



**May 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:**

May  
4<sup>th</sup> - Welcome to Kindergarten (4:30pm)  
5<sup>th</sup> - PD Day – NO SCHOOL  
10<sup>th</sup> – Home & School Meeting (6:30pm)  
17<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 Concert – (1:00pm)  
19<sup>th</sup> - PD Day – NO SCHOOL  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Statutory Holiday – NO SCHOOL

### **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.

### **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.

### **Breakfast Program**

The Spring Park Breakfast program is continuing to be very successful. Organizers are always looking for volunteers!

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

### **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



## Coach's Corner

### *Badminton News*

Congratulations to our badminton players who competed at the Badminton Zones and Provincial Championships this past month. You all played so hard and did an amazing job representing Spring Park School!

### *Track and Field News*

Students in Grades 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to sign up to try out for our track and field team. Our tryouts will be held during school hours (recess time). Students choosing to tryout, must be available for the following competition dates:

**-Zone Meet at UPEI on Wednesday May 24th at UPEI Track (during school hours)**

**-Provincials at UPEI on Saturday, June 3rd at UPEI Track**

Students who make the team, will be notified and be given additional information regarding practices and competition dates/times.



## 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 - May

Huge congratulations go out to our two school choirs for their amazing performances at the Queens County Music Festival in April - our first choir performances in four years! Both choirs were awarded the gold standard for their performances. We've had a lot of fun singing together and are so proud of all our choir students for their hard work this year.

We are also very proud of our thirteen Honour Choir students who represented Spring Park beautifully at the PEI Junior Honour Choir concert on Earth Day this month. Well done to everyone!

### 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**. This event will be hosted by the CBC's Jay Scotland and feature performances by school rock bands from across PEI. The schedule for the day is as follows:

**11:40am to 12:20pm – SOUNDCHECK**  
**5:00pm to 7:30pm - SHOWCASE (Spring Park is performing second-last in the program)**

### SPS Music Showcase and Ice Cream Party

All of our choirs and rock band will be invited to perform for the school at a special assembly celebrating our music programs at Spring Park on Thursday, May 4th, after which we will celebrate all of our accomplishments with our traditional music ice cream party to finish off the school day!

### Grade 5 Musical: KidFlix

On **Wed, May 17th at 1pm**, parents and families are invited to attend the grade 5 students' performance of KidFlix, a musical revue featuring songs from some of our favourite movies!

### Kindergarten Musical: Pajama Party!

And mark your calendars for **Thurs, June 8th** and the final production of the school year: it's the kindergartener's turn to sing and dance! More details to follow in our June newsletter.

Thanks, as always, for supporting our music-making!



## 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.*



## Welcome to Kindergarten

Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening will take place on **May 4th at 4:30pm** at Spring Park Elementary School. You will enter through the emergency exit gym doors. We ask that you wait at the pylons outdoors of the gym entrance until you are asked to come inside.

Welcome to Kindergarten helps prepare children for a positive start to their school journey, laying the foundation for future success. Welcome to Kindergarten brings children, families, schools, and communities together to reinforce the importance of play-based learning.

Students will receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag containing materials they will see and use that evening. We encourage siblings remain at home for this event.

We look forward to seeing you on May 4<sup>th</sup> with your Kindergarten child!



## 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

On April 5th, we held our annual Spring Park Heritage Fair, with over 80 projects. We want to thank all of the students for their hard work and family support. Congratulations to the top four projects for each of the following categories:

### Grade 5 French Immersion

Oscar Matters  
Kaia Adams and Calleigh Craig  
Sophia Bourque  
Luke Rowell

### Grade 5 English

Ella Graham  
Yusra Babilli  
Drin Braha  
Sayumi Saenz

### Grade 6 English

Charlotte He  
Ece Akay  
Alexander Yonchev  
Paige Nordoff

We have eight projects who will be attending the Provincial Heritage Fair, at the Confederation Center, on May 12th. Good luck to those students as they represent Spring Park Elementary.

## Chess Club

Please note that Chess Club will be **ENDING** on **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Thanks to all students that participated. Hope you all had fun.



# Community News

## 1. School Bus Driver Award

Nominate a school bus driver to receive recognition for keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school from September to June during school year. Submission date: **Friday, May 5, 2023**

More at: [School Bus Driver of the Year Award - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](https://peihsf.ca)

## 2. Post-AGM

Thank you to Local Associations for attending the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference. The meeting's slideshows, round table summary, minutes, and resolutions are being posted on our website when finalized. Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/agm/>

## 3. Public Schools Branch

The PSB Review of Schools Study Report is available and can be found under News & Updates at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/news-updates>

## 4. School Trustees Board Meeting

The Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. at Montague Regional High, 274 Valleyfield Road, Rte. 326, Lower Montague or via Webex at:

[PSB Board of Trustees](#). Any member of the public who wishes to make a presentation to the Board must submit a written request to the Public Schools Branch by 4 p.m. on April 27, 2023 to: [sxgauthier@edu.pe.ca](mailto:sxgauthier@edu.pe.ca). Call 902-368-6850 for additional information or to register to attend.

## 5. School Calendar

The Department of Education & Early Years released the 2023-2024 School Calendar, April 17. The first school day for students is Sept. 7. More at: [2023-2024 School Calendar | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

## 6. 70<sup>th</sup> AGM Report

PEI Home and School Federation president, Dionne Tuplin will include an AGM report in May newspaper column to be published on Friday, May 5 and online at: [News - PEI Home and School Federation \(peihsf.ca\)](#)