



Oct. 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:

- Oct. 1 - Photo day AM~1A, 1B,1C,2A,2B,2D,4A,4B,4C,4D PM~5A,5B,5C,5/6Y,5/6Z,6B
- Oct. 2 – Photo day AM~ALL K’S, 3A,3B,3C,2/3X,6B,6C
- Oct. 4 – Terry Fox Run @ Spring Park
- Oct. 8 -Cross Country Zone Meet Gr. 3-6
- Oct. 11 – Grade 3 and 2/3 X
- Thanksgiving concert **Please note the Change in date**
- Picture orders forms due back
- Oct.14 – Thanksgiving (no classes)
- Oct. 24 – Spooktacular Event
- Oct. 24- HPV Immunizations Gr. 6
- Oct. 31 Halloween orange and black day
- Nov. 1 – no school – PD Day
- Nov. 5 – Picture Retakes

End of the Day Pick-up

We are not accepting bus notes at this time except for primary childcare. If you need to make a change to after school plans, please call the school no later than 2:00 pm.

If you have not yet made bussing arrangements, please go to psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca.

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.

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. Please use the crosswalk.

Spooktacular

Save the date: **Thursday October 24th, 2024 from 5:00-7:00**

Spring Park Elementary School is so happy to announce that we are once again hosting our fall fundraiser- **SPOOKTACULAR!**

This is a Halloween Fair in which hundreds of students and their families, former students, and community members come together to have a fun-filled evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Monday Oct. 14



SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot lunches for dates Oct. 7 - 18 - Orders will open Thursday Oct. 3 and will close Mon. Oct. 7 @ 9:00 AM and for dates Oct.21-31 Orders will open Thursday Oct. 17 and close on Mon. Oct. 21 at 9AM

Monday – Quiznos

Tuesday – Domino’s Pizza

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 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/>

Remember to choose the child’s homeroom

Fall Coupon Books

We will be doing our *fall coupon book fundraising* once again. Order forms will be sent home the week before Thanksgiving and we need to get the order forms back by Oct. 28-31.

Please make sure to include the students name and classroom on the form so we can get the books to you.

When you pay online through Hot Lunches please return the order form and mark that it was paid online.

To pay on hot lunches go to:

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

(School access code: SPHL for new registration)



Phone: (902) 894-6000

<https://allstarcresting.ca/springparkschool/shop/home>



Please contact All Star Cresting for toques, caps, shorts, sweatpants, hoodies, tees and long sleeve tees.

Coaches Corner

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

Cross-Country (Grades 3 to 6)

The Cross-Country Zone Meet is on **Tuesday, October 8th** (Rain date: Oct 9th) at Eliot River School. Students who qualify will be notified and receive more detailed information regarding the meet.

Students attending the zone meet **MUST** also be available for the Cross-Country **Provincials on Saturday, October 19th** at Mill River. If **NOT** available, please let us know ASAP. Students qualifying for Provincials will be notified and receive additional information.

If you have any question,

Leadership

Spring Park School will once again have a Leadership program for grade 6 students who are interested! Leadership is a privilege and students who sign up are expected to be a role model for all other students and are expected to fulfill all expectations and responsibilities. An application has been sent out to all students interested and must be filled out and signed by both the student and parent/guardian and returned by Tuesday, October 1st.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, October 4th (Rain date: Thursday, October 3rd). An assembly will be held for the entire school celebrating the story of our Great Canadian Hero! Following the assembly, students and staff will make their way outside to do a run/walk on school grounds. In order to raise money for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, students can bring in a dollar to their classroom teacher or any small donation would be more than appreciated.

If you have any questions, please email:

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

Music News

Our extracurricular choir and rock band programs will be beginning soon – stay tuned for more details on these to come!

We are always happy to accept donations of used guitars, keyboards, and other instruments in support of these programs – if you have any that could use a home, please feel free to bring them to the school office anytime, with our gratitude.

Our Gr 3 (and 2/3) Thanksgiving concert date has to be moved to Oct 11th at 1:00pm due to a conflict with the cross-country zone meet, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause!

Please take note of our concert dates for this year:

October 11th (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!)– Grade 3 (and 2/3) Thanksgiving Concert

November 6th – Grade 4 Remembrance Day Ceremony

December 11th – Grade 6 (and 5/6) Concert (storm date December 12th)

December 17th – Grade 1 Concert (storm date December 18th)

February 13th – Grade 2 Concert (storm date February 14th)

May 5th – SPS Music Monday Showcase

May 15th – Grade 5 Concert

June 4th – Kindergarten Concert

Home and School News, October 2024

Register for Semi-Annual Meeting

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 21, 2024, 6–8 pm at Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River. Topics & Speakers are:

STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY PLANS:

- * Cody Davenport, *COMPASS* program surveys grades 7-12 students; will share survey results and plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS & FOOD SAFETY SUPPORTS:

- * Courtney Shaffer, Inspector = What are Food Safety guidelines/supports for school food programs?
 - * Samantha Dougay, Dietitian = What's in a healthy breakfast menu?
 - * Heather Walker, Spring Park = This is how our breakfast program works.
 - * David Schult for Sterling Carruthers = Education and Early Years funding for school breakfast and snack programs
- Parents, educators, and students in your school community are welcome! Invite your school's breakfast program volunteers!

