

SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Today is Wednesday, November 30, 2011 Day 2

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 30	Report Cards to Parents
December 6	Kindergarten and Grade 1A Christmas concert 1:00 p.m. at St Jean site
December 8	Gr. 1C, 1D, and Grade 2 Christmas Concert - 10:00 a.m. at St. Jean site
December 13	Grade 6 Christmas Concert - 6:30 p.m. at Birchwood Cafeteria
December 15 & 16	Home and School Christmas Shoppe
December 20	Last Day of Classes - 2011 (Full Day of Classes)
January 3	First Day of Classes - 2012

New School Update

Our principal, Serge Leduc, is on leave to help plan our new school. The construction of the new school is proceeding well with the foundation completed on schedule. Mr. Leduc will return in the new school year. In his absence, Terri BonTempo is acting principal, and Bethany Lucas is acting vice-principal. Please feel free to contact Ms. Bontempo or Ms. Lucas with any comments or concerns.

Safety Presentation

Alex Poole, Safety Educator with the Department of Transportation, presented an excellent message to the grade 5 and 6 students of Spring Park School. The passionate message of living to your full potential by making wise choice included the following key points:

- Respect for the importance of rule keeping
- The value of helmet safety
- Tell someone when you are being bullied
- The necessity of wearing a seatbelt
- The comparison of a life characterized by good life choices.

The Spring Park Community and School are very grateful to Mr. Poole and the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for providing such a valuable resource to our students.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Chess Club News

The last day for the Chess Club is this Friday December 2nd.

The Chess Club will resume on Monday January 9th 2012.

Here is the current Chess Ladder:

1. Jack Ronahan
2. Josh Dow
3. Parsa Shahsavari
4. Ethan Abbott
5. Declan MacEachern
6. Jeremy Norman
7. Jack Morse
8. Seth Morris
9. Keaghan Norring
10. Isaac Hendrickson

The next monthly scholastic chess tournament is on Sunday, Dec 4. Please note the location: Birchwood Intermediate School, 49 Longworth Avenue, Charlottetown.

Open to all students from kindergarten to grade 12. Everyone plays at least 4 games. Students are divided into 4- or 6-player groups by age and rating.

Prizes for the top 3 players in each group (medal with ribbon, or chess pin).

New players receive a participation pin.

Rated by the Chess'n Math Association.

Entry Fee: \$10 per person (\$5 for second and subsequent players in the same family)

Registration: 12:30 - 12:50 pm

The first round begins at 1:00 pm. The tournament is over by 4:00 pm (3:00 pm for younger children).

We will also be having a bake sale as part of our on-going fundraising.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Executive Council 2011-2012

Ellen Campbell (Co-chair) amorse@eastlink.ca

Tracey Willoughby (Co-chair) tlwilloughby@hotmail.com

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It's that time of the year again... the Christmas Shoppe is just around the corner!

We need your help... bring in your 2 gifts (or more if you like) to your child's school, unwrapped and ready for resale. Volunteers will sort the gifts as they come into the schools. That way we're ready to go for December 15 and 16. Of course, we need lots of helpers on those days too. If you have time over the school hours on Dec 15 and/or 16, we need lots of hands to wrap all the gifts for our students. Don't miss this opportunity to share in the holiday spirit with Spring Park students and staff. Your help will certainly make a difference in the success of this truly wonderful event.

Contact Tracey at tlwilloughby@hotmail.com or Ellen at amorse@eastlink.ca

Fundraising Update

Spring Park's Super Stocking Stuffer Coupon Fundraiser Booklets will go home to St. Jean site students Dec 1st and Birchwood site students Dec. 8th.

Spring Park School New Playground Equipment Fundraiser

Did You Know: The price of one large playground equipment piece (for only the Kindergarten to Grades 2 playground area) will cost us between \$80,000 and \$100,000 - and that's just for one of three playground area's at the new school!

The recycling program needs your help! We have some great prizes to give out at Christmas to those

who participate. Prizes are from Owl's Hollow, Walmart, Future Shop, Old Navy, Atlantic Superstore and McDonalds.

So far, we have raised over \$520 by recycling bottles, tetra packs, and juice containers. We hope that your entire family will get excited about this idea for our new playground. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by June, 2012.

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.**