



**January 2023**

# 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:**

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| Jan | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Statutory Holiday – NO CLASSES                                  |
|     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | First Instructional Day for Students in 2023.                   |
|     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | CHESS CLUB opens.   |
|     | 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | Hot Lunches OPEN (Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023) |
|     | 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | Hot Lunches CLOSE at 9:00 AM.                                   |
|     | 15 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> | Literacy Week.  |
| Feb | 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | Winter Wellness Day & Pink Shirt Day                            |
|     | 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Statutory Holiday – NO CLASSES                                  |
|     | 21-24                               | Canada Games – NO CLASSES                                       |
|     | 27-28 <sup>th</sup>                 | Mid-Term Break – NO CLASSES                                     |
| Mar | 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Mid-Term Break – NO CLASSES                                     |

### **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.

### **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.

### **Scent Free, Nut Free & Shellfish 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.

### **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

### **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.

## SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Ordering will open Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and will close Jan 9<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9:00 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/>

## 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 no longer provide utensils either.



## Christmas Shoppe

A huge thank you to all the parent / grandparent volunteers who came to help make our Christmas Shoppe a success! Thank you to all who sent in donations of wrapping paper, tape & name tags. Your donations were greatly appreciated. We raised \$647 for the Home & School and we saw a lot of smiling faces going home with some wrapped treasures for their loved ones.

## Music News

Happy new year! It's January and for our music program, that means two things: recorder karate and the beginning of our extracurricular programs!

### Recorder Karate - Grades 4-6

For our grade 4-6 students, our music classes will be focused on recorder until the February break. Students are welcome to bring their own recorder from home, or they may borrow a school recorder for the duration of the unit. If your child would like to have their own recorder, we recommend purchasing the Yamaha brand **Baroque** soprano recorder at Long & McQuade, which is priced at \$8.99, over cheaper models that may not sound or play as well. Students are expected to send 5-10 minutes per day practicing their recorder at home and can earn colored "belts" for their recorder!

### Extracurricular Opportunities

We will be offering three types of lunchtime extracurricular activities this year:

- Two choirs, for grades 2-3 (with Ms. Norris) and grades 4-6 (with Ms. Shea)
- "Ready-to-rock" rock band for musicians who already have experience playing guitar, drums, bass, piano, or vocals. Students who auditioned will meet with Ms. Shea early in January to get started!
- Beginner clubs for: piano, guitar, and drums - these will be open to all students in grade 4-6. Interested students can come to learn the basics and practice independently, with coaching from Ms. Shea (and other helpers!). Our extracurricular schedule is still being finalized but these beginner clubs will likely take place one at a time in six-week sessions, so students can choose to join the club for one instrument or all of them!

To support our beginner clubs, we are continuing to collect **donations of any used keyboards or guitars** that may be collecting dust in your basements, or that you were hoping to find a new home for! Please feel free to bring them to the school office or contact Ms. Shea at [kjshea@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kjshea@edu.pe.ca) if you have any questions!

## COACHS' CORNER

### Gymnastics Club

Gymnastics Club is for students in grades 3 to 6 who have chosen to sign up prior to Christmas break and will begin the week of January 3rd. It is very important to attend practices, as students must learn many different gymnastics skills and a routine in order to be ready to compete in our school meet.

#### After School Practices (2:35 – 3:45):

Grade 5 & 6 GIRLS: Tuesdays  
Grade 3 & 4 GIRLS: Wednesdays  
Grade 3 to 6 BOYS: Thursdays

**\*Students must be picked up at 3:45\***

#### Spring Park School Gymnastics Meet

*Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (Storm Date:  
Thursday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>)*

*Students will receive an info form with additional details!*

## Chess Club

Chess Club starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.



## 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>



## Coupon Books

We have some extra coupon books in the office. The cost of each book is \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing a coupon book, please contact the main office at 902-368-6400.

#### Congratulations to the Winners:

Top Prizes: Alexander Harding (KB) - \$75  
Calvin Reijers (4D) - \$50  
Quinlyn MacDonald (6C) - \$25

Cash Prizes: Alayah Lowe (3C) - \$25  
Sparsh Paudel (3A) - \$25  
Blake Walfield (1A) - \$25

## Home & School News

### 1. 2023 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff

Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Fri. Jan. 20**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

### 2. Resolutions are about change

Do you see a need for change in PEI's education system? The PEI Home and School Federation supports equal opportunity for all students in PEI's education system and promotes this by passing pertinent resolutions at Annual General Meetings and then forwarding these to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Consider important issues that pertain to education, safety, health, and total well-being. Members are encouraged to call the Federation office for assistance and refer to our [writing and presenting resolutions](#) guide. You can review the Guide and Federation resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> 2023 resolutions are due in the Federation office by **Tues. Jan. 31**.

### 3. School Staff Appreciation Week - February 13-17, 2023

School Staff Appreciation Week is an opportunity for parents/students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff: teachers, admin support, educational assistants, and custodians. Set up a small committee to brainstorm ways the school community can thank school staff. Remember to keep plans simple!

### 4. 2023 Annual General Meeting

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation will celebrate its 70th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**. All Home and School Associations are invited and welcome to attend, with each Association designating up to five as their voting delegates. AGM meeting details and registration documents will be circulated to presidents.

### 5. Annual President's Reports

Presidents are to write their 2022-2023 Annual Report and submit to the Federation by **Tues. Feb. 28**. You can view annual reports online in the Annual Book of Reports at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>.

### 6. Home and School Guardian Column

The PEI Home and School Federation's monthly Home and School news column is written by Dionne Tuplin, 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, especially in the rural parts of this great province. We are hoping that you would be willing to put our Public Service Announcement (see below) in your January newsletter and/or on your website. We will screen and train the volunteers and provide materials for mentors to use at your school.

If this program is not running in your school and you would like it to, we would love to hear from you. Once we have a number of volunteers, we will reach out to collect names of students your student services team feels would benefit from this mentoring relationship. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact Myron Yates, our Executive Director at (902)368-7760 or [Myron.yates@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto: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 life saving 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](http://www.kidproofpei.com) as well as a description of all the courses available. Any questions please email [kidproofpei@gmail.com](mailto:kidproofpei@gmail.com) or call 902-724-2702