



November 2022

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:

- Nov 3rd & 4th PD Days – No Classes
- 7th School Photo Retakes
- 10th Grade 4 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11th Statutory Holiday – NO Classes
- 16th & 17th Coupon Book Orders due back.
- 22nd Report Cards go home.
- 25th Parent/Teacher Interviews – No Classes

- Dec 8th Grade 1 Christmas Concert (SD-Dec 8)
- 14th Grade 6 Christmas Concert (SD-Dec 15)
- 20th Last Instructional Day for Students 2022.

Picture Retakes

A friendly reminder that school picture retakes will take place on November 7th, 2022.

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.

Visitors:

With our ongoing focus on student and staff safety, visitors in schools will be reduced and will be encouraged to wait outside the school. We encourage parents and other visitors to limit the number of visits to schools.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



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.

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

Student Absence Line:

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At Spring Park School we have a Safe Arrival Line which parents/guardians can call before 9:00 AM.

This 24hr answering machine is available so parents can call the school and let us know if your children/child will be late or absent. We realize that many parents are in direct contact with home room teachers; this is another communication option available to you.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Nov 14th – Nov 25th.
Orders will open Nov 10th and will close Nov 14th @ 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 have no longer been providing utensils either.



Coupon Books

We will be doing our Holiday coupon book fundraising once again. Order forms have been sent home. The order forms are due back Nov 16th & 17th, 2022. The books will be delivered before the Christmas holidays and make a great stocking stuffer!



Music News

Congratulations to Mr. O and the Grade 3 classes on their wonderful Fall Celebration Concert! Along with this concert, our school's food drive raised over 1200lbs of food for the upper room food bank! Well done Spring Park!

Grade 4-6 Students will have the opportunity to sign up for extra-curricular Rock Band with Mr.O. Depending on interest, Mr.O will decide how to best set up rehearsals. Instruments needed in Rock Band are Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Keyboard, Drums, Vocals and possibly others! There will be a group for students who already know how to play one of these instruments and groups for those who want to learn. Listen for the announcement and look for the sign up sheet outside the music rooms in the days to come!

All Grade 4 students will be performing for our **Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th at 10:40am** in the gym. Parents and guardians of grade 4 students are invited to attend and Grade 4 students are asked to wear formal concert attire for this performance: white shirts with dark pants or skirts. Poppies for the students to wear will be provided!

Grade 6 Holiday Choir has begun rehearsals with Ms. Shea and will be performing as a part of our Grade 6 concert in December. Our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Day 1 - 11:35 - Part 1 Choir (6A, 6B, and 6C volunteers)
- Day 3 - 12:05 - Part 2 Choir (6C)

Concerts for this year:

- November 10 – Grade 4 Remembrance Day Assembly
- December 8 – Grade 1 Christmas Concert (storm date Dec 9)
- December 14 – Grade 6 Christmas Concert (storm date Dec 15)
- February 15 – Grade 2 Concert (storm date Feb 16)
- May 18 – Grade 5 Talent Show
- June 2 – Kindergarten Concert
- June 15 – SPS Music Showcase

COACHS' CORNER

Cross Country Wrap-Up

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Cross-Country Provincials Championships on October 22nd. You ALL did amazing at representing Spring Park School. Way to go runners!

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

Scholastic Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our Spring Park School Library **November 21-24**. Attending and supporting this Literacy event is a great way to support our school library.

Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair up to \$6 comes back directly to the school library?!

Flyers and information sheets will be going home next week so be sure to check your child's backpack to get all the information.

