

# SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Today is Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Day 6**

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**

Sept.30 - Terry Fox Run  
Sept. 27 School photos at Birchwood site Gr. 4, 5, and 6  
Sept. 28 School photos at St Jean site (Gr K, 1, 2 and 3  
Sept. 28 - Home and School Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Birchwood Cafeteria  
Oct. 5 - Numeracy Test  
Thanksgiving Assembly - T.B.A. at St. Jean Site  
Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving Day (No classes)  
October 20 & 21 - Annual PEITF Convention(No Classes)  
October 25 - School photos -retakes at both sites

## **STUDENT FEES**

Thanks to all parents who have provided supply fees. If there are any fees outstanding we would appreciate receiving them as soon as possible.

## **FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM**

Our food program started on Monday, September 12. Order forms were sent home and extra forms are available on our web site . Every Monday orders will be placed. **Please Note: We cannot accept any orders after 9:00 a.m. Any orders that come in after this time will not be processed.** Subway order forms must be completed with the order as well and are also available on our website if copies are needed. Please remember if your child has salads, puddings or soups etc to send in a fork or spoon as needed.

## **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 the child up to the office, to be picked up at the requested time.

## **PEANUT/ NUT-FREE / SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL**

Due to allergies and product sensitivities, the school is **scent-free and peanut / all nut and shellfish free.** Students, Parents, and Visitors are reminded to not send in any of these products in snacks and lunches.

**St. Jean School has a student with a SEVERE LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY TO SHELLFISH - PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY PRODUCTS CONTAINING SHELLFISH - THIS STUDENT HAS REACTIONS TO BOTH INGESTION AND SMELL OF THIS PRODUCT.**

## **PREDICTABLE WEATHER/WARM CLOTHING**

The weather tends to be fairly unpredictable these days. Please keep this in mind as we move into the Fall season. Please dress your children appropriately so that they are comfortable. Please label all clothing and footwear.

## **TERRY FOX RUN**

Friday, September 30 marks our annual Terry Fox Run. Our run day is set for this at Birchwood from 10:30-11:30. Students in K-3 will be transported by bus to Birchwood for the run. The rain date is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4. Students may bring in a \$1.00 donation or what they can, to receive a sneaker to place in memory of a loved one or friend.

## **EARLY ARRIVAL OF STUDENTS**

A reminder to parents to **not** drop off children before 8:20 a.m.

If you are bringing your child in after 8:30, you must report and sign in at the office, before your child goes to class.

## **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.**

## **KINDERGARTEN PLAY AREA**

The Kindergarten classes are looking for donations of gently used items that are suitable for outdoor use.

## **THANKSGIVING CONCERT**

The Grade 3 Thanksgiving Assembly will be held prior to Thanksgiving weekend at the St. Jean site. Time and date to be determined. Both sites will gratefully accept non-perishable donations for the Food Bank from Oct 3-7th. These donations will be presented to the Food Bank at the assembly. All parents of Gr 3 students are invited to attend the assembly.

## **CHESS CLUB NEWS**

The SPS Chess Club will begin at Birchwood on Monday October 3rd. Registration forms will be sent home next week. We will continue to sell ice cream on the last day of the week at Birchwood.

I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the Chess Club, it is much appreciated.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

### **Gym Wear**

It is important that students are always prepared for physical education class by wearing the proper footwear. Sneakers are to be worn by all students and "Crocs" are not acceptable for safety reasons. K-3 students are not expected to change for PE class. Grade 4-6 students are responsible for wearing loose clothing for days they have Phys. Ed.

### **The Kilometre Club**

Students in Grade 3 - 6 are running at various recesses at both sites.

**Zone 3 Cross Country meet** will be held at Eliot River Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> (raindate Oct 7)

## **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

On behalf of Spring Park Home & School Association, we would like to wish all new and returning parents and students a warm welcome. We encourage you to become involved in your association by attending the year's first H&S meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30pm in the Birchwood cafeteria. Items to be discussed include the progress on our new school as well as information on an upcoming open house to see the plans for the new school

### **Executive Council 2011-2012**

Ellen Campbell (Co-chair) [amorse@eastlink.ca](mailto:amorse@eastlink.ca)

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## **Spring Park School New Playground Equipment Fundraiser**

The **Playground Renewal Committee** wants to let everyone know about our up-coming way of fundraising for our new playground ... Recycling!

The new recycling program will be simple - families can return all of your empty cans, water bottles, tetra packs, juice containers, wine and beer bottles, etc, 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 hope that your whole family and relatives will get excited about this idea for our new Spring Park School playground and create a fun system in your home for recycling, returning your empties, and keeping track of your amount donated. We will be visiting classrooms to give a

brief presentation on this fundraiser on Friday, September 23rd.

Thank you,

Spring Park School Playground Renewal Committee

## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Do you want to be part of an international organization that will help you to make a meaningful and rewarding difference within your local community?

The **Canadian Red Cross** office in Charlottetown is now recruiting volunteers for their various programs: Service Center, HELP, Disaster Management.

For more information please contact the Red Cross office at 628-6262.

**The Charlottetown Naiads Synchronized Swimming club** is holding registration for the recreational program at CARI Aquatics Centre on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm, and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 9-10am in the lobby. For more info please email [peisynchro@live.ca](mailto:peisynchro@live.ca) or call Kim Hennessey at 892-2720.

## **ART CLASSES AT THE CONFEDERATION CENTRE!**

Exploring Visual Arts (EVA) Classes begin Sat. Sept. 24th

Grades 1-3, 11:00a-12pm and Grades 4-6, 1:00p-2:00pm

Bring your young art enthusiast to the Schurman Family Studio on Saturdays for fun-filled sessions that explore art history to introduce drawing, painting, sculpture and more. Emphasizing on visual literacy, creative thinking and art processes, this course will give a solid foundation into the world of Visual Art. Registration fee: \$110; 8 sessions  
Instructor: Gail Hodder

Contact Debbie to register: 628.6142,  
[dmuttart@confederationcentre.com](mailto:dmuttart@confederationcentre.com)

Come join Scouting for fun and safe activities for the following age groups: Beavers 5-7 years, Cubs 8-10 years, Scouts 11-14 years, and Ventures 14-17 years. Registration will be held at various locations throughout P.E.I. Also if you would like to get involved as a helper or leader and be involved with the youth of our community or if you would like to inquire about starting a group in your area please call our Scouting office at 902-566-9152 or toll free 1-888-726-8876.