

A Warm Welcome From Spring Park Home & School Association

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Our Mission

Spring Park Home & School Association exists to help enrich the learning environment for our children and establish an effective and functional communication system between students, parents, school administration and teachers.

Who We Are

The Association is comprised of an executive council made up of parent volunteers, as well as teachers and school administrators. The Executive is also supported by a dedicated group of parents who act as committee coordinators for various programs developed by Spring Park Home & School. And lastly, the Association includes all parents and/or guardians of Spring Park students.

What We Do

The Executive manages the overall affairs of the Association including communications, programs, and special projects. The Executive holds monthly meetings where parents, teachers and school administrators are invited to share ideas, communicate concerns and participate in active discussions regarding Spring Park School and Home & School initiatives. In addition, the Executive communicates with its members on an on-going basis as a means of supporting the programs in place and developing new initiatives that support our mission.

Executive Profile 2009 - 2010

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Nutrition Committee Coordinator -- Billy Dillon

Through the combined efforts of Nutrition Committee volunteers, teachers, and school staff, the committee oversees the food program that is offered to students each week. The program provides students with the opportunity to purchase various food items for lunch, all in keeping with the Healthy Eating Alliance program developed by the Eastern School Board. Revenue generated through the Food Program supports Home & School initiatives.

Safe Arrival Coordinator -- Susan Tweel

This program is supported by volunteers who make contact each morning with parents or guardians of students who are absent or late for class. The objective of this program is to ensure the safe arrival of all students and to account for those who remain at home due to illness or otherwise. The Safe Arrival phone line is 569-7785.

Volunteer Coordinator -- Hayley Myers

Calling All Parents! We welcome back returning volunteers and warmly invite new parents and guardians to become involved in Home & School. There are many ways to support programs at Spring Park School including the delivery of lunches, tying skates, or assisting during Staff Appreciation week just to name a few. All efforts are hugely appreciated by teachers, staff and of course, the students. So get involved!

The Benefits of Being Involved

- Participation in H & S is a wonderful way to get to know teachers, staff and the administration. Fostering these relationships make it possible for you and them to better understand the needs, strengths and limitations of your child.
- Schools are always evolving. As such, it is important for you to be aware of the changes and why change is sometimes necessary. Home & School also provides a platform for discussion before many decisions are made at the school level as well as at the provincial federation level.
- It provides full and free discussion of general school issues and promotes healthy relationships between parents and staff.
- You will meet other parents and families and create new and lasting friendships.
- And most importantly, your child will truly enjoy having you actively participate in his or her school experience!

Remember, as a parent or guardian of a Spring Park student, you automatically have membership in Home & School. So let your voice be heard and get involved.

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General Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Staff Room at Spring Park School beginning at 7pm. Any alterations to this schedule will be communicated via the Spring Park School Newsletter under Home & School News.

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 7th beginning at 7pm in the Staff Lounge. We are very pleased to welcome Bill Whelan, President of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation, who will be our guest speaker. Bill will be discussing the value of an active Home and School Association.

Dates to Remember

- First day of chess - Monday, October 5 @ 8 am and each morning thereafter
- First Home and School Meeting - Wednesday, October 7 @ 7pm, Staff Lounge
- Spooktacular - Wednesday, October 14, 5-7 pm
- Parent Teacher Interviews - October 29th & 30th
- Book Fair - October 27th - 30th

QSP Magazine and Gift Fundraiser

We have just closed our fall fundraising campaign. Although we are just starting to calculate the proceeds, it looks like we will meet and perhaps even exceed our campaign goal of \$15,000! What a terrific show of support from parents, staff, volunteers and especially our students. Spring Park Home & School would like to congratulate all who participated in the campaign and thank you for your commitment and dedication in making it a success.

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to purchase Wireless FM Listening Systems for teachers and instructors at Spring Park. This multi-year financial commitment from Home & School to Spring Park is almost complete with only a few systems left to buy. Feedback from teachers using the systems has been overwhelmingly positive. The systems allow the teacher's voice to remain constant amidst a busy classroom. Background noise is filtered out and only the teacher's voice is amplified providing for clear, precise delivery of language and instruction. They are truly wonderful assets to the classroom and Home & School is pleased to be able to provide them. Residual funds raised through this campaign will be directed to playground improvement.

Please note that magazine renewal orders emailed to QSP anytime through the year benefit fundraising efforts at Spring Park. See the link on our website www.edu.pe.ca/springpark

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We are looking forward to a rewarding and fun-filled year!
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