



April 2023

## Spring Park School Newsletter

Mr. Terry MacIsaac- Principal

[www.springpark.edu.pe.ca](http://www.springpark.edu.pe.ca)

Ms. Anne Ives – Vice-Principal

### 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:

April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pink Shirt Day/Winter Wellness
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Fair
	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Coupon Books go home
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – No School
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday – No School
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Seals Visit
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday – No School
	25,26 & 27	Coupon Book Orders Returned

### Arrival

Bus students will arrive between 8:05 – 8:15 am. 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**, so students/parents, and visitors are reminded not to use scented products or send peanut or shellfish products in snacks and lunches.

### Breakfast Program

The Spring Park Breakfast program is expanding to **Five (5) days** a week beginning in April. Organizers are always looking for volunteers!

If you would like to help out please email [spsbreakfastprogram@gmail.com](mailto:spsbreakfastprogram@gmail.com)

### 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.

### 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

### Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone that purchased books at our book fair. We raised \$5543.65! We will be using this money to purchase more books for our Spring Park library.

## Coach's Corner

### Badminton Team/Club

Over the past few weeks, we held a competitive badminton tournament in order to select our top badminton players to join our club. Our **Badminton Team** will be selected and finalized in the upcoming weeks. Students who make the team, will receive additional information regarding Zone and Provincial Competitions/Dates.

#### Practice Schedule:

**WEDNESDAYS** (2:45-3:45 pm) on *March 29th, April 5th and April 12<sup>th</sup>*.

#### **Zone 3 Competition (Times are Approximate)**

**Doubles-** *Monday, April 17th*

*(12:30-4:00- Girls at Stratford Elementary / Boys at Francois -Buote)*

**Singles Preliminaries-** *Tuesday, April 18th*

*(12:30-4:00- Girls at Stratford Elementary / Boys at Francois -Buote)*

**Singles Finals -** *Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (3:15- 5:30 – Girls and Boys at Francois- Buote)*

#### **Badminton Provincial Championships:**

(Charlottetown location and times to be confirmed)

**Singles and Doubles Preliminaries-** *Tuesday, April 25th*

**Singles and Doubles Finals -** *Saturday, April 29th*

Please continue to visit our PE blog for any times, changes and information pertaining to our Badminton Club/Team:

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

If you have any questions, please email:

Mr. Maddix([kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca)) OR Ms. Canning ([kgcanning@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kgcanning@edu.pe.ca))

## 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.



## Music News

### Music Notes - April

We want to say a big thank you to Ms. Norris for her time with us, and welcome back Mr. O as he returns from parental leave, just in time for all of our big spring performances! 😊

### Music Festival

Our choirs are excited to be performing once again at the Queens County Music Festival on **Tuesday, April 25th** at **Park Royal United Church**. Choir members are asked to dress in **white shirts and black or dark coloured pants or skirts**, and will be travelling to the festival as a group from the school. Family members are welcome to attend the performance, but please note that there is a \$3 admission fee for the festival, and that the schedule can run earlier OR later than the times we are assigned. This won't be your last chance to hear the choirs perform... stay tuned for more news on this in May! Our festival performance times are:

*Tuesday, April 25th*  
*Grade 4-5-6 Choir: 9:15am*  
*Grade 2-3 Choir: 10:50am*

### Honour Choir

Our grade 6 Honour Choir students have been doing an incredible job learning their music and will be singing with a group of students from across PEI for our Earth Day concert program on **Saturday, April 22nd at 2:30pm at Park Royal United Church** - all are welcome to attend. Students are asked to wear white shirts and black or dark coloured pants or skirts, and come prepared with a snack, water bottle, and music with pencils at **12:30pm** to rehearse!

### Rock Band Showcase

Our grade 4-5-6 rock band, now known as the Sparks, will be performing for the first time at the PEI Schools of Rock Showcase in Charlottetown on **Saturday, May 6th** - more information on sound check times and our evening showcase performance to follow!

### Extracurriculars

Students who join our choirs or rock bands are reminded that they are committing to attending all lunchtime rehearsals. Any students who have decided they would no longer like to participate in choir or rock band are required to provide a note from their parents or guardians for the music teacher, giving permission for them to do so. Choir and rock band are a team effort and attendance at ALL rehearsals is especially important as we get close to our festival, showcase, and in-school performances!

## SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14th, 2023.  
Ordering will open March 30th and will close April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 AM

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OR THEY WILL GO INACTIVE**

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.\*\***

**Bon Appétit!** – The provincial food program has changed its name to Bon Appétit. It's a new school year and everyone is invited to sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools.

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

## Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

We are still taking kindergarten registration:

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Register at child's local elementary school 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.

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

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



## West Royalty Softball

My name is Dale Arsenault and I am the President of West Royalty Softball. I am wondering if you could add the following information to your next newsletter:

### WEST ROYALTY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

The West Royalty Softball Association offers a softball program for youth in the Greater Charlottetown and surrounding area. This program offers a fun sport experience with quality skill development and an opportunity to foster new friendships. Whether you are a seasoned player or wanting to try it for the first time, we have a program to suit you. Youth born 2005 - 2018 (5 – 18+years old)  
Levels: Learn to play U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 and 18+

### To Register:

All registration information will be posted online at [www.westroyaltysoftball.com](http://www.westroyaltysoftball.com) or follow us on Facebook. On-Line Registration will be open March 26- April 30. Late fees will apply after April 30 if space remains.

“Come Try Softball” sessions are also planned. This is an introduction to softball geared towards new players aged 12 and under. **Free of Charge and equipment will be supplied if necessary!**

For these sessions, please contact our director of Player Engagement Emily Wakelin ([emilyd20058@gmail.com](mailto:emilyd20058@gmail.com))

*For any other questions or information, please send us an email: [WRRockets@hotmail.com](mailto:WRRockets@hotmail.com) or visit [www.westroyaltysoftball.com](http://www.westroyaltysoftball.com). Our frequently asked questions (FAQ) page is a great reference page.*



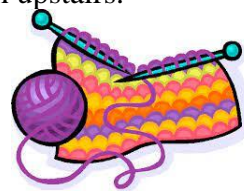
## Coupon Books

We will be doing our Spring coupon book fundraising once again. Order forms will be sent home April 5-6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and are to be returned April 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## Knitting Club

There is a knitting club that will take place on every Day 2 during lunch upstairs. Students are invited to attend during lunch upstairs.



## Heritage Fair

The Grades 5 English and French Immersion and Grade 6 English classes have been participating in the 2023 Heritage Fair Program. They have been working hard choosing their topics, researching and creating their presentation boards. This year the Spring Park Heritage Fair will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room. Judging will take place in the morning and we would like to invite families and friends to view the projects from 12:30 -2:00. Thank you to the volunteer judges and to all the families for supporting the students as they prepared for the Fair.

## Community News

### Home & School News – April News

#### School Bus Driver Award

School Bus Driver of the Year Award recognizes school bus drivers on P.E.I. for keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school daily. Submit nominations by May 5, 2023.

#### National Volunteer Week, April 2023

Volunteering Weaves us Together! Let's celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected, vibrant community!

Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent, and energy to support one another.

#NVW2023 #WeavingUSTogether

NVW 2023 - National Volunteer Week (NVW) - Campaigns - Volunteer Canada

## Community News

### Home & School News – April News

#### 1. Is your school registered?

**SIGN UP today for the 70th P.E.I. Home and School Federation Annual General Meeting & Convention.**

Date/Time: Saturday, April 15, 2023, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Place: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown

Fee: \$40 per person

**Each Home and School is asked to send 2-5 representatives** to this Milestone A.G.M. Please ensure your school is represented. **REGISTER ONLINE** (<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>) or call 902-620-3186.

#### AGM Round Table Topics

**Topics:** Diversity, Student Well-Being, Home & School Successes/Challenges.

**Table Resources:** Debbie Langston & Andrea Garland, Diversity Consultants

Elizabeth Kennedy, Student Well-Being Team Lead Consultant

Sara Fletcher & Tina Cardiff, Family Support Workers, Bluefield & Montague Family of Schools.

**Guests:** Hon. Antionette Perry, Lt. Governor for P.E.I.; Minister or Deputy Dept. of Education, Federation Past Presidents, and more.

#### Resolutions

Three resolutions will be considered and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 15. Home and Schools are asked to review and vote on the proposed resolutions at your local meeting and select your voting delegates **who will attend the A.G.M., voting as directed by their Association. Voting should reflect the opinions of your school's parents, guardians, teachers, and staff. Find proposed resolutions online at: [peihsf.ca/agm](https://peihsf.ca/agm)**

