

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.

Dismissal Changes

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

Dates to Remember:

May	1 st	Ramadan Ends - Eid al-Fitr
	5 th	Coupon Books Go Home
	6 th	PD Day (No Classes)
	12 th	Welcome to Kindergarten Night
June	23 rd	Victoria Day (No Classes)
	28 th	LAST DAY OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates May 2nd – 13th.
Orders will open April 28th and will close May 2nd
@ 9:00 AM

Hot Lunches for dates May 16th - 27th.
Orders will open May 12th and will close Mat 16th
@ 9:00 AM

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 and sanitize your hands.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Lunch Utensils

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



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.

Coaches Corner

Badminton News

Congratulations to all of our players who competed at the badminton zones this past week! You all played so hard and did an amazing job representing Spring Park School!

A special congratulations to Elin Reardon, Sahmita Dhanasekar and Veronica Li who have all qualified for the Provincial Badminton Championships in June. Way to go girls and best of luck!

Track and Field Info

Students in grades 5 and 6 have the choice to try out for our track and field team this year.

IMPORTANT: Please note that students, who choose to try-out, must be available for the following competition dates:

Track and Field Zones: Wednesday, May 25th (During school hours) at UPEI Track

Rain date(s): Friday, May 27th or Monday, May 30th

Track and Field Provincial Championships: Saturday, June 4th at UPEI track

***Students who make our track and field team will receive additional information regarding the Zones and Provincials.

Music News

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions our Grade 5 musical Possibilities/Talent Show will have to be recorded without an audience near the end of May. All grade 5 classes as well as 5/6Z will be performing.

We will be sending out a link for parents/guardians of these students to watch the performance with more details to come on when that will be available.



Spring Coupon Books

Dear Friends of Spring Park Elementary,

This year we are pleased to be offering the 2022 Summer Saver Coupon Books as part of our fundraising efforts. Funds will continue to support various school projects. Funds will also be directed towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Pediatric Unit and Nursery Unit at the QEH.

Summer Saver Coupon Books are full of excellent "buy one get one" offers from everyone's favorite restaurants and businesses. The books sell for only \$10.00 each. A great value for your family and friends!

Due to COVID 19 we do not encourage students to go door to door to sell coupon books. We are asking them to keep their sales between family members, relatives, close neighbors and co-workers of parents and guardians. Payments can be made by cheque or cash.

Coupon Books will be sent home May 5, 2022.

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). ***Please note if your child has already contracted Co-vid 19 they will not have test kits sent home, as they do not have to test for 90 days after having Co-vid 19.*

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



Easter Seals

We would like to thank all staff and students who took part in our spirit days for Easter Seals this month. We raised \$500 in total, way to go Spring Park!

Also a thank you to this year's ambassador, Vaeda Zo Matheson, who came to visit us at Spring Park on Wednesday, April 27th. Thank you so much Vaeda, we loved having you visit!

Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

We are still taking kindergarten registration:

- Children must be 5 years old by Dec.31st, 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/psb-kindergarten-registration-for-2021-2022/>



Heritage Fair

On April 21st we had 65+ projects, both English and French Immersion, grades 5 & 6 students take part in a Heritage Fair. Below are the finalists from each grade level as well as three honorable mentions.

Everyone did such a wonderful job!!

Grade 5

Mya Kells - Harness Racing
Nicole Reynard - Les Filles de roi et moi
Maximillian Ruci - Confederation Bridge
Alexander Yonchev & Ammar Al Rahal - Africville
Regina Collins - Lighthouses
Matt DuPuis - Mark Arendz
Charlotte He & Ece Akay - PEI Railway
Terry Nguyen & Robert Li - PEI Potatoes
Camryn Brine - Owen Connolly

Grade 6

Aryaa Thapa - Viola Desmond
Lola DeJong - Sable Island
Lily Sauer - Les Mangnifique Marc Gallant

Honourable Mention

Paige Nordoff - Family History
Hudson Mossey - Marcel deJong
Fritz Nazarro - Avro Areo

Welcome to Kindergarten

2022-2023 Kindergarten Parents - Please Note: We have sent a more detailed e-mail with information to you as well.

Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening will take place on

May 12 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Below is the schedule for Welcome to Kindergarten. To ensure the night runs smoothly, please come at your designated time based on the beginning letter of your child's last name. Please take note as the letters are not necessarily in order.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Last name</u>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	A, B, C
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	D, E, F, G
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	H, I, J, K, L
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	M, Y, Z
5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	N, O, P, Q, R, S
5:45 pm – 6:00 pm	T, U, V, W, X

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 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



Community News

STEAM PEI and Bricks 4 Kidz are offering some classics and some brand new camps in Charlottetown this summer. These camps explore topics including coding, game design, robotics, art, engineering, and LEGO with a mix of on-screen and off-screen activities.

STEAM PEI Camps offer kids fun and engaging hands-on activities that build teamwork skills and perseverance. More details about each camp and registration can be found online at <https://steampei.com/#camps>.

