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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.

- Sept. 8 – First Day of Class for Students (Kindergarten starts at 9:30am on 1st day)
- Sept. 17 – Meet the Staff Night @ 5:30
- Sept. 23 – Home & School meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)
- Oct. 8 – School Pictures
- Oct. 9 – School Pictures
- Oct.12 – Thanksgiving (no classes)
- Mid Nov. – Picture Retakes (date not confirmed)

Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire staff, I am thrilled to welcome both returning and new families to a new school year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer.

The beginning of the school year is always full of energy, optimism, and exciting new beginnings. Our team has been hard at work preparing classrooms and learning spaces to ensure a safe, engaging, and supportive environment where every student can learn, grow, and thrive.

At our school, we deeply value the partnership between home and school. Open communication and collaboration are key to student success, and we encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year through our newsletters, school updates, and upcoming family events.

Thank you for trusting us with your children’s education and growth. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and achieving together!

Sincerely,

Lynette MacKinnon, Principal

Morning Drop off

Students cannot be dropped off before 8:05 am. Students play outside on their assigned playground until 8:20, then they go to their classes. Students who want to go to the breakfast program between 8:05 – 8:20 should go around to the back of the school and enter through the back doors.
Please ensure students arrive at school before 8:30. It is important to establish a consistent morning routine to arrive at school on time. Students who arrive after 8:30 should enter through the front doors and sign in at the office.

Afternoon pick up

Students who take the bus are dismissed at 2:35. For safety reasons, parents and students should not walk through the bus area. Parents who are picking up their child(ren) should wait by the large tree outside the kindergarten doors or on the sidewalk by the street. The bell rings

for walkers/pick-ups at 2:40. Due to congestion on the sidewalk by the buses, we kindly ask that parents do not wait on the school side of the sidewalk by the buses.

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.

Student Safety

Please discuss the following safety tips with your child when getting dropped off/picked up at school. **Please note, no vehicles other than buses are permitted in the bus lane at any time.**

Bus Lane & Parking Lot Safety Steps

1. **Use Designated Crosswalks Only:** Always stay on marked walkways and cross the bus lane exclusively at designated crosswalks.
2. **Stop and Look Both Ways:** Before stepping off the curb or crossing the bus lane, stop completely and look left, right, and left again for moving buses.
3. **Make Eye Contact with Bus Drivers:** Always wait until you make direct eye contact with the bus driver and receive a clear signal or wave from them before walking in front of a bus.

Bus Notes

We do not accept bus notes except for primary childcare. If you need to make a change to after-school plans, please call the school (902 368-6400) no later than 2:00 pm.

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

Truth & Reconciliation Week

September 28 – 29 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 Wednesday, September 30th, 2025.

Forms

The students will receive the Student Information Form, Low Risk Form, Media Release Form, and for K and Gr. 4 Responsible Use Form. **PLEASE RETURN THESE FORM ASAP.**

We now have information pages on our [Website](#): School Calendar; School Hours; School Lunch Programs and Afterschool Care Information. This information will no longer be coming home in a paper copy.

Meet the Staff Night

Meet the Staff Night is planned for parents to meet their 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 17th 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.

New Staff

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

- Ellen MacArthur (School Counsellor)
- Laurie-Anne MacKay (1C)
- Megan MacGregor (4A)
- Mariah MacDonald (5B until March 26)
- Brian McMillan (until Nov.)
- Krista Cudmore-Burke (until March 26)
- Dara McCabe (Youth Service Worker)
- Sandra Jollimore and Madalyn Murdock (EAL Youth Service Workers)
- Bryanne Wood (Student Attendant)
- Carol Chappell and Emanuella Okrikri (Educational Assistants)
- Aruna Nanayakkara (Night Custodian)

Welcome back to:

- Ashley Hiscock (3A)
- Amos Baker (5A)
- Shannon Moore (3C)
- Emily Younie (KD)
- Alyssa May (EA)

Staff who have changed assignments:

- Stefanie McGrath-Paradowski (PBIS Lead)
- Amanda Killorn (Resource)
- Mary Dow-Zakem (4D)
- Katherine Stephens (Teacher-Librarian)
- Mary MacPhee (6A)
- Tracy-Anne Manning (4C while Mme. Coulson is on leave)
- Tim Ashton (5/6Y)

Staff Retirements

We would like to congratulate our staff who retired at the end of last year: Maureen Diamond, JoAnne Jay, Betty Johnston and Caroline Lavigne. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

Scent-Free and Nut-Free School

Due to allergies and product sensitivities, the school is scent-free and nut-free (all nuts). Students/parents and visitors are reminded not to use scented products or send peanut/nut products in snacks and lunches. Some classes may have additional products that are not permitted due to students with allergies in the class.

