



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**

January 2024



January Information

Lost and Found

Lost and Found Items will be donated on **January 10th**. If your child is missing something, please feel free to come to the main doors, let Paula or Louisa, our admin assistants, know you are here, sign in and have a look.

SPES Monthly Character Themes

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

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

January Days



- JANUARY**
- 2:** Teacher Directed Day – First day of 2025 **for staff**
 - 3:** First day of 2025 **for students**
 - 4:** National Ribbon Skirt Day
 - 22:** SAC and Home and School Meetings
 - 27:** International Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - 27:** Family Literacy Day
 - 29:** Lunar New Year

International Holocaust Remembrance Day



International Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed on January 27, serves as a crucial reminder of the Holocaust.

Through survivor stories, students learn empathy, compassion, and the importance of standing against antisemitism and prejudice. By observing this day, we ensure future generations uphold human rights and dignity, fostering a culture of respect and inclusion.

Lunar New Year



Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, will be celebrated on January 29.

It marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, an animal sign that symbolizes wisdom, intuition, and renewal. It's a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and welcome the new year with hopes of prosperity and happiness.

Family Literacy Day



Did you know? January 27 is Family Literacy Day! This special day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

This year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together!" Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be greener. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.

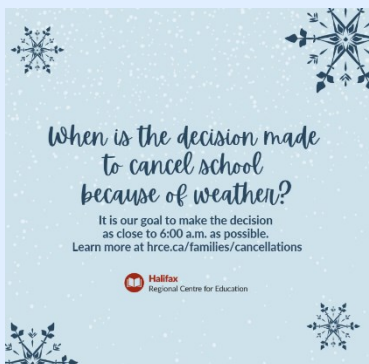
Inclement Weather

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.

HRCE's goal is to communicate any changes 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 the regular lunch hour.
- *Please see our Information Sheet on Early Dismissal for Shannon Park.*

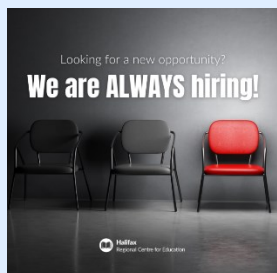
How will I find out?

- 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.

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!

We're always hiring!

Did you know that HRCE has roughly 10,000 employees serving nearly 60,000 students?

Our job postings are updated every Wednesday at noon and feature a wide variety of career opportunities!

As HRCE grows, so does our staff. Check out new opportunities weekly at www.myhrce.ca/jobs.

School Procedures

- **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.**

Help our school run smoothly and safely!

- Please ensure your child arrives by 8:15am 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)

JANUARY

- 2: Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
- 3: Classes resume
- 4: National Ribbon Skirt Day
- 22: SAC and Home and School Meetings
- 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
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FEBRUARY

February is Registration Month!

- 3: Semester 2 begins (high school)
- 13: Family Fun Night
- 14: Presentation for Students by Africa Festival of Arts and Culture Society (AFACS)
- 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