

April 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.

NEW 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:

April	1 st	School Goals Day (No Classes)
	1 st	Ramadan Begins
	6 th	Coupon Book Order Forms Sent Home
	15 th	Good Friday (No Classes)
	18 th	Easter Monday (No Classes)
	27 th	Easter Seals Visit
May	1 st	Ramadan Ends - Eid al-Fitr
	6 th	PD Day (No Classes)
	23 rd	Victoria Day (No Classes)

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates April 4th – April 15th
Ordering will close on March 31st @ 9:00 AM.

Hot Lunches for dates April 19th – April 30th
Orders will open April 14th and will close April 19th
@ 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 after entering the school.

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). ****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!



Coaches Corner

Badminton Club and Tryout Invitation

Through observations in our Phys Ed classes, we have been able to select a number of students to try out for our badminton team. Students selected would have receive info forms and a high risk form that must be returned by Wednesday, March 30th.

Our tryouts and club will be held during lunch recess and practices will be after school from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm on **Wednesdays** for both Boys and Girls!

Practice/Tryout dates:

Wednesdays: 2:30 – 3:45 (March 30th, April 6th, 13th and 27th)
Students who qualify for our team will receive additional information regarding zone and provincial dates.

If you have any questions email:

Mr. Maddix (kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca)

OR

Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)



Aid for Ukraine Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items to our Aid for Ukraine Fundraiser!

Also, thank you to our students and staff who raised \$1000 for Ukraine by wearing yellow and blue on March 9, 2022, as well as monetary donations from families of Spring Park.



Ramadan Begins

April 1st marks the beginning of Ramadan for some of our students and staff here at Spring Park School. Ramadan is a holy month for Muslim students and staff ending with Eid al-Fitr on May 1st.



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.

French Month

Students at Spring Park celebrated French month during the month of March.

March is a month we celebrate the French language and culture in Canada. There is a Rendez-vous (meeting or coming together) of the Francophonie.

In case you would like to experience some typical Acadian French food from our region, we are sharing some classic recipes:

Pâté or Acadian meat pie is one traditional dish, especially around the holiday season. It's usually made with pork and another meat, either chicken, rabbit or beef. Considered a traditional Christmas dish, but now, it is eaten any time of the year. Tourism PEI also has a version [here](#).

Râpure or rappie pie is a casserole dish made by grating potatoes, removing the liquid and replacing it with broth made from either meat or seafood. It's filled with onions and meat or seafood fillings. Discover the PEI Potato Board recipe [here](#).

Chicken fricot is a stew made with meat, vegetables and dumplings. The word "fricot" has its origins in 18th century France and it meant feast. It is a delicious soup: Discover the Kilted Chef's recipe [here](#)



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/>



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.

Order forms will be sent home April 6th

Easter Seals

We are excited that the Easter Seals tour will be returning to schools this year.

This year's ambassador, Vaeda Zo Matheson, will be visiting our school on Wednesday, April 27th.

We will be doing some fundraising for this, so watch for future updates.

Home & School

REGISTER FOR 2022 AGM & CONVENTION

69th PEI Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting & Convention

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Place: In-person at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown

Fee: Registration fee = \$40 pp

Extend the invitation to everyone in your school community. Post on social media platforms.

Parents/guardians, administrators, teachers, school staff, and students are invited to attend. Associations are encouraged to pay registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses for your delegates to reduce barriers to attending.

Need more info? Call: 620-3186 / [1-800-916-0664](tel:1-800-916-0664) / peihsf@edu.pe.ca

REGISTER by: April 14/22.

AGM TOPICS/SPEAKERS

Topics: Truth and Reconciliation, Mental Wellness, Elected School Board, Evolution of Home and School.

Speakers: Senator Brian Francis, Member of the Canadian Senate, Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister Education and Lifelong Learning, Hon. Antionette Perry, Lt. Governor ...*More TBA*

[Click here for draft agenda](#)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are voted on at the Annual General Meeting. Home and Schools re asked to review and vote on the 2022 proposed resolutions at a local meeting. Each Home and School's AGM voting delegates should reflect the opinions of the parents, guardians, teachers, and staff in your school. [Review Resolution: School Bus Monitors.](#) There is time to write and submit a late resolution on an emerging issue. The pandemic caused a delay in submitting resolutions. LATE resolutions may be submitted up to 7 days before the AGM.

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 PROGRAM

The 'Welcome to Kindergarten Program' (WTK) is designed to help prepare preschoolers for a positive start to their school journey. Parents and their children will attend spring WTK orientation sessions at local schools where they receive early learning and literacy resources and learn how to use them at home. [Find your school's WTK session date on the Public Schools Branch website](#)

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

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!

Bricks for Kids Grand Opening Event, April 23, 2022, 11am-4 pm. Help us celebrate the opening of our brand new home, jointly provided by STEAM PEI and Ulnooweg Education Centre. We proudly inspire youth through learning experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). Join us for a day of hands-on, family friendly, Earth-day themed activities and programs with special guests such as Mi'gmaq author, Brandon Mitchell. Brandon will be joining us for a book signing of his recently released graphic novel, Giju's Gift! Of course, there will be food and cake too! Located on the ground level of the Epekwitk Assembly of Councils Building in Downtown Charlottetown at 8 Stan MacPherson Way Contact: Amber Jadis amber@steampei.com

[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](#)

Community News – Part 2

West Royalty Softball is a community organization that provides a place for young girls in the greater Charlottetown area to play softball. WRSA holds an annual event to allow these girls to try the sport of softball before registering for an entire season. This year the event is taking place April 2nd and 9th from 9:30-10:30, at Queen Charlotte Intermediate. On behalf of the WRSA, I was wondering if your school would be able to put out an announcement in your newsletter or on your website to encourage your students to sign up for this event.

Announcement:

Has your daughter ever been interested in playing softball? West Royalty Softball is hosting free Come Try Softball events April 2nd and 9th from 9:30-10:30 at Queen Charlotte Intermediate. This event is for introducing young girls to the sport and give them an opportunity to try it before committing to an entire season. For more information or to register please email emilyd20058@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Emily Wakelin
Junior Director of Player Engagement

****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.