

# SPRING PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Today is Thursday September 8, 2011 Day 3

## Mission Statement

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.

## WELCOME

At this time we would like to welcome all of our new kindergarten students, staff and parents. We would also like to extend the same to our new families that have moved into our school community. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. As educators and administrators we urge you to become involved with your children's education by asking questions; monitoring their progress, helping with homework and getting involved in our Home and School.

## SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (For St. Jean location) Grades K - 3

The City Police is recommending that if you are dropping off and/or picking up your child, to please use Bayfield St. **All Students and Parents should enter the St. Jean site at the beginning of the day from the Bayfield St. Door. Please note Do Not use the Front Parking Lot on Queen St.** Just a reminder that Bayfield Street is a one way street from Queen St. to Spring Park Road.

**Start Time for St. Jean Location**

**8:20 - Students enter School**

**8:30 - Classes Start**

**Bus Departures for St. Jean Location**

**2:35 at Stewart St. and Spring Park Road**

Walkers Dismissal - 2:38 p.m.

**Start Time for Birchwood Location**

**8:20 - Students enter School**

**8:30 - Classes Start**

**Bus Departure for Birchwood Location**

**2:25 - Buses leave Birchwood site**

## Staff Changes

We would like to welcome the following staff to Spring Park School this year:

Nicole Robertson - KC

Annabelle Patterson - 1C

Jessica Parent -2C

Marie Michelle Comeau -6C

Bev Fanning -Guidance Counsellor

Ashley Murnaghan - Phys Ed

Erin Ling-Gillespie -Music to Kindergarten

Catherine Chamberland - French Language Monitor

## STUDENT FEES

Thanks to all parents who have provided supply fees. If there are any fees outstanding we would appreciate receiving them by September 23rd. (For the Kindergarten and grade one students - a fee of 40.00 is collected or has been), if writing a cheque please make payable to Spring Park School. For grades 3-6 the student agenda will be 8.00.

## SCENT-FREE NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Due to allergies and product sensitivities, the school is **scent-free** and **nut-free** so students, parents, and visitors are reminded not to use scented products or send peanut products in snacks and lunches.

## UNPREDICTABLE 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.

## EARLY ARRIVAL OF STUDENTS

A reminder to parents to **not** drop off children before 8:20 a.m. No supervision is available, and for the safety of your children, we ask you to respect this request. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## \*\*\*\*\* MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT \*\*\*\*\*

**Meet the Teacher Night will take place Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The St Jean site will host from 5:30 to 6:15. Birchwood site will host from 6:30 - 7:15 This is a short information session on curriculum for parents to meet your child's teacher and if you need to discuss your child's progress an interview can be set up at a later date.**

## FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM

Our food program will be starting on Monday, September 12. Order forms are going home with this newsletter and extras will be available on our web site. Every Monday orders will be placed. We cannot accept any orders after 9:00 a.m. Please remember if your child has salads, puddings or soups etc to send in a fork or spoon as needed. Correct change is appreciated and if writing a cheque please make payable to Spring Park Home and School.

## 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 to the office to be picked up at the requested time.

## 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.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

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 and wish to thank parents who have been calling. Our volunteers are well appreciated each morning and parents/ guardians calling in saves them from making a call if your child is going to be absent or late. 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.**

## **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 Physical Ed. class but should wear loose clothing appropriate for movement. Grade 4-6 students are responsible for wearing loose clothing for days they have Physical Ed.

### **Kilometer Club**

Cross country running will start this week for students in grade 3 - 6. Students who wish to participate during their recess or lunch break can sign up with Mrs. Murnaghan. There will be a zone cross country meet in early October where students may have a chance to compete against other schools.

## **TERRY FOX RUN**

Funraising begins the week of Sept. 19th. Fundraising will be a sneaker to color and display around the classroom doors when students bring in \$1 or whatever they can afford.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **The Children's Wish Foundation Wishmaker Walk for Wishes**

Join us, Saturday, October 15, 2011 at any of the five locations across Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown, Summerside, Tignish, North Rustico & Montague. A short walk designed for families, schools and people of all ages to participate in, Walk for Wishes is a national event that takes place in over 100 communities throughout Canada. Proceeds will help grant wishes to Island children between the ages of 3 and 17 diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Contact us today for your pledge sheet or for more information please call The Children's Wish Foundation – Prince Edward Island Chapter today at (902) 566-5526 or email at [pei@childrenswish.ca](mailto:pei@childrenswish.ca) [www.wishmaker.ca](http://www.wishmaker.ca)

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**We prepare a newsletter every two weeks (usually every second Wednesday). Let us know if you do not have regular internet access to view our website and newsletters. If you wish to receive a paper copy please return this form to us. Otherwise you may view the newsletter at: <http://www.edu.pe.ca/springpark/>**

**I would like a paper copy sent home with**

**Students Name and Homeroom Class:**

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**Please return to your child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, September 13, 2011.**