REGISTER by Oct. 16/24 at: <https://forms.gle/tbamHFkUu8ebi4fv9>

Training Workshops for Volunteers

Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould will lead Home and School Training Workshops as follows:

Nov. 4 – Ellerslie Consolidated School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Nov. 5 – Eliot River Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Guidance for executive positions (i.e., President, Co/Vice President, Secretary); Bookkeeping tips for Treasurers and general information for all volunteers.

No cost. Register by emailing peihsf@gov.pe.ca or call 902-620-3186 by **Oct. 30.**

Crossing Guard Recognition Award

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Crossing Guard Award celebrates individuals who help keep students safe every school day. Nominations are due **Nov. 1.** Find the application at: <https://peihsf.ca/Crossing-Guard-Award>.

Parent Leadership Grants

Funds available for up to \$500 for Home and Schools to organize parent educational information sessions. Invite speakers to address topics of interest to your school community (i.e., Mental Wellness, Student Well Being Teams, Cyberbullying Awareness, School Food Programs, Proper Use of Cell Phones). Submission deadline: **Nov. 8.** PL Grant online: <https://peihsf.ca/grants/>

PSB Public meetings: Charlottetown Family of Schools study

The Board of Trustees is now engaging with the Charlottetown school community and stakeholders to receive feedback on the recommendations contained in the report. To review the report, [visit the Public Schools Branch's website](#). Share your feedback by emailing psb-schoolreview@edu.pe.ca using "Charlottetown Family of Schools" in the subject line by Oct. 18/24. Share input by attending a public meeting: Oct. 1, 6:30 pm, Spring Park Elementary; Oct. 8, 2024, 6:30 pm, Charlottetown Rural High School; Oct. 10, 2024, 6:30 pm, Birchwood Intermediate School.

PEI's Auditor General's Report: Healthiness of Food in Schools, Sept. 18/24

- READ: [The auditor general's full report on nutrition in P.E.I. schools](#)
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

Education and Economic Development: Public Schools Branch

Staffing Presentation, Sept. 19/24

- READ: https://docs.assembly.pe.ca/PSB_Staffing
- LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff1oHBRaDIU>

Chess Club

We are excited that the Spring Park chess club will return this year and will be coordinated by Mr. Steve, our youth service worker. Please stay tuned for more information about the start date at the end of October.

Brookvale Biathlon Bears is offering two ski programs

Program Manager Brad.Haltli@nordicsportspei.ca

www.nordicsportspei.ca

Learn to Ski Program

The Learn to Ski Program provides children aged 6-9 years the opportunity to learn the basic skills of classic cross-country skiing from former Canada Games coaches John and Anne Keuper. This program is held on Saturday mornings from 10-12 am from January to March. Space in the program is limited so don't wait to register. Equipment needed: Classic cross-country ski equipment. Rental equipment is available from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club (on first come/served basis) or from the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park. Program fees: \$55 plus rentals (if required, \$30). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of \$20 for the year. Program fees include a season's pass to the Nordic trails at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale.

Biathlon Bears Program

The Biathlon Bears Program gives children aged 8-14 the opportunity to learn the basic skills of biathlon (marksmanship and skate skiing) as they progress through 3 levels of the program. Sessions are held twice weekly (Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm and Sundays 12-2:00 pm) and runs from January to March. There are also additional summer and fall activities offered. Equipment Needed: Air rifles (provided during practices for use by participants) and skate ski equipment. Ski rentals are available on first come/served basis from the Brookvale Bears Biathlon Club. Program fees: \$125 plus ski rentals (if required, \$75). Online registration with Nordic Sports PEI is also required for insurance purposes at a cost of \$20 for the year. Program fees include a season's pass to the Nordic trails at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale. If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of these programs please contact the program manager (Brad Haltli, brad.haltli@nordicsportspei.ca) with the following information: 1) program you are interested in, 2) child's name, and 3) child's age and online registration information will be provided. Gear fitting for these programs will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the Brookvale Nordic lodge of the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park from 12:00- 4:00 PM. Space in the program is limited so please register early. Parent involvement in the Learn to Ski and Biathlon Bears Programs is essential to sustaining these successful programs. We are looking for new coaches to join the programs. For more information about registration or if you are interested in volunteering as supporter or coach for either program, please contact the Brookvale Biathlon Bears Program manager. Financial support for program fees can be obtained by applying to the Kids Sport program (<https://kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/provincial-fund/>)

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:

- Spooktacular Bake Sale – more info to come. 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.