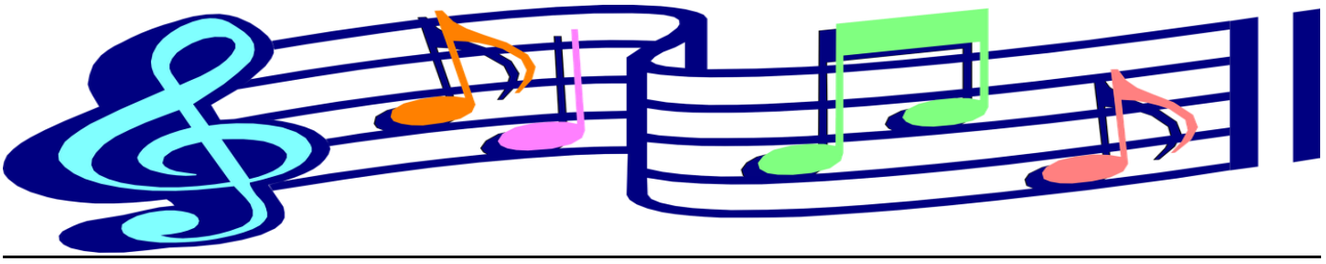
Book your parent teacher interview online from Nov. 13@ 6am to November 19 @ 8pm. Interviews dates available from Nov. 23 – 27 with evening interviews on the and day interviews on Nov. 27. If you are unable to keep your interview time, please contact your child's teacher.

Families who require interpreters for interviews will have their interviews scheduled for the week of Nov. 30. You do not need to schedule an interview from Nov. 23 – 27. If you require an interpreter, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

https://springpark.schoolappointments.com







Music Notes

Concerts and Performances

Congratulations to Mr. O and the Grade 2 and Grade 3 classes on their fantastic musical **Grossbusters**! What a way to kick off our Spring Park concert season!

All grade 4 students in classes 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D will be performing for our **Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:40am** in the gym. Family members of these grade 4 students are invited to attend, and these students are asked to wear white and black for the performance. Poppies for the students to wear will be provided.

Save the date for our Grade 1 concert coming up next - **Wednesday, December 9th** (storm date December 10th).

Holiday Choirs

Our grade 2/3 and grade 4-5-6 choirs are already hard at work learning lots of music for our upcoming December outings to spread some holiday cheer! Save the dates below, with more information to follow:

- **Friday, Dec 4th - Grade 4-5-6 Choir at the Rodd Charlottetown - 5:15pm**
- **Monday, Dec 14th - Grade 4-5-6 Choir - Caroling at Beach Grove Home (AM)**
- **Tuesday, Dec 15th - Grade 2/3 Choir - Caroling at Prince Edward Home (AM)**

Rock Band

Auditions and sign-ups for Rock Band this year will be posted in the first week of November and open to all students in grades 4,5 and 6. Auditions are needed only for students who are new to rock band - regardless of grade. Those that were in a rock band last year and wish to sign up again do not need to audition this year - simply sign up!

Karri Shea (kjshea@edu.pe.ca) (4-6) and Mr. O (K-3) (rdodonnell@edu.pe.ca)

COACHES' CORNER

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 160 students participate. In addition, we had 15 students qualify and represent our school at the Cross-Country Provincials Championships on October 17th.

Way to go everyone!

We would also like to recognize a few of our students who made it to the top 10 podium this year. For Novice Boys, Jenson Pickard finished in 5th place and for Novice Girls, Kinsley Jenkins finished in 7th place and Ivy Kennedy won the 2nd place silver medal!

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

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🏫 Together We Support Our Students!

Hello, Spring Park Families!

Here's a look at our current fundraising opportunities and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support of our school community!

🗓️ SAVE THE DATE: NEXT HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

🗓️ November 18 at 6:00 pm

We welcome all parents and caregivers to join us! Your ideas, involvement, and support help make a difference for our students.

🍫 ANNE OF GREEN GABLES CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

Get your Christmas shopping started early while supporting Spring Park Home & School! 🎄

We're fundraising through Anne of Green Gables Chocolates, offering delicious local chocolates for your holiday shopping.

🍫 How to order:

1. Visit our online store: https://www.efundrs.com/fundraiser/ng0oyv8aydos78ygpcleq091
2. Orders will be delivered directly to the school in mid-November and will be ready for parent pickup during the week of parent-teacher interviews.
3. Please include the name of the child you are supporting when placing your order to make pickup easier.

📦 **Pickup:** November 23–27, 2026.

