



Shannon Park Elementary

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Bell Schedule for 2024-2025 -**Supervision begins 8:00am**/Classes Begin 8:20am/Lunch 11:20-12:10pm/ **Dismissal 2:10**

November 2024

Thank you to our
Grade 6 Leadership
Team for a great 2nd
assembly!



November Information

Remembrance Day Assembly

On November 8 at 1:00pm, the students of Shannon Park will be participating in a Remembrance Day Assembly.

Representatives of the Legion and local Cadet group have been invited.

We are extending an invitation to our serving, uniformed and veteran community members to join us. Students, guests and staff are encouraged to wear uniforms or regalia if desired for the assembly. If you can attend, please arrive in the lobby by about 12:40pm so that we can check you in and have seating available for you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Preparing Your Child for the Remembrance Day Assembly

It is important to help students understand what to expect at the assembly. This solemn occasion is an opportunity to honor those who have served.

Here are a few ways to prepare:

- Talk about the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by others for our freedom.
- Let them know that the assembly may include moments of silence and that they are expected to sit quietly.
- If the music or themes feel heavy, remind them it's okay to feel sad or reflective and to talk about their feelings after.
- Explain that wearing poppies or participating in the ceremony shows respect.

SPES Monthly Character Themes

Each Month we will focus on a specific character education trait:

September – Respect	February – Friendship
October – Responsibility	March – Fairness
November – Compassion	April – Integrity
December – Generosity	May - Perseverance
January – Honesty	June – Citizenship

Lunch Monitors

We continue to look for lunch monitors. Please reach out to the office if you have available time to come and lunch monitor with us from 11:15am to 12:15pm each day or select days of the week. Thank you!

Picture Retake Day

Retake day is **November 6th**. Please remember Media Release forms from the PowerSchool Registration Support emails must be updated if you want your child to be included in the class picture.

Winter Concert Information



On December 12, at 12:30pm, Shannon Park School will be hosting our annual Early Elementary (P-2) Winter Concert. Please be seated in the gym for a 12:30pm start. Students from the following classes will be performing:

From Miss Hui: P Noiles, P Francis, P Prior, P/1 McGrath
From Mr. Tuck: P/1 Henwood, 1 Johnson, 1 Presse, 1/2 MacLean, 1/2 Wall, 2 Dull, 2 Stevens/Voysey, 2/3 Maccoomb

Indigenous Veterans Day



Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

Remembrance Day



Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen. Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.

Transgender Awareness Week



Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices. The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support. **Be an ally** - An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.

Inclement Weather



Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m.**

announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. **All after school care for Shannon Park is cancelled if school is dismissed early or cancelled.**

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

School Procedures

Help our school run smoothly and safely!

- **Safe Arrival** - Report absences in advance, up to the start of the school day by:
 1. **Toll-Free Number** - 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences
 2. **SchoolMessenger App** - Download the SchoolMessenger app and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email).
 3. **SchoolMessenger** through PowerSchool
- We require a valid working phone number, so we can contact you
- **Supervision starts 8:00am do not arrive or drop off students before 8:00am.**
- Please ensure your child arrives on time to limit disruptions to learning routines
- Please call/email for an appointment to ensure availability
- Visitors are required to sign in, wear a badge, and provide a reason for their visit.
- Visitors cannot wander the school to safeguard instructional time and ensure safety of students, staff, and visitors.
- Teachers will generally respond to email within 2 business days
- We are a scent and nut aware school
- No pets! For yours, students and pet safety (Identified Service Dogs permitted)
- No smoking, vaping or nicotine products on school property
- Proper forms needed annually to administer *any* medications. No medications are administered to students by staff during school hours unless necessary and prescribed by a health care professional. Including over the counter medications.
- Please ensure we have current custody or court documents if applicable
- Talk to your child about crosswalk safety
- All students will ride their assigned bus/buses only
- Children are not permitted to open outside doors or answer the doorbell
- Hold Secure Practice, Lockdown Practice and Fire Drills will be practiced throughout the year to develop awareness and expectations for safety.
- **No Driving/Parking on School Property** There is absolutely no driving/parking on school property for unauthorized vehicles without prior arrangements during the day. Please drive slowly and watch for crosswalks. **When buses arrive, do not drive, or walk around them.** This protects all of us and especially our students.

[Power School Parent Portal Login](#)

Important Dates for 2024-2025

(Subject to change)

NOVEMBER

4: Q-Mack Presentation for Students

6: SAC and Home and School Meeting Library 6-8pm

8: Remembrance Day Assembly in afternoon
8: Indigenous Veterans Day
11: Remembrance Day - no classes all schools
18-22: Dance week with Halifax Regional Arts presenting on Nov 19th
20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
22: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/jr high only
18-Dec 5: Report cards sent home (elem/jr high only)
27: Cookies and Crafts 6-8pm

DECEMBER

5: Progress Conferences & Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
12: Grades P-2 Holiday Concert
20: Last day of school before holiday break

JANUARY

2: Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
3: Classes resume

FEBRUARY

February is Registration Month!

3: Semester 2 beings (high school)
13: Family Fun Night
17: Heritage Day - no classes all schools

MARCH

7: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/middle/jr only
10-14: Spring Break
25-April 3: Report cards sent home (elem/middle/jr high)

APRIL

3: Elem/Middle/Jr progress conferences & Teacher Professional Practice - no classes all schools
18: Good Friday - no classes all schools
21: Easter Monday - no classes all schools
30: Elem/Middle/Jr professional development day - no classes all schools

MAY

12-27: Provincial Assessments for Grade 3 (4 days)
15: Black Excellence Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open
19: Victoria Day - no classes
22: Grades 3-6 Spring Concert
31: Spring Fair

JUNE

21: National Indigenous Peoples Day - Culturally Significant Day
27: Assessment & evaluation day - no classes all schools
30: Last day of school