

Spring Park Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023



Anne Ives – Acting Principal

www.edu.pe.ca/springpark

Amanda Killorn – Acting Vice-Principal

Dates to Remember

Sep	4 th	NO CLASSES - Labour Day.
	7 th	First day of class for students.
	19 th	Meet the Staff night – 5:30
	29 th	PD day – NO CLASSES
Oct	2 nd	NO CLASSES Truth and Reconciliation Day
	5 th	Orange Shirt Day
	9 th	NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Day
	10 11 th	School Photo Days
	27 st	NO CLASSES – PD Day

Arrival

Bus students will arrive between 8:05 – 8:15.

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. If it is raining the students go directly into their classes.



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.

Bus Notes

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.

If you have not yet made bussing arrangements please go to psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca or call Ashley in transportation at 902-569-0597.

New Staff

Welcome to:

Ellen MacArthur - Grade 3 English (morning)
Jenna Paynter - Grade 4/3 English combined class
Laurie Anne MacKay - Resource French Immersion
Ophelie Brastiviceanu - French Monitor
Jill Worth - EAL teacher
Dawn Muril - EAL teacher (50%)
Massiel Flemming - EA
Marsha Perry - EA
Laurie Ball - EA
Jocelyn Harris - Admin. Support (morning)

Welcome back to Katherine Stephens – Grade 4

Retirees – The following people retired in June. We thank them for all their contributions to Spring Park and wish them luck on the next chapter of their lives.

Barbie MacQuarrie
Bev Coles
Helen Hendrickan

Staff Changes

Going forward, Tanya Ford will be replacing Chelsea Snow as Administrative Assistant in the front office. Please direct all emails or concerns to

tgford@edu.pe.ca

Jocelyn Harris is our Administrative Assistant and her hours are from 8- 12:15. jrharris@edu.pe.ca is her email.

Mr. MacIsaac is on leave until December 22, 2023. Mrs. Ives will be acting Principal and Ms. Killorn will be acting Vice Principal.

Scent-free, Nut-free, & Shellfish-free School

Due to allergies and product sensitivities, the school is **scent-free**, **nut-free**, and **shellfish-free**, so students/parents, and visitors are reminded not to use scented products or send peanut or shellfish products in snacks and lunches.



Student Supplies

Parents are responsible for providing a kitbag, lunch bag, re-usable fork/spoon, water bottle, and a pair of sneakers to be used for indoors.

Visitors

With our ongoing focus on student and staff safety, visitors to the school must sign in at the office.

Visitors are not permitted past the office area without permission from the office staff. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Knitting Club

Knitting Club (at lunch recess) for grades 5 & 6 will be starting soon – details of the day & location will be announced. There is no experience needed and yarn & needles for those who are just learning will be provided (thanks to donations from various people last year). For students who are experienced knitters, bring a project to work on or get help with. Not sure what to do? Then come and ask questions or just check us out! Maybe you can help with the group project started last year – pet blankets for the Humane Society.



Student Absence Line

Student Absence Line 902-569-7785

At Spring Park School we have a Safe Arrival Line which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 AM.

This 24hr answering machine is available so parents can call the school and let us know if your children/child will be late or absent. We realize that many parents are in direct contact with home room teachers; this is another communication option available to you.

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Hot Lunch Program



Register for hot lunches at:

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

Tuesday -Dominoes' Pizza

Wednesday - Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

Milk can be ordered every day.

You can pay on line by BAMBORA or bring the money into the school and we will post it to your account. No CHEQUES please. PAYMENT must be made when ordering. You will **not** be able to place a second order if the previous order is not paid.

Lunch orders will open on September 21st, 2023 and close on Monday, September 25th at 9am.

Reminder that all lunch orders have to be paid by 9AM Monday morning or the order will be deleted.

Provincial School Food Program

Bon Appétit! – The provincial food program has changed its name to Bon Appétit. It's a new school year and everyone is invited to sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools.

The next two- week cycle (Sept. 25th – Oct. 6th, 2023) will open for ordering Sep 16th and will close Sept. 20th.

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

Friendly Reminder: The PEI Healthy School Food Program recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability. To reduce the program's foot print, we have moved **to bring your own fork/spoon.**

Parent Text Messaging

Parents are invited to join our emergency text messaging system. The system is configured to send text messages to mobile phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. We use text messages to communicate during emergency situations as well as specific school closures or early dismissals.

When a new number is added, you may see the following message:

"PSB & CSLF messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca"

Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers).

COACHES' CORNER

Physical Education

Mr. Maddix and Ms. Canning would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year! We encourage you to check our Physical Education BLOG, which will keep you up to date with special events, intramurals, school sport opportunities, and after school activities. Our Blog will also have important information in terms of dates, times, and any updates/cancellations that may be made on a regular basis. We also send out important info in the Coach's Corner/Phys-Ed section of our monthly newsletter.

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 28th (Rain date: Tuesday, 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!



After School Programs

CHANCES – at Spring Park Church

Meet in a designated area and walks as a group.
65 Kirkwood Dr.
902-367-1998
E-mail: kaaleejenkins@chancesfamily.ca
Midday Closure – OPEN

MIGHTY OAKS - (Formally Kids Kan) – BUS 135

1 Kirkdale Dr.
Darla – 902-672-4888
E-mail: mightyoaksacademypei@gmail.ca
Midday Closure – OPEN

PANTHER ACADEMY at UPEI – Bus 53

University of PEI Campus
902-566-0368
Midday Closure – OPEN

ALL KIDS LEARNING CENTRE – PICK UP

28 Kirkwood Dr.
Sarah
E-mail: allkidslearningcentre@gmail.com
902-892-4769
Midday Closure - OPEN

KidsFit – Meet at Soccer Field

Jack Blanchard Hall
7 Pond St.
Cindy Smith – 902-218-2964
E-mail: kidsfitpei@gmail.com
(Facebook @kidsfitasp)
Midday Closure – CLOSED

Truth & Reconciliation Week

October 2-6th is Truth & Reconciliation week at Spring Park School. We will be doing various activities to recognize National Day of Truth & Reconciliation, which is on Saturday, Sept 30, 2023. If your child identifies as indigenous, please feel free to inform the school as we would like to include them in preparations for the week.

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Cross-Country Running Club:

Cross Country running is for grades 3 to 6 and will begin on Wednesday, September 13th. Students will practice and train by running around the school during their small recess. In order to select our top runners for our zone competition this year, we will select a day during school (to be determined) to time students running around the school. Our top runners in each age category/classification will qualify for the zone 3 competition and will receive additional info regarding this event.

The age categories are as followed along with the distance they will run:

Grade 3 and 4 Girls – 1.5 km

Grade 3 and 4 Boys- 1.5 km

Grade 5 and 6 Girls - 2 km

Grade 5 and 6 Boys - 2 km

Home and School

Meet the Teacher

“Meet the Teacher” Nights are planned for parents to meet your child’s teacher at the beginning of the school year. It’s an informal opportunity to chat, face-to-face, say hi, to become acquainted with your child’s teacher.

Spring Park School has **Meet the Staff night on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30.**

The doors will open at 5:25 and parents can go directly to their child/children’s classroom.

At 5:45 a second bell will ring to allow the second session to begin.

Specialist teachers will be in the library.