SPS Hot Lunch Program: K’s will get free white milk Sept. 14- Oct. 2

Hot lunches for dates Sept.14 -25 Orders will open Thursday Sept. 10th and will close Mon. Sept.14 @ 9:00 AM

Each day – Chocolate and White ADL Milk
Tuesday – Domino’s Pizza and the breakfast program donations
Wednesday – Subway

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.

E-mail: info@peischoolfood.ca

Phone: 902-380-3663

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

School Photos

We will be having our school photos on October 8 and 9. We will try our best to get through as many classes as possible on the first day. Beginning this season, proofs will now be professionally printed directly at the studio and then shipped to the school, rather than being produced on-site during photo day.

School Occupational Therapy Information

[Intro OT for Newsletter 2026-2027.docx](#)

Spring Park Home & School Association

Welcome to a New School Year!

The Spring Park Home & School is a great way to **connect with other parents and school staff, stay up to date on what’s happening at the school, and learn about ways you can help make a difference** in our school community.

 Our First Meeting

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 PM

 **Spring Park School Library**

We’d love to see you there!

No Commitment Required!

You **do not have to commit to anything** by coming to a meeting. Whether you can attend every meeting, come once in a while, or simply want to find out what Home & School is all about, **you are welcome!** We’ll share information about what’s happening at Spring Park, hear ideas and feedback from families, and talk about opportunities to support the school.

And if volunteering is something you’re interested in, there are **many ways to help without a big time commitment**. Volunteer opportunities are flexible, and you can choose what works for you and your schedule.

 Help with the Breakfast Program!

Would you like to help with our **Breakfast Program**? We’d love to have you!

You can volunteer **weekly, monthly, or whenever your schedule allows**. Every bit of help makes a difference and helps us provide this important program for our students.

Interested in helping? **Reach out to us at springparkhsa@gmail.com.**

 Connect With Us!

Have a question, an idea, or just want to find out more?

Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or send us an email at springparkhsa@gmail.com anytime.

We’re here for **parents, staff, and students**, and we’d love to hear from you!

Come when you can. Help when you can. Connect when you can.

Together, we can help make Spring Park an even stronger school community.

We hope to see you on September 23! 

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to all our Spring Park Musicians. Stay tuned for news on Choirs and Rock Band. Please find the concert dates for this year:

- October 22 – Grade 2 and 3 Concert
- November 10 – Grade 4 Remembrance Day
- December 9 (storm date Dec 10) – Grade 1 Concert
- January 27 (storm date Jan 28) – Grade 5 Musical
- March 10 (storm date March 11) – Grade 6 Concert
- May 3 – Music Monday Showcase
- May 28 – Kindergarten Concert
- June 24 – Grade 6 Closing

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Shea or Mr. O.
Karri Shea (kjshea@edu.pe.ca) and Mr. O (rdodonnell@edu.pe.ca)

COACHES’ CORNER

Physical Education:

Mr. Maddix and Ms. Canning would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year! Please continue to check out the monthly newsletter Coache's Corner section that will keep you up to date with important information in terms of dates, times, and sporting events.

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

Learn to Skate with Us! Registration is open for Speed Skating PEI programs starting late September. Our Learn to Skate program is aimed at skaters 4 to 8 years old who are just starting to skate or who want to improve their basic skating skills. For those who can already skate and are looking to improve their speed and strength, we offer a range of programs for all ages and levels. Visit us at speedskatingpei.ca to learn more or sign up today! If you have any questions, please email info@speedskatingpei.ca.



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Web speedskatingpei.ca

Charlottetown and Area Ringette Association

ALL YOU NEED TO BRING:

- Skates
- Helmet
- Warm Gloves

FREE TO ATTEND!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

12:15PM

CARI A RINK

FUN. FRIENDS. FAST. THAT'S RINGETTE!

Members will be on hand to answer questions about the sport and assist with registering for the **2026-2027** season.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Pre-register online: charlottetownringette.com

WE WILL PROVIDE AN HOUR OF ON-ICE FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN INTERESTED IN TRYING RINGETTE!