

Spring Park Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2022



Mr. Terry MacIsaac- Principal

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Ms. Anne Ives – Vice-Principal

Dates to Remember:

Sep	5th	NO CLASSES - Labour Day.
	7th	First day of class for students.
	8th	Hot Lunches OPEN for ordering. (Sep 12 th to Sep 23 rd , 2022.)
	12 th	Hot Lunches CLOSE at 9AM.
	15 th	Meet the Staff night – 5:30
	30 th	NO CLASSES – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.
Oct	4 th & 5 th	School Photos
	7 th	NO CLASSES – PD Day
	10 th	NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Day
	21 st	NO CLASSES – PD Day

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.

New Staff:

We welcome:

Meagan Collins FI – Kindergarten -KD
Kate Ryan – Gr. 1 French Immersion – 1D
Daniel Tooker – Gr. 2 French Immersion – 2C
Carrie Lundy – Gr. 3 English – 3A (*Team taught by Joanne Jay*)
Shannon Hood – Gr. 4 English – 4A
Shannon Moore – Gr. 3 French Immersion – 3D
Emily Younie – Gr. 4 French Immersion – 4C
Shanda Sellar – Gr. 5 English – 5B
Rory O'Donnell – Music – K-3
Kari Shea – Music – 4-6

We say good-bye:

Katherine Stephens – has accepted a one - year position with the PSB.

Retirees – The following people retired in June. We thank them for all their contributions to Spring Park and wish them luck on the next chapter of their lives.

Jo-Ann Esseghsaier
Joanne Watts-Favier
Jackie Hicken
Lisa Jenkins
Valentina Malysheva
Nancy Thornton-Smyth

Bus Notes:

We are not accepting bus notes at this time, 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 Changes:

Going forward, Chelsea Snow will be replacing Barbie MacQuarrie as Administrative Assistant in the front office. Please direct all 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

Scent-free, Nut-free, & Shellfish-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.



Student Supplies Fee

Student Supply fees are being covered by the Province of PEI this year, however: Parents are responsible for providing a kitbag, lunch bag, water bottle, and a pair of sneakers to be used for indoors.

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.

Student Absence Line:

Student Absence Line 902-569-7785

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.

Hot Lunch Program:



ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ON-LINE before Monday at 9AM

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.

The first two- week cycle (Sep 12th – Sep 23rd, 2022) will open for ordering Sep 8th and will close Sep 12th at 9 AM.

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/>

Friendly Reminder: The PEI Healthy School Food Program recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability. To reduce the program's foot print, we have moved **to bring your own cutlery model. Lunch delivery will begin Monday, September 12, 2022.**

Parent Text Messaging

Parents are invited to join our emergency text messaging system. The system is configured to send text messages to mobile phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. We use text messages to communicate during emergency situations as well as specific school closures or early dismissals.

When a new number is added, you may see the following message:

"PSB & CSLF messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca"

Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers).

COACHES' CORNER

Physical Education:

Mr. Maddix and Ms. Canning would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year! We encourage you to check our Physical Education BLOG, which will keep you up to date with special events, intramurals, school sport opportunities, and after school activities. Our Blog will also have important information in terms of dates, times, and any updates/cancellations that may be made on a regular basis. We also send out important info in the Coach's Corner/Phys-ED section of our monthly newsletter.

Cross-Country

We are very excited to have our Cross -Country program back in full swing this year! Cross Country running is for grades 3-6 and will begin next week where students can run and train during their recess times. We will also have our Victoria Park Fun Run event in order to select our top runners who will then compete at a zone competition against other schools. Students who wish to participate will receive a high-risk form and additional information with details of our upcoming Victoria Park Fun Run. Please sign and return the high- risk form if your child wishes to participate in this event.

After School Programs:

CHANCES – at Spring Park Church

Meet in a designated area and walks as a group.
65 Kirkwood Dr.
902-367-1998
E-mail: kaaleejenkins@chancesfamily.ca
Midday Closure – OPEN

MIGHTY OAKS - (Formally Kids Kan) – BUS 135

1 Kirkdale Dr.
Darla – 902-672-4888
Midday Closure – OPEN

PANTHER ACADEMY at UPEI – Bus 53

University of PEI Campus
902-566-0368
Midday Closure - OPEN

ALL KIDS LEARNING CENTRE – PICK UP

28 Kirkwood Dr.
Sarah
E-mail: allkidslearningcentre@gmail.com
902-892-4769
Midday Closure – OPEN

KidsFit – Meet at Soccer Field

Jack Blanchard Hall
7 Pond St.
Cindy Smith – 902-218-2964
E-mail: kidsfitpei@gmail.com
(Facebook @kidsfitasp)
Midday Closure – CLOSED

Truth & Reconciliation Week

September 26th - 30th, 2022 is Truth & Reconciliation week at Spring Park Elementary. We will be doing various activities to recognize National Day of Truth & Reconciliation, which is on Sept 30, 2022. More information will be coming. If your child identifies as indigenous, please feel free to inform the school as we would like to include them in preparations for the week.

Community News:

Learn to Skate with Us! Speed Skating PEI is currently accepting registrations for our programs starting mid-September. Our Learn to Skate program is aimed at skaters 4 to 8 years old who are just starting to skate or who want to improve their basic skating skills. For those who can already skate and are looking to improve their speed and strength, we also offer a range of programs for all ages and levels. Visit us at speedskatingpei.ca to learn more or sign up today! If you have any questions, please email

info@speedskatingpei.ca.

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Community News cont'd

Home & School News, September 2022

Slow down and watch for students on the road

Another school year begins Sept. 7. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to school and back home again safely.

PEI's Healthy School Lunch Program

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 and order by Sept. 8 at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids! | PEI School Food Program](http://HealthyLunchforIslandKids.com) / www.peischoolfood.ca

Meet the Teacher

"Meet the Teacher" Nights are planned for parents to meet your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. It's an informal opportunity to chat, face-to-face, say hi, to become acquainted with your child's teacher. Find the date on your child's school website.

Home & School Contact Information

Are you still the President? Treasurer? The Federation requests your current details.

Presidents - Fill out your Home and School's info on the Contact Form and email to: peihsf@gov.pe.ca

Treasurers - Submit 2022-2023 Membership fees to the PEIHSF office by mail or pay online

at: https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/ (Eventbrite fees apply for online payments)

Forms are also online at:

https://peihsf.ca/become_a_member/