

March 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:

Mar	1 st -3 rd	Mid-Term Break – <u>NO CLASSES</u>
	2 nd	Hot Lunches Open for Ordering (Mar 6 – Mar 17, 2023)
	6 th	First day of Classes for Students
	8 th	Gr. 6 Cookie & Cupcake sale (Fundraiser for Bowl for Kids)
	15 th	Hat Day – Fundraiser for Bowl for Kids
	16 th	UPEI Hockey Game
	17 th	Wear Green Day
	23 rd	Evening – Parent/Teacher Interviews
	20 th – 24 th	Scholastic Book Fair
	24 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews – <u>NO CLASSES</u>
	29 th	School attends Colonel Gray Musical

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 & 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.

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

Staff News

Susan Kennedy is out on leave for the rest of the school year. Gail Edison will be replacing her in resource, effective March 14, 2023.

Claudia King is on leave and Karen Muzika will be replacing her.

Staff Appreciation Week

We would like to send out a special thanks to our Home & School Committee, all students and their parents who sent along goodies and gifts to our staff during Staff Appreciation Week (Feb 13th – 17th, 2023). Your kindness is very much appreciated.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates March 6th – 17th, 2023.
Ordering will open March 2nd and will close
March 6th @ 10 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/>

Breakfast Program

The Spring Park Breakfast program is expanding to four days a week in March. Organizers are always looking for volunteers!

If you would like to help out please email
spsbreakfastprogram@gmail.com

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.



Cookie/Cupcake Sale

The Grade 6 classes will be hosting a cookie / cupcake sale on Wednesday, March 8. For \$1, students can buy a cupcake or two cookies. This is a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters – an important organization that provides support for many students in our school and community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Fundraiser for Syria & Turkey

After the devastating earthquake in Turkey & Syria, some students organized a “guess the number of candies” fundraiser to support those affected. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised \$543.00! A sincere thanks for all your support.

Music News

Congratulations to Ms. Norris and our grade 2 teachers and students on their wonderful winter concert in February - everyone did a great job!

Extracurriculars

Thank you to everyone who participated in our beginner drum club in January and February! For March and April, our beginner club will switch to piano - any grade 4-6 students interested in learning some beginner piano skills are welcome to attend!

Our grade 6 honour choir students will be representing Spring Park at a full rehearsal day on March 31st, in preparation for the PEI Honour Choir concert on April 22nd. We are very proud of these students for their commitment to music-making, and they are already sounding wonderful! Students who join our choirs or rock bands are reminded that they have committed to attending all lunchtime rehearsals in preparation for our festival, showcase, and in-school performances. A note from a parent or guardian is required if a student no longer wishes to participate. Dates for our spring performances will be finalized soon and shared in the April newsletter.

Day 1 - Grade 6 Choir

Day 2 - Grade 2-3 English Choir; Honour Choir

Day 3 - Beginner Piano Club

Day 4 - Grade 4-5 Choir; Honour Choir

Day 5 - Rock Band

Day 6 - Grade 2-3 French Choir

Recorder – Grades 4-6

Our recorder unit has concluded and students who have borrowed school recorders are asked to please return them to Ms. Shea. Lost or damaged school recorders will incur an \$8 fee. Congratulations to all of our students for your hard work in earning your recorder belts!

Thank you, as always, for your support of our music-making!



COACHS' CORNER

A big congratulations to ALL the students who participated in our Gymnastics Program this year! A special recognition to the following students to won medals at the Gymnastics Provincial Championships:

Eva MacDonald who won the bronze medal in the Novice Girls category

Annda Abudaya who won the silver medal in the Pre-Novice Girls category

Oscar Matters who won the gold medal in the Novice Boys category

Badminton Team/Tryouts

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to try out for our school badminton team following the March Break. Students interested will receive an info letter and a high-risk form that must be signed and returned by Friday, March 10th. Our Tryouts will be held during lunchtime recess and after school.

After School Tryout Schedule (2:45 – 3:45):

Grade 5/6 Girls: Tuesday: March 14th and 21st

Grade 5/6 Boys: Wednesday: March 15th and 22nd

***IMPORTANT:** Once the school team is made, ONLY these students will be invited to the lunchtime and after-school practices. Students who make the team, will be notified and be given additional info regarding future practices and competitions.

Phys-Ed

blog: <https://sites.google.com/d/1DfkXz8hhOUD-JF2jeGqjGbiQYJpbjeHL/p/1uxm7oJTobYP-UWG87UcMwK6vSZ-vaAVL/edit>

If you have any questions, please email:

Mr. Maddix (kjmaddix@edu.pe.ca) OR
Ms. Canning (kgcanning@edu.pe.ca)



Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

We are still taking kindergarten registration:

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31st, 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>

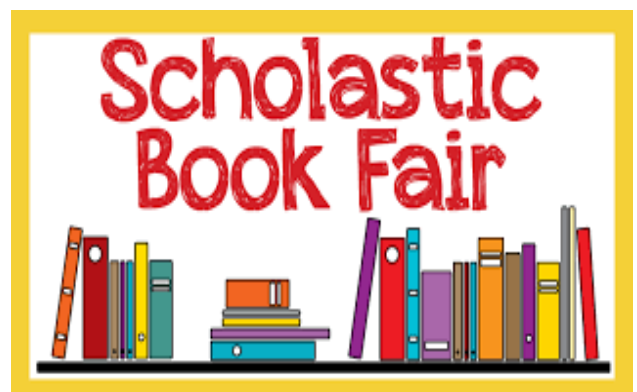


Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair will take place March 20th – March 24th, 2023. The hours for the book fair will be as follows:

After School – 3:00 – 4:00 PM
March 23rd – 4:00 – 7:30 PM
March 24th – 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

All purchases support our school library. At least 50% of all purchases goes to buy new books for the library.



Home & School News

1. 70th AGM & Conference

Mark your calendar! The **P.E.I. Home and School Federation** is pleased to announce that our *Knowledge, Collaboration, & Success for the Next Generation* A.G.M. & Conference 2023 will take place on **Saturday, April 15**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER ONLINE or at <https://peihsf.ca/agm> by midnight on March 24, and your name will be entered into the Early Bird Draw for an overnight stay at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel.

SPEAKERS

- Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
- Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor
- More speakers from Student Well-Being Teams and the Dept. of Education's new Diversity lead, Debbie Langston

More info will be posted at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/> or call us at 902-620-3186.

2. NEW Annual Report submission deadline - March 10

To allow more time following the school break, the deadline to submit Annual Reports has been extended to **Friday, March 10**. Every Home and School Association is asked to submit a report for inclusion in the Federation's annual Book of Reports. Remember! You are writing a piece of the history of Home and School in P.E.I. [Click here to use the NEW President's Google 2023 Report Form](#) or email a **word doc** to Kelly at: info@peihsf.ca

3. Review Proposed 2023 Resolutions

Proposed resolutions have been circulated to Presidents. Please discuss these resolutions at your next Home and School meeting. Use each resolution as a springboard for discussing the topic; then hold a vote, resolution by resolution, to determine how your school's delegates will vote at the Annual Meeting. Your voting delegates can vote "in favour," "opposed," or they can present amendments. Review 2023 resolutions online at: <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/>

4. 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. In addition, a Life Membership is recognized when deemed appropriate with this person's contributions, locally and provincially. You are invited to review the awards' criteria and submit nominations by March 9. Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

5. Board of Directors Nominations

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across the island. It is overseen by a volunteer board elected by delegates from member Home and School Associations. Every year at the annual meeting, elections are held for vacant positions on the board, and members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. You can access the 2023 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>