



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**

February 2025



February Information

Lost and Found

Lost and Found Items will be donated again before March Break. 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

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

February Days



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Lunch Changes

We continue to look for lunch monitors. Please reach out if you have available time to lunch monitor with us from 11:15am to 12:15pm

Beginning Feb. 3, all classes will go outside from 11:20-11:45am. Then from 11:45am-12:10pm, all students will eat lunch in their classrooms.

Week	P-2	3-4	5-6
Feb 3-7	SIDE	FRONT	BACK
Feb 10-14	FRONT	BACK	SIDE
Feb 18-21	BACK	SIDE	FRONT



Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians. This year’s theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years. In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration. African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.



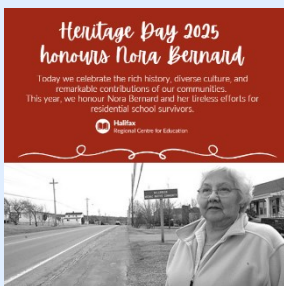
Do you have a child who will be starting pre-primary or primary this fall? It’s time to register! Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it’s important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Tip: Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers) if you are new to the HRCE;
- Proof of home address (a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment or a mortgage contract); and

Visit the [HRCE website](https://hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

Don’t have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.



Reminder: February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history.

School Health Partnership Nurse Website Launch

The School Health Partnership (SHP Nurses) is happy to announce the launch of their new public website. This site will help families and school staff by providing information about the program and easy access to resources for school staff. They plan to keep improving the website with new information as

it becomes available.
 The website is available in an English and French version. The website provides links to public facing EECD SHP documents as well as providing SHP developed information.
 The site is now linked to each school’s website under For Students and Families | Useful Links.

What to do if your child needs a change in bussing.

If you have an update to your alternate address (e.g. daycare or after-school program), you may contact the Student Transportation Team directly year-round at 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca.
 You can call the school’s main office to change the alternate address in PowerSchool, but you still must **follow up with transportation** who will update BusPlanner with correct pick up, drop off and bus number information.

Literacy Development for Your Child (Primary to Grade 6)

Are you curious about your child's literacy development? A new page of information on HRCE.ca helps to break down development for children from grades Primary to 6 as they learn to read and write.
 Learn more [here](#).

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.

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.**
- For changes in bussing, please contact transportation: transportation@hrce.ca
- All students will ride their assigned bus/buses only
- 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
- 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)

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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