Book Fair Schedule

Preview: November 21, 22

Classroom visits: November 23, 24, (please see the flyer for some of the books that we will be selling)

Parent opportunities to visit the library: **After school 2:45 – 4:00 pm of Nov.24, and until 11:00 am on Nov 25, 2022.**



Chess Club

We are excited that the Spring Park chess club has returned this year and will be coordinated by Mr. Steve, our youth service worker. In order to participate, students need to return a permission slip and \$2.00 which will cover the entire year. The chess club runs from 7:45 – 8:20 and will begin on October 17th. Students will need to enter through the main entrance and go into the multipurpose room, where they will leave their outdoor clothing and backpack until the 8:20 bell. Unfortunately, if students arrive on the bus, they won't have time to enter the school and get ready to play, so students need to be dropped off or walk to school. If we have a one - hour delay in school, chess club will be cancelled that day. This club is for all levels of players, from beginner to experienced.

Remembrance Day Assembly

The Grade 4 Remembrance Day assembly will be at 10:45 am on November 10th. Parents & Guardians are welcome to attend.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be taking place on Thursday, November 24th in the evening and Friday, November 25th during the day. Parents will need to sign up for a time that suits you. To do this, please go to the Spring Park webpage, click on "external links" and select P/T interview bookings. You must register EACH year. After you register, you will add your child's name and select their teacher.

You can book interviews with your teacher (s) from 9:00 am Wednesday, November 9th until 4:00 pm, Monday, November 14th, 2022.

Please Note: If you have already had an EAL interview, YOU DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS ONE.

Home & School News

SIGN UP for FREE Volunteer Training Workshops

The Federation is hosting three in-person Home and School Training Workshops. Any parent, teacher, or student may attend! Workshops are designed to enhance Home and School effectiveness and parent engagement in public education. Register asap.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Westisle Composite High School Register by Nov. 4
Monday, Nov. 14, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Montague Intermediate School Register by Nov.11
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parkdale Elementary School Register by Nov. 25
E-mail: peihsf@edu.pe.ca or Phone: 902-620-3186 / 1-800-916-0664

No Cost. Light refreshments will be provided.

Reminder to pay 2022-2023 Membership Fees

Home and School Association Treasurers are reminded to submit 2022-2023 membership fees by Nov. 1st. Forms were mailed to Associations. As well, these can be accessed [online](#). Need a form or more info? Contact the Federation office at: 1-800-916-0664 / 902-620-3186 / peihsf@edu.pe.ca

Parent Leadership Grants

Parent Leadership Project grants for up to \$1,000 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community. Go to: <https://peihsf.ca/grants>. Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

Recognition and Awards Program 2023

PEIHSF's awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The Federation's 2023 Program Begins with the Extra Mile Award to celebrate school staff personnel (i.e., educators, admin, custodians, EAs) with nominations due Jan. 20, 2023. [Find more online at PEIHSF Awards](#)

November dates

- November 10 [PSB School Board Elections Day](#)
- November 11 [Remembrance Day](#)
- November 20 [National Child Day](#)
- November 21–27 [Canada History Week](#)

Yoga for Adults Wednesdays

There is a community yoga class (ages 11 and up) now happening at Spring Park Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 until Dec. 14. and there will be a new session during the winter.

Seniors, parents of the school and post-secondary students have a special \$10 per class rate. Register to try one class before you commit.

Contact Madame Mary MacPhee to register marymacphee@cloud.edu.pe.ca

Babysitting Course

KIDPROOFPEI BABYSITTING TRAINING PROGRAM IS A FUN AND INTERACTIVE COURSE DESIGNED TO INCREASE SELF AWARENESS AND SAFETY KNOWLEDGE WHILE CARING FOR THE CHILD. THE CLASS PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH HANDS ON EXPERIENCE WHILE BABYSITTING. STUDENTS WILL GAIN PRACTICAL LIFE SAVING SKILLS JUST IN CASE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION HAPPENS WHILE BABYSITTING. UPON COMPLETION, THE 7 HOUR CLASS WILL INCLUDE THE STUDENT HANDBOOK AND WALLET CERTIFICATE. THE COST OF THE PROGRAM IS \$55+tax Location- Irish Cultural Society Charlottetown November 19th PLEASE VISIT www.kidproofpei.com TO REGISTER TODAY!!!!