👕 SPRING PARK SPARKS MERCHANDISE SALE

Show your Spring Park Sparks pride with our Spring Park Merchandise Sale!

We're excited to offer **adult and youth apparel featuring the Spring Park logo**, perfect for showing your school spirit! A portion of the proceeds goes to the Spring Park Home and School Association.

🛍️ Available items include:

- 👕 Youth and adult T-shirts
- 👕 Long-sleeve shirts
- 🧥 Hoodies
- 💜 Crewneck sweatshirts
- 🧢 Toques

🛒 **Ready to order?**

Shop our online store here:

https://springparkschool.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Ordering is open until November 29 at midnight and orders will be delivered to the school.

🛍️ **FLIPGIVE FUNDRAISER**

Support Spring Park Home & School through your online shopping and gift card purchases!

🛒 **How it works:**

1. Visit https://www.flipgive.com/enroll/RR-9PTYPCDWHL
2. Create an account. You will be prompted to enter a student's name. All funds go directly to Home & School, so you can enter "N/A" if you prefer.
3. Shop online through the links on the FlipGive website and/or purchase gift cards.

💰 Spring Park Home & School receives a percentage of each sale!

Please share the link with family and friends to help support our school community.

🎁 **AMAZON WISHLIST**

We also have an Amazon Wishlist to support our Breakfast Program and other school initiatives.

Every donation helps us provide supplies and resources for our students.

🛒 View our wishlist:
https://amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1FF6UYXVZJWN?type=wishlist&triggerElementID=welcomeCollab

💌 **WANT TO DONATE DIRECTLY?**

You can send an e-transfer to:

springparkhsa@gmail.com

Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you for supporting our students and school community!

🎓 **PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION – VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

🗓️ **Monday, November 2 at 6:00 pm**
📍 **Multipurpose Room**

Who can attend? Everyone! These workshops are open to all school community volunteers, both returning and new volunteers.

Learn how to:
✅ Understand where Home & Schools and parent groups fit within PEI's education system
✅ Learn about executive roles, financials, committees, and resolutions
✅ Strengthen parent engagement and volunteer effectiveness

Whether you're new to volunteering or have years of experience, this is a great opportunity to learn more and strengthen our school community!

✨ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ✨

Spring Park Home & School Association

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Home and School News, November 2026

🏐 **Recognition and Awards Program 2026/2027**
Awards recognize deserving individuals in our school communities.
Nominations for **Crossing Guard Award of the Year** are due November 6, 2026.
Nominations for **Extra Mile Awards** for school staff members are due January 16, 2027.
Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year Award** are due March 1, 2027.
Nominations for **School Bus Driver Awards** are due May 7, 2027.
More at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/

Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. Go to: https://peihsf.ca/grants. Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026.**

Reminder to pay 2026-2027 Membership Fees & Update Executive Contacts

Treasurers are reminded to submit this school year's membership fees.
Pay by e-transfer to peihsf@gov.pe.ca or mail cheques to the Federation office.
Presidents are reminded to update executive member's contacts using our Google Form at: https://forms.gle/vagSKKaY4hBEvqeQ8

What's on your Home & School meeting's agenda?

- Add the November 2026 newsletter topics to your local meeting's agenda for discussion
- Invite your principal to present an overview of the COMPASS 2025-26 results at the next Home and School meeting. https://peihsf.ca/news/
- Invite your Public Schools Branch Trustee to report on school review reports and other PSB news.
- Discuss issues needing change in PEI schools. View a slideshow about writing and submitting a resolution at https://peihsf.ca/home-and-school-training/

Pubic Schools Branch Board of Trustees News

The next Board of Trustees public meeting is at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, at Tignish Elementary School. The public is more than welcome to observe in person or virtually: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/board-meetings-and-minutes.
Following a school study, the Board of Trustees approved a public consultation for Montague Interm. School (October 14, 2026) and Westwood Primary School (Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., November 18, 2026, at Westwood Primary School). After each consultation date, the public can provide feedback for a full month. Please visit the Public Schools Branch Website for more information: https://psb.edu.pe.ca. If you would like to connect with the Trustee for your zone, please visit the Board of Trustees Website for their e-mail address, Board of Trustees meetings and minutes, school studies and other reports, and news: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees.

Community News

STEAM PEI fall programming: PD Full Day Camps (Grades K-4) featuring hands-on topics like sound, digital art, weather, and innovation offered on November PD days in Charlottetown and Summerside. Clean Tech Club (Girls, Grades 5-9): An evening club focused on renewable energy, green tech, environmental solutions, and connecting with girls in STEM. Contact: Veronica veronica@steampei.com