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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:

- Oct 4th & 5th School Photos
- 10th NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Day
- 11th – Home & School Meeting – 6:30pm
- 12th X-Country Zone meet (Rain Date – 13th)
- 17th Chess Club Starts
- 20th Grade 3 Fall Celebration
- 21st NO CLASSES – Professional Learning Day

- Nov 3rd & 4th PD Days – No Classes
- 7th School Photo Retakes
- 10th Grade 4 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11th Statutory Holiday – NO Classes
- 25th Parent/Teacher Interviews – 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.

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.



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.

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.

SPS Hot Lunch Program:

Hot Lunches for dates Oct 10th – Oct 28th.
Orders will open Oct 6th and will close Oct 11th
@ 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 will be sent home the last week of October and returned the first week of November. The books will be delivered before the Christmas holidays and make a great stocking stuffer!



Staff Changes

Going forward, Chelsea Snow will be replacing Barbie MacQuarrie as Administrative Assistant in the front office. Please direct emails or concerns to casnow@edu.pe.ca. Tanya Ford is our other admin assistant and her hours are from 8-1:30. She can be reached by email at tgford@edu.pe.ca

Music News

Welcome back to music class, from your music teachers, Ms. Shea (Gr 4-6) and Mr. O'Donnell (K – 3)! This year we are happy to welcome parents and guardians back for in-person concerts, as well as celebrate the return of our extracurricular music groups, including choir for grades 2-6 and rock band for grades 4-6. Stay tuned for more details on these music-making opportunities!

The Gr 3 Thanksgiving Assembly that was originally scheduled to take place on October 6th will be rescheduled to October 20 @ 1:00pm, due to Hurricane Fiona. Parents and guardians of grade 3 students are invited to attend.

Grade 6 students are invited to join the Grade 6 Holiday Choir, with rehearsals taking place at lunchtime recess beginning this month. Choir is all about singing, and we even get to sing in two-part harmony! The Holiday Choir will perform as a part of the Grade 6 Christmas Concert in December. All interested students are invited to sign up with Ms. Shea in the music room – I can't wait to sing with you!

Please take note of our concert dates for this year:

October 20 - Grade 3 Fall Celebration Concert
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

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Cross Country

The Grade 3 to 6 Cross-Country Zone Meet is on Wednesday, October 12th (Rain date: Oct 13th) at Eliot River School. This zone competition will take place in the morning, so we will take a bus. Students who qualify will be notified and receive more detailed information regarding the meet.

IMPORTANT:

Students who qualify for the Zone Meet at Eliot River **MUST** also be available for the Cross-Country Provincials on Saturday, October 22nd in Mill River. If NOT available, please let us know ASAP.

Students who qualify for the Provincials will be notified and receive additional information!

If you have any question, please email

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

Chess Club

We are excited that the Spring Park chess club will return 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.

Community News

Home & School News

Spring Park Parents – we are excited to announce that we are getting back to normal and would like to invite you to our **Home & School meeting**. We will have our first meeting on **October 11th @ 6:30**. We are also hoping to have a virtual option for those that have small children at home. We have had many changes in the last few years, so we are hoping to discuss some new committees (Breakfast program committee, Fundraising Committee & Staff Appreciation). Our hope is that creating these sub committees will help make our Home & School run smoothly and efficiently. Many hands make light work.

We are looking to fill some positions left vacant from our Home & School but also parents who are looking to join our various committees. The positions have been shared in the past so that is also an option. Our goal is to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer. Please reach out if you require any further information. We have a list of interested parties at the office so please reach out so we can include you on our email list. We will also include future updates on our Facebook page, Spring Park Home & School Facebook page, by email & in our monthly school newsletter.

Semi-Annual Meeting

The 2022 Semi-Annual will be an in-person meeting held Tuesday, October 18th, 6:00 PM, Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI.

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Try-A-Trade

In celebration of National Skilled Trades & Technology Week, Skills Canada PEI invites girls ages 11-15 to the interactive career exploration event, Try-A-Trade on November 4th from 1-4pm at the Charlottetown Learning Centre, 97 Queen St. Participants will have the chance to learn about various skilled trade careers in a fun, engaging and interactive way. Small, hands-on work-shops will be led by female industry professionals. Seating is limited. Register by October 28th at ejesler@hollandcollege.com