



Janvier/January 2024

Spring Park School Newsletter

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Safe Arrival Line 902-569-7785

At Spring Park, we have a Safe Arrival Line which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 AM. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

Dismissal Changes

Please contact the main office by 2 pm with any dismissal changes. This will give office staff enough time to confirm and plan the arrangements with your child's home room teacher before their allotted dismissal time.

Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 4, 5 - Professional Learning Days (no classes)
- Jan. 8 - First Instructional Day for students
- Feb. 19 - Statutory Holiday (no classes)

Arrival

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

Scent Free, Nut Free & Shell Fish Free School:

Due to allergies and product sensitivities, the school is **scent-free, nut-free and shellfish-free**



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.

Thank You!!

We would like to send out a special thanks to all students and their parents who sent along goodies and gifts to our staff during the month of December. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed gifts and time to the **Christmas Shoppe**. It was very rewarding to see so many happy students getting gifts for those they love.

Bus Notes

We are not accepting bus notes currently, except for primary childcare. If you need to make a change to after school plans, please call the school **NO LATER** than 2:00PM

Library News

Thanks to everyone who supported our school library by making purchases at our Book Fair. Thank You! Thank You!
It was a huge success with over 223 new books added to our book collection!!! Spring Park School Library is truly grateful!!
Mrs. Jay

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Jan. 8 – Jan. 19.

Orders will open Jan. 4 and will close Jan. 8@ 9:00 AM Orders for Jan. 22 – Feb. 2 will open Jan. 18 and close Mon. Jan. 22 at 9am.

<https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>
(School access code: SPHL)

**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/>

Jan. 8 -12 – Orders close at noon Thursday Dec. 28.

Jan. 15 - 26 Orders close at noon Thursday Jan. 11.

Jan. 29- Feb. 9 Orders close at noon Thursday Jan. 25.

Lunch Utensils

A friendly reminder to please send along utensils as well as a reusable water bottle with your student daily. The office does not provide these to students. As well, our lunch programs have no longer been providing utensils either.



Gold Rush

5 HOURS UNTIL DRAW TIME
POT COULD HIT \$20,000

HOW DOES MY SELECTED
SCHOOL BENEFIT?



Every week you play, the proceeds of your ticket purchases go directly to the school you choose to support.

You don't have to win for your school to benefit.



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Sign up and play (<https://causable.io/cospei/>)

Music News

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Festival Choirs

This year Spring Park will be entering two choirs into the Queens County Music Festival: one for grade 1-2 students and one for grades 3-6. These choirs will rehearse during one recess per cycle to prepare for our performance at the end of April. Students who participate will get to travel to the music festival for our public performance, as well as perform for the school during our music showcase in May. All are welcome to sign up for our festival choirs and join us to sing!

Honour Choir

Some of our grade six students have been invited to participate in the PEI Junior Honour Choir, which is a wonderful opportunity to sing under the direction of a professional choral conductor as well as represent Spring Park alongside schools from across the province! These students will rehearse one recess per cycle and attend a special rehearsal day on **Friday, March 1st** to prepare for a special concert at the end of April. Congratulations to all of our students who were invited to participate!

Rock Band

Congratulations to all the students who auditioned for senior rock band. Due to the tremendous talent at Spring Park, two senior rock bands were made this year! Our senior rock bands will be rehearsing in the new year before we open the auditions for singers to join us on the songs we have learned. The senior rock bands will be performing in the Island Rock Band Showcase later in the school year (date TBD). Students who didn't make the senior bands this year are invited to join our junior rock band where we will learn the basics of rock instruments and prepare them to be successful in their audition next year!

Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025

We are still taking kindergarten registration:

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31st, 2024.
- Register during school hours.
- Registration form will be completed at time of registration.
- Reminder to bring a piece of Government issued I.D. verifying proof of child's age.
 - Birth Certificate
 - PEI Health Card
 - Passport
- Verification of home address, i.e. utility bill, lease agreement. etc.

Please see the Public-School Boards website for more details for zoning question:

<https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/registering-your-child-for-school>

COACHS' CORNER

Gymnastics Club is for students in Grades 3 to 6 who have signed up and returned their high-risk form prior to Christmas break. Our club will begin the week of January 8th. It is very important to attend practices as students must learn many different skills and a routine in order to be ready for our school meet.

After School Practices (2:35 – 3:45):

Students must be picked up by 3:45 SHARP

Grade 5 & 6 Girls: **Tuesdays** (January 9th & 16th)
Grade 3 & 4 Girls: **Wednesdays** (January 10th & 17th)
Grade 3 to 6 Boys: **Thursdays** (January 11th & 18th)

*Please visit our Phys-Ed blog for any times, changes and information pertaining to our gymnastics program:

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

Important Competition dates

Spring Park School Meet (All students) –Monday, January 22nd /Storm Date: Tuesday, Jan 23rd

Zone 3 Meet at West Royalty (Qualifiers Only) – Thurs, February 1st /Storm Date: Feb 2nd

Provincials at Kensington High School (Qualifiers Only) - Saturday, February 10th

More info to follow!

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



School news column is written by Dionne Taplin, President for The Guardian newspaper. The next column will be posted on Jan. 6 on our website <https://peihsf.ca/news/> and social media platforms.

January is Mentoring Month and **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of PEI** is hoping to expand our programming, specifically, **in-school mentoring**, to more schools across the Island. We are actively looking for adult and senior volunteers to become in-school mentors. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns or to volunteer. You can contact Myron Yates, our Executive Director at (902)368-7760 or Myron.yates@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca Thank you.

Attn Parents: Are you looking for a safety course for your child or want your child to build self-confidence as well as work on social skills? If the answer is "Yes" then KidproofPEI is your answer! Kidproof was established in 2000 by a former Canadian police officer who saw a need for children to become proactive to prevent unnecessary emergency situations. Since then, we have been teaching children around the world how to stay safe and gain lifesaving skills. KidproofPEI was formed this past summer and your local Delivery Partner/Owner is Arlene White. Her bio can be located on the website www.kidproofpei.com as well as a description of all the courses available. Any questions please email kidproofpei@gmail.com or call 902-724-2702.

Community News

2024 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a schoolteacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 19, 2024**.

Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Resolutions impact change

The Federation supports equal opportunity for all students and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at annual meetings. Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Guidelines on how to write and present a resolution and examples of previously passed resolutions are available at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions. Discuss topics with local association parents and teachers and consider submitting a resolution. Deadline to submit resolutions is **Jan. 31, 2024**.

Annual Reports

Presidents/Co-Chairs are asked to submit your 2023/24 Annual Reports to the Federation by **Feb. 29**. Annual reports are compiled in the Federation's Book of Reports posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

2024 School Staff Appreciation Week, February 12-16

This week is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, administrative support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Keep plans simple!

2024 Annual General Meeting Notice

Book your calendars! The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will hold its 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. All member Home and School Associations are invited to attend the AGM. Each Association is invited to designate five of your school's attendees as voting delegates. Registration details will be posted in February at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>