

# March 2022

## Spring Park School Newsletter



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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. Calling this line will enable us to ensure the safety of your child.

### Dates to Remember:

<b>March</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews K-9 (No Classes)
	14-18 <sup>th</sup>	March Break (No Classes)
<b>April</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	School Goals Day (No Classes)
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday (No Classes)
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday (No Classes)

### SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Feb.28<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ordering will close on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM.

Hot Lunches for dates Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Orders will open Mar.10<sup>th</sup> and will remain open  
Ordering will close on Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 AM. (Due to  
March Break)

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE (before  
Monday at 9AM)**

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.

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

### Visitors:

With our ongoing focus on student and staff safety, visitors in schools will be reduced and will be encouraged to wait outside the school. We encourage parents and other visitors to limit the number of visits to schools. If you have to come into the school you **MUST** wear a mask, sanitize after entering the school and sign-in.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



### Co-Vid 19 at Home Testing

As outlined in the revised Back-to-School Guidelines provided by the Chief Public Health Office

Going forward all **students should test at home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, until notified otherwise.** In the event there is no school on any of these dates, children should maintain the testing schedule. Test results do not need to be reported to the school (unless there is a positive result).

Do not forget to bring your 3 layer mask along to school with you!



### Coaches Corner

Attention Gr. 5 and Gr. 6 Parents,

Due to Covid, we have to change the way we select our novice badminton team this year. In previous years, we have held an open tryout for this competition, which result in many students coming to the gym to tryout. Due to our current situation and guidelines, we will select our participants based on observation of their participation and skill level during Phys.Ed class. Once selected, we will do a mini tournament during lunch times, and possibly after school, to qualify our athletes for the upcoming novice zone meet. If your child qualifies, we will send home a memo with them.

We wanted to inform you about our process in case your child is upset that they did not qualify for our mini tournament. Please explain the process to them. Your child will continue to have practice during our badminton unit in Phys.Ed class.

We hope by next year, things will open up and we will get back to our regular format to select our school teams. We appreciate your understanding and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us.  
P.E Department

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## Safe & Caring Committee

Here at Spring Park School, we notice our students displaying acts of kindness each and every day! In order to recognize some of the wonderful things that we see around our school, a new school wide initiative will be kicking off. Teachers will be awarding students with a yellow "Spring Park Spark" slip that students can bring home for parents to see. Slips are to be returned to the school and they will be used to create a display to acknowledge the great things that happen in our school. We are excited to get this started!

## Scent Free, Nut Free & Shell Fish 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.



## Community News

### \*\*Canadian Summer Baseball Program

Canadian Girls Baseball is a national non-profit organization that serves to deliver baseball programs to girls aged 2-16 years old.

The Summer Program poster for the Charlottetown area can be found [here](#).

The Summer Program poster for the Summerside area can be found [here](#).

The program duration is 5 weeks and runs from July 9th until Sunday, August 27th. Early bird registration is on now until the end of February.

All playing levels are welcome, including girls who are new to the game of baseball!

The Canadian Girls Baseball program details can be found on their website (<https://www.canadiangirlsbaseball.com/blog>)

All COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place for our upcoming program.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to [kelly@canadiangirlsbaseball.com](mailto:kelly@canadiangirlsbaseball.com).

## Music Corner:

For the next few months all the Grade 4, 5, and 6 students we will be doing a recorder unit. The school will provide a recorder for each student to borrow and take home and practice. If your child would like to have their own recorder please purchase a BAROQUE SOPRANO recorder from the local music store Long and McQuade which is located at 104 Capital Drive. They have them in stock and have ordered more. The price is around \$10. Recorders from the dollar store will not work as they are difficult to play in tune. Please encourage your child's home practice as this is a great way to learn how to read music but it takes time!

Thanks for your support.  
Nancy Thornton-Smyth



## Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

We are still taking kindergarten registration:

- Children must be 5 years old by Dec.31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, in order to be eligible for kindergarten.
- Register at child's local elementary school during school hours (**MUST WEAR MASK**).
- Registration form will be completed at time of registration.
- Reminder to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age.
  - Birth Certificate
  - PEI Health Card
  - Passport
- Verification of home address, i.e: utility bill

Please see Public School Board website for more details and for zoning questions:

<https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/2020/10/29/ps-b-kindergarten-registration-for-2021-2022/>



## Eye See, I Learn!

### Good Eyesight is Critical to Learning

To ensure children get the best start in their education, the **Eye See...Eye Learn** program provides a free eye exam and a free pair of glasses, if needed, to Island kindergarten students.

- Children entering or currently enrolled in kindergarten are eligible.
- Call your Doctor of Optometry to book your child's appointment for an eye exam. If you don't have one, visit [www.peioptometrists.ca](http://www.peioptometrists.ca) to find one.
- Bring your child's health card to the appointment.
- Those with private health insurance may have to pay up-front and be reimbursed based on the individual's policy coverage.

For more information visit: [www.peioptometrists.ca](http://www.peioptometrists.ca)

## Community News Pt. 2

STEAM PEI is offering a brand new Tech Bytes March Break Camp in Charlottetown this year. Tech Bytes is for students in grades 4 - 6 and explores topics including coding, game design, robotics, art, and internet smarts with a mix of on-screen and off-screen activities. The cost for the Tech Bytes camp is \$235 for the week.

We are also hosting a science camp in French, with the support of the Canadian parents for French and the Carrefour de l'Isle Saint-Jean.

The "P'tit campeur à la découverte" camp is a science camp for students from kindergarten to grade 3 that will allow them to practice the French language, open for 20 children. The schedule is as follows: from March 14 to 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be delivered to Carrefour de l'Isle-Saint-Jean.

Children will discover the science that exists in their daily life: why do we float in salt water? Why doesn't oil mix with water? What is the difference between a solid and a liquid? What can I do to help my planet? How can you have so many shades of color?

The goal is that they seek to imagine science which is in the simple things and therefore from an early age approach science with enthusiasm.

*For more information and to register visit [www.steampei.com](http://www.steampei.com)*

## Home & School

### 69th Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar! You are invited to attend the 69th Annual Meeting & Convention, Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent St. Charlottetown. Home and School Associations may appoint up to five voting delegates to represent their school with all parents, educators/school staff and students welcome to attend. Speaker registration details will be circulated to presidents asking them to forward to their local school communities.

### Annual Reports Due

Submit your President's Annual Report by March 4th. All reports will be included in the Federation's AGM Book of Reports. E-mail reports in a word doc or paste in email message to: [peihsf@edu.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@edu.pe.ca)

### Board of Directors Nominations

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across P.E.I., and is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates from member Home and Schools. Every year at the annual meeting elections are held for vacant positions on the board, and members are encouraged to nominate candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Access the 2022 Nomination Form [here](#).

### Volunteer / Life Membership Awards

A Home and School volunteer is recognized annually for their efforts in their local school with the Steve McQuaid Volunteer of the Year Award. A Home and School Life Member is someone who has contributed both locally and provincially. You are invited to review awards' criteria and submit nominations by March 18. Review nomination information [here](#).

### School Calendar 2022-2023

Changes to School Calendar Support Canada Winter Games: The 2022/23 school calendar is now available. Next year's calendar is similar to other years, with the major changes being the date of Winter Wellness Day, a return to having a School Goals Day in September, and a two week stretch without classes in February to support the Canada Winter Games. The 2022/23 school calendar has 195 total school days, the same as this year, and there are 179 instructional days.