

Spring Park School

March 2024 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.

Dates to Remember:

March 8 - Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

March 22-28 - Mid-term Break (no classes)

March 29 - Statutory Holiday (no classes)

April 1 - Statutory Holiday (no classes)

April 19 – Professional Learning Day (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.

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

Book your parent teacher interview online from Feb. 26 to Mar. 1st Interviews dates available from Mar. 4 – 8.
<https://springpark.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

**** All fields are required ****

Parent First Name:

Parent Last Name:

Phone:

Email Address:
Please enter only one valid email address.

Preferred User ID: (no spaces allowed)
Valid user id's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, number, one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '_', the at symbol '@', or the peri

Enter Your Password:

Enter Your Password Again:

Did you know

The PEI School Food Program
Bon Appétit

First launched in 2020.

It is a leader in the country. Ensuring that every Island student is fed at school is integral to a child's learning and it's one-way government can address our province's high childhood food insecurity rates. And helping to turn the tide of unhealthy eating in children.

The program is pay what you can:

1. I can pay the entire meal value
2. I can pay a partial amount of the meal value
3. I cannot pay the meal value

Collectively, we play our part so that every Island student has access to a healthy lunch to help them grow and learn.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Mar. 4 – 15

Orders will open Feb. 29 and will close Mar. 4 @ 9:00 AM Orders for Mar. 18 – 21 will open Mar. 14 and close Mon. Mar. 18 at 9am.

Monday – Quiznos

Tuesday - Dominoes' Pizza

Wednesday - Subway

Thursday – Pita Pit

Milk can be ordered every day.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DOES NOT PROVIDE

UTENSILS.

<https://springparkschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>

(School access code: **SPHL** for new registration)

**Reminder that all lunch orders must be paid by 9AM Monday morning, or the order will be deleted.

Bon Appétit! Sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. \$5.75 per lunch or pay what you can. Donate to pay for another child who cannot afford to pay for a healthy lunch! Mar. 11-21 – Orders close at noon Thur. Mar. 7

E-mail: info@peischoolfood.ca

Phone: 902-380-3663

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

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair Week of March 4th-8th

Open after school on Thursday March 7 until 7pm
and Friday morning March 8 from 8-11:00am

Come check out the great selections!

All funds raised will help purchase new books.

**A BIG THANK YOU
TO HOME AND SCHOOL
AND ALL THE KIND PARENTS WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING
STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
SO FANTASTIC**

Coaches Corner

Gymnastics

Congratulations to the students who participated in our Gymnastics Program this year. It is very unfortunate that the Provincials we're cancelled this year. However, we we're still able host our own school meet as well as participate in the Zone Competition. Great job to all of our gymnasts!

Badminton Team/Tryouts

Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to try out for our school badminton team. Students who are interested will be given a memo with all the information pertaining to our club and tryouts.

For any updates regarding our Badminton Club, please visit our Phys-Ed blog:

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

Spring Park Home and School News



First, thank you to all the amazing teachers and staff at Spring Park School – Staff Appreciation Week just came and went, and we hope they enjoyed the lunch, the goodies, the draws, and the parent volunteers on the playground. We appreciate you.

Second, PARENTS Please join us at **6PM on Wednesday, March 13 in the Spring Park School Library** for our next Home and School Meeting. We will hear updates from our committees, learn more about the social and emotional learning curriculum our kids are learning, and have a chance to connect and grow our parent community.

Importantly, we will review and vote on resolutions that are being put forward at the Annual Home and School Federation meeting later this spring. If accepted, these resolutions are provided to the PEI Public Schools Branch and Department of Education for action. This year, the resolution topics include:

- Request for an inquiry into the temperature of PEI schools during occupied and unoccupied times
- Include heat related closures, cancellations, or delays when the humidex reaches 35C
- Feasibility of installing vaping detectors in schools
- Implement policies regarding the appropriate use of screens in Island primary schools

If these topics or any others related to your child's time at Spring Park are of interest and you want to talk about them, join us and we'll do that.

Contact us anytime at springparkhsa@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram – SpringParkHSA.

In closing, I left our handyman a list of things to get done and he only did numbers 1, 3, 5, and 7. It turns out he only does odd jobs.

Music News

Grade Two Raffi Revue

Thank you to all the family and friends who came out to our grade two concert! Your support for your children in music is very important and we appreciate you accommodating the last minute storm change! Also a huge thank you to those who gave a donation to our music program!

