

Sept. 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:

Sept. 19 - Meet the Staff Night at 5:30
Sept. 23 - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
Sept. 25 – Home and School Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the library
Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)
Oct. 1 - Photo day
Oct. 2 – Photo day
Oct. 4 – Terry Fox Run @ Spring Park
Oct. 9 – Grade 3 and 2/3 X Thanksgiving concert
Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving (no 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 pm.

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

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.

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.

Truth & Reconciliation Week

September 30 – October 4 is Truth & Reconciliation Week at Spring Park School. We will be doing various activities during the week to recognize National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, which is on Monday, September 30th, 2024.

Meet the Staff Night

Meet the Staff Night is planned for parents to meet your child/children's teacher at the beginning of the school year. It is an informal opportunity to chat and become acquainted with your child's/children's teacher.

Spring Park has **Meet the Staff night on Thursday, 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.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot lunches for dates Sept. 23 – Oct. 4. Orders will open Thursday Sept. 19th and will close Mon. Sept. 23rd @ 9:00 AM

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! – Orders for Sept. 23 – Oct. 4 open Sept. 14 and closes at noon Thurs. Sept. 19.

Orders for Oct. 7-18 open Sept. 28 and closes at noon Oct. 3.

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

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

New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Spring Park.

- Rouba Abdallah (2/3 X teacher)
- Michael Brown (3A teacher)
- Tim Ashton (5 / 6 Y Teacher)
- Caroline Lavigne (EA)
- Alana Campbell (EA)
- Lynette MacKinnon (Principal)
- Adam Carragher (EAL STEP teacher)
- Eduardo Garza (EAL STEP Youth Service Worker)
- Susan Burleigh (EAL Youth Service Worker)
- Cloé Bertrand (French Monitor)

Welcome back to:

- Mary Dow-Zakem (returning 4B teacher)
- Tracy-Anne Manning (returning 5 / 6 Z teacher)
- Marti Pendleton (returning Counsellor)
- Amy Cheverie (EA)
- Andrew Chandler (EA)
- Brett Ballum (EA)
- Amanda Drake (EA)

Coaches Corner

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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 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.

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

Cross-Country Running Club:

Cross Country running is for grades 3 to 6 and will begin on Wednesday, September 11th. 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 (Pre-Novice) – 1.5 km

Grade 3 and 4 Boys (Pre-Novice)- 1.5 km

Grade 5 and 6 Girls (Novice) - 2 km

Grade 5 and 6 Boys (Novice) - 2 km

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)

September Music News

Welcome back to music class from your music teachers, Mr. O (K – 4) and Ms. Shea (4 – 6)! We are looking forward to a wonderful year of music-making ahead.

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.

Please take note of our concert dates for this year:

October 9th – 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



Scent-free, Nut-free & Shellfish-free school

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

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.

SPS Home and School News



Mark your calendars – The first meeting of the Home and School Association will be Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 pm in the school library.

We hope to see you there!

Attendance

For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. In the 2023/2024 school year, **5,980 of 20,747 students in Public Schools Branch schools have missed 10% or more of total school days**, that's approximately 18 school days, and it can have a lasting impact on their academic success. To help understand how our school is doing, each month we'll include PSB data in our newsletter with hopes to see improvement throughout this school year.

Families who would benefit from regular food donations (i.e. can of tuna, KD, snacks etc) can contact our school counsellors, Marti Pendleton mxpathleton@edu.pe.ca or Darlene Heilman dcheilman@edu.pe.ca so that bags of food can be sent home with your children.