

SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Today is Wednesday, November 16, 2011 Day 5

At Spring Park School, quality education is a priority for everyone. Every child is given the opportunity to develop to his/her full potential through a positive learning environment with on-going communication among teachers, parents, and students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 14-18	Kindergarten Registration Week - For the school year 2012-2013
November 16	Home and School Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Birchwood site- Bullying
Presentation November 25	School Development (No Classes)
November 30	Report Cards to Parents
December 6	Kindergarten and Grade 1 Christmas concert - 1:00 p.m. at St Jean site
December 8	Grade 2 Christmas Concert - 1:00 p.m. at at St. Jean site
December 13	Grade 6 Christmas Concert - 6:30 p.m. at Birchwood Cafeteria

Kindergarten Registration Week:

November 14th - 18th, 2011.

PHYS. ED. NEWS

Good job to all grade 5 and 6 students who participated in the Flash Mob at Sobeys in support of the Food Bank! Good luck to our grade 6 leadership group who are attending the UPEI Leadership conference today, Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

MUSIC NEWS

The Children's Wish Christmas CD is available to order. All choir members who sang on the CD have been given order forms. CDs are \$10 and will be available for Christmas. Please make cheques payable to The Children's Wish Foundation as all proceeds go to them. The deadline to order is Monday, November 21st.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Prince Edward Island Youth Chess Association

Our first chess mini-camp of the school year will be on Saturday Nov 26 from 1-3:30 pm at West Kent School, 21 Viceroy Ave.

This camp is for players in Grades 2-6.....Students in grades K-1 **EARLY** or 7-12 who would like to take part should let us know. If there is enough interest, we will try to include these age groups.

INSTRUCTION BY

National Master JEFF COAKLEY and top rated PEI junior AARON RAINNIE

Activities include ONE HOUR LESSON plus 1.5 HOURS SUPERVISED PRACTICE

Students will be divided into TWO GROUPS by rating or age.

ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH CHESS RULES.

CAMP FEE is \$10 (\$5 for third family member)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO ENROLLMENT ON DAY OF CAMP!

Deadline for registering is Wednesday, November 23. Payment can be made on day of the camp.

Students should check-in between 12:50 and 1 pm.

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Good luck to all the Spring Park students travelling to Halifax this weekend to play in the Maritime Chess Championship. These students qualified to participate based on their results from last year's Provincial Chess Challenge. We will be watching for updated ratings.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Important Notice for Parents

Plan to attend the next Spring Park Home & School meeting tonight, Wednesday, November 16th. School Counsellor, Bev Fanning, will be the guest speaker. The focus of her presentation will be on Bullying. Ms. Fanning will speak to the perils associated with bullying, its effects on students and how parents can help identify if their child is being bullied or if their

child is a bully. Don't miss this very important and relevant discussion.

When: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 6:30 pm

Where: Birchwood School Library, 2nd floor

Note: General H&S monthly meeting will follow the presentation

For updates on H&S activities, please visit us at our new

Web site: <http://sphsa.ca/>

Executive Council 2011-2012

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

A notice was sent home on Monday with detailed information regarding this. This much loved event will **not** happen without your help and support. Fill out your volunteer form and return it to the school today or contact by e-mail, any of the executive listed above.

Fundraising Update

Spring Park's Super Stocking Stuffer Coupon

Fundraiser has officially started! Sign up sheets went home with students over the past two weeks. Funds raised will support the purchase of new playground equipment for our new school as well as other school projects. A portion of the funds will also be directed towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Pediatric Department at the Q.E.H. Don't wait, get your coupon books today. They're full of excellent "buy one get one free" offers from everyone's favorite restaurants and businesses. Please send order forms back to school by Wednesday, November 23rd.

Spring Park School New Playground Equipment Fundraiser

Our recycling program is working ...but it still needs your help and support!

Students and teachers can return all empty cans, water bottles, tetra packs, juice containers, wine and beer bottles to A & S Bottle Exchange at 33 Thompson Drive in Charlottetown. When you go to the cashier, just tell them you are donating your refund to the SPS Playground Renewal Project. The staff will fill out a donation receipt for you and give you a copy.

We have some awesome prizes to give out at Christmas to those who participate - Prizes from Owls Hollow, Walmart, Future Shop, Old Navy, Atlantic Superstore and McDonalds.

We hope that your entire family and your relatives will get excited about this idea to help raise necessary funds for our new playground at the new school. Our fundraising goal from this project is \$ 5000.

EARLY CLOSURE PLANS

Please take the time to review your early closure plans with your children on a regular basis. It is less confusing to everyone if they are aware of where they are going in case of an early dismissal. If you haven't yet sent in your plan or if the plan has changed please send a note to your child's teacher. Also if you have any changes in contact information please let us know as soon as possible.

UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER/WARM CLOTHING

The weather tends to be fairly unpredictable these days. Please dress your children appropriately so that they are comfortable. Please label all clothing and footwear.

PICKING UP CHILDREN - APPOINTMENTS

If your child is to leave the school early, please send a note in the morning to remind your child and teacher of the appointment. The teacher will then send your child up to the office, to be picked up at the requested time.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAMS

To insure your child arrives safely to school, we have a **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM** in place. We have a **VOICE MAIL** system in place if your child is going to be absent or late, please call our voice mail number **569-7785** and leave a detailed message including child's name and teacher's name and/or class. This **voice mail** is only to be used for the **safe arrival program** and we cannot relay other messages from it. We really appreciate your cooperation with this matter. If your child is late, please have them report to the office before going to their classroom. **We also ask that you call the office with any change of phone numbers, contact information bussing changes etc. so that our information is current and up to date.**