Festival and Honour Choirs

Our festival and honour choir rehearsals are sounding wonderful! Please note that any students who sign up for choir are expected to attend every rehearsal (which take place once each 6-day cycle). Students who sign up for choir and later decide they no longer wish to participate are required to provide a written note from their parents or guardians to indicate that they are aware of this decision. **Both our Grade 1-2 Choir and our Grade 3-6 Choir will be participating in the Queens County Music Festival at the end of April—more information on dates and times to follow!**

A reminder for our Grade 6 Honour Choir students that our special rehearsal day will take place on **Friday, March 1st at Park Royal United Church from 10am to 3pm**. Participating students should bring their honour choir music, pencil, indoor shoes, water bottle, and a lunch! **Please note that parents and guardians are responsible for their child's transportation to and from this event.** This rehearsal day is only for invited Grade 6 students who have returned their Honour Choir forms. You can direct any questions to Ms. Shea at kjshea@edu.pe.ca.

Rock Band

May 4th will be the date of the 2024 Island School's Rock Showcase. Both of our senior rock bands will be participating this year. The day is on a Saturday and will require bands to come in for a sound check during the day (schedule TBD) and then come for the show that evening (time TBD). The showcase this year will be taking place at the LCol. J. David Stewart Armoury located at the corner of Haviland and Water Streets (look for the tank out front!). More info will come as we get closer to the show date.

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School Calendar 2024-2025

To help families and school staff plan for the year ahead, the province has released the 2024-2025 school year calendar, which includes 182 instructional days. Find the school calendar online at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/2024-2025-school-calendar>

Mark your calendar --- 71st AGM & Conference

The **P.E.I. Home and School Federation** is pleased to announce that its A.G.M. & Conference 2024 will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown.

REGISTER online at <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

By the early registration deadline, **March 21**.

Ensure your school is represented.

Speakers will include Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Early Years, Hon. Antionette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I., and round table experts, who will present on Suicide Prevention, Dept. Education's Inclusion Report, COMPASS 2023-24 Youth Survey

results, What is the role of an E.A.? What is Foundations? and Youth & Sports Nutrition.

2024 Resolutions

Proposed 2024 resolutions have been circulated to Presidents with directions to discuss these at a 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. 2024 resolutions are online at <https://peihsf.ca/resolutions/> For further information, call 902-620-3186.

Volunteer Awards

Do you know an amazing Home and School volunteer in your school? You can nominate this person for the Federation's Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes one person annually for their efforts in their local school. Submit nominations to the Federation office by March 8. Find details: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

Board of Directors Nominations

You can allow your name to stand for a provincial Home and School Federation two-year term? Vacant positions include President, Vice President, and Directors for the Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Kinkora, Montague, and Morell Families of Schools. The Federation is the umbrella organization of Home and Schools across Prince Edward Island and is overseen by a volunteer board



elected by delegates at the A.G.M. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who, in your opinion, have the necessary qualifications to do the work of the provincial Federation. Find the 2024 Nomination Form at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>


Parental Involvement

In children's education, parental involvement is a broad term that can take many forms inside and outside school. So, what role do parents play in education? Depending on schedules, parents can help **their children by participating in school functions or obligations, advocating for the school and improving their children's schoolwork.** Examples of getting involved at home include helping with homework, modelling desired behavior, providing ongoing encouragement, monitoring homework completion, and creating a time and space for study.

Parents **can be more involved in their child's school by:**

- Communicating with teachers regularly
- Volunteering for school activities
- Attending parent-teacher interviews
- Helping with the governance of a Home and School

 **Great Big Crunch!** Get your apples  or other crunchy fruit or vegetable ready to crunch LOUD! On March 7, thousands will gather in person at their school, at work, and online with students, friends, and colleagues to highlight the importance of eating healthy food at school. You are invited to host a crunch in your school or workplace OR join the Virtual Great Big Crunch at 1:00 pm E.S.T. Register for the event [here](#). Crunch to celebrate healthy school food. Find more info at: <https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca/great-big-crunch>

 **Youth Vaping Workshop Opportunity on March 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at the Charlottetown Library. This session is open to parents/staff who work with youth. Participants will gain knowledge from local findings, share their own experiences, discuss opportunities to reduce youth vaping, and learn about mental health and addiction connections. Sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-vaping-cessation-workshop-charlottetown-evening-tickets-816837863037>.



Sunday March 17/24

What kind of spells do leprechauns use? Lucky Charms!
Why did the leprechaun climb over the rainbow? To get to the other side!
Why are leprechauns so good at gardening? They have green thumbs!
What type of music do leprechauns enjoy? Shamrock and roll!
Why can't you borrow a leprechaun's money? They're always a little too short.
Why did the leprechaun cross the road? To get to the end of the rainbow.
When does a leprechaun cross the road? When it's green!
Where is a leprechaun's favorite place to sit? On his Paddy-O. How old are leprechauns? So old they remember when rainbows were black and white!
Why do leprechauns hate running? They would rather jig than jog!