Bricks 4 Kidz Camps offer a unique look at LEGO, one of the most popular building materials around. Using design plans, motors, and other technical building pieces to engineer LEGO beyond the usual gives kids an exciting week of learning, play, and fun. Registration can be found online at <https://ca.bricks4kidznow.com>.

STEAM PEI and BRICKS 4 KIDZ in partnership with Canadian parents for French will deliver camps in French this summer with the support of the Carrefour de l'isle-Saint-Jean, Belle Alliance, and Montague Intermediate school. Canadian Parents for French will launch the camps on Monday April 18th and CPF members will get \$50 OFF, after contacting CPF to get the coupon code at edcpfpei@gmail.com.

STEAM PEI will deliver:

- 3 Design Thinking camp for 8 to 12 years old:

Montague : July 4 -8

Charlottetown : July 11- 15

- 1 Design Game Makers camp for 10 to 15 years old from Aug 15 - 19.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ will deliver:

1 camp at Charlottetown:

Aug 1 - 5 for 5 to 12 years old

Here's the link to register for this camp:

https://ca.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=97513&selected_schedule=1809232

Camp Schedule for Summer 2022

Bricks 4 Kidz Mash Up Ages 5 - 12

July 4 – 8

Stop Motion Animation Ages 8 - 12

July 4 - 8, July 25 – 29

B4K Game on Ages 5 - 10

July 11 – 15

Jr. STEAM Camp Ages 5 - 8

July 11 - 15, July 18 – 22

Bricks 4 Kidz Master Builders - Spike Ages 9+

July 18 – 22

Prime Challenge

Transportation Timeline Ages 5 - 12

July 25 – 29

B4K Design Challenge Ages 5 - 10

August 1 - August 5, August 22 -26

Building STEAM Ages 11 - 15

August 1 – 5

Girls Engineering for the Future Ages 11 - 15

August 8 – 12

Bricks 4 Kidz Heroes and Villains Ages 5 - 10

August 15 – 19

Game Makers Ages 11 - 15 August 15 – 19

Storybook STEAM Ages 5 - 8 August 22 – 2

Community News

A message from Dale Arsenault, president of the West Royal Softball Association:

Dear parents and athletes, we are pleased to announce that registration for the 2022 regular season is now open.

You will notice some new items added to the process. One item is athlete jersey size and two preferred jersey numbers to help with ordering. We cannot guarantee that your child will get either number but will do our best. Another is the option of ordering belts and socks. In the past we offered that as an extra, this year it will be up to team managers to decide if they'd like to place an order for the team.

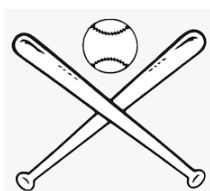
One other change is the option to donate \$5 to the "Fill the Dugout" food drive for the Upper Room food bank. We ran this campaign in February and would like to make this an annual event. Please open your wallets to help support this much needed cause!

On another note, during the registration process we've been offering a discount of \$15 for Charlottetown residency. This is a subsidy that the city offers to keep kids engaged in sport. We offer the discount to our city athletes and at the end of the season we collect from the city. This season we will be monitoring the resident and non-resident registrations. If there are any questions, we will contact you by phone to discuss items of concern.

The deadline to register for an AA tryout in our association is April 29.

If you have any difficulties with the process or questions regarding registration please contact our registrar Jenifer Nichol at jmnichol79@gmail.com Registrations will occur via <https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=8f4415a7>

As well, there's always a need for coaches, head and assistant coaches. I urge you to please sign up to be a coach! It's a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please contact board member Mike Gauthier at Michael.gauthier@theguardian.pe.ca for information on how to sign up.



Community News

SunSense, a program of the Canadian Cancer Society, is pleased to share that The Canadian Cancer Society has launched SunSense nationally. SunSense supports our elementary schools to create sun safe environments that reduce the risk of skin cancer. Visit sunsense.ca to learn more about **free tools and resources for teachers** and how you can become a SunSense Certified school. These include UV bracelets, lesson plans, posters, a shade planning guide, policy toolkit and much more!

C.A.R.E. Parenting Program An organization working to support parents in Canada, a C.A.R.E. hands-on workshop presented by Dr. Tina Montreuil and Rayna Edels for parents, foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers will be held virtually on **May 17th 2022**. Registration is **\$20 per person** and is now open: [here!](#) It is a manual-based program aimed at improving child emotion regulation and well-being by improving parent emotion regulation abilities and increasing the use of positive parent emotion socialization practices. This workshop is taking place in the context of the [2022 Child and Youth Trauma Symposium](#)

****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.

Home & School

CROSSING GUARD / BUS DRIVER RECOGNITIONS

~ [School Crossing Guard of the Year Award](#) recognizes a school crossing guard on PEI for their service in keeping our walking students safe. [Submit nominations by: April 23, 2022.](#)

~ [School Bus Driver of the Year Award](#) recognizes school bus drivers on PEI for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. [Submit nominations by: May 10, 2022.](#)

Welcome to Kindergarten

The 2022 Welcome to Kindergarten schedule is posted on the Public Schools Branch website at: https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/parents_students/wtk-sessions/

School Calendar 2022-2023

Next year's school calendar is posted online at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/2022-2023-school-calendar>