



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**

March 2025



March Information

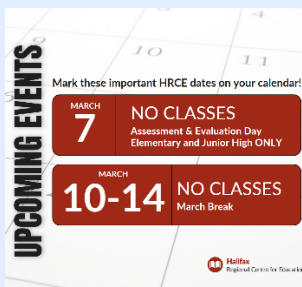
Lost and Found

Lost and Found Items will be donated 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

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

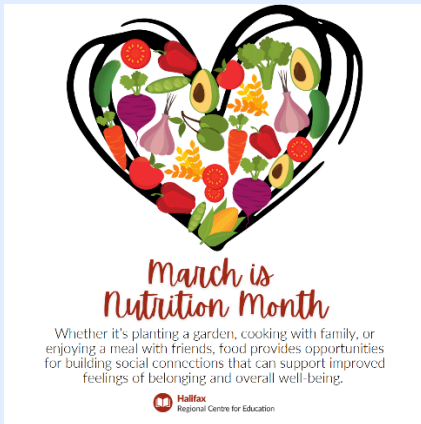
March Days



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4: The Domino Guy Presentation for Students
7: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/middle/jr only
10-14: March Break – No Classes
March 25-April 3: Report cards sent home (elem/middle/jr high)

March 8: International Women’s Day
March 21: World Down Syndrome Day
March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility
 March is Nutrition Month



March is Nutrition Month

Did you know? March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme, Nourish to Flourish, highlights the important role that food has on our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Whether it's planting an indoor or outdoor garden, cooking together with family, or enjoying a meal with friends, food provides opportunities for building social connections that can support improved feelings of belonging and overall well-being. This is a great time to explore and learn about food. An important part of this is food literacy, which includes having the knowledge and skills to grow, choose, prepare, and talk about food.

School Bus Safety Reminder

More than 33,000 HRCE students take the school bus. Making sure they have a safe and happy trip to and from school is very important to us. Please talk with your child about school bus safety on a regular basis. Students should tell their bus driver and/or school principal if they have any problems.

Here are some important safety tips:

Bus Stop Safety

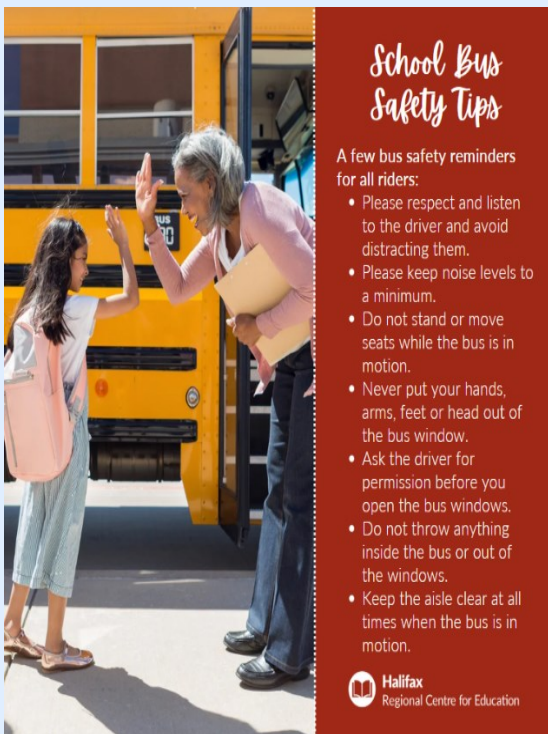
- Be on time for the bus. Don't run to or from the bus.
- Stand back when the bus arrives and give everyone space. Get on or off the bus one at a time.
- Always cross the road in front of the bus. Walk to a spot where you can see the driver. When they signal it's safe, walk to the middle of the road. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, then cross when it's safe.
- Never crawl under the bus or cross the road from behind it.

School Bus Safety

- Respect and listen to the driver. Their job is to focus on the road, so avoid distracting them.
- Respect others and your space.
- Keep noise levels down.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the bus.
- Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- Keep the aisle clear.

Did you know: It's illegal for drivers to pass a school bus when it has stopped with its red lights flashing. Bus drivers will activate their amber lights 150m before they stop as a warning to motorists.

More information about HRCE student transportation and school bus safety can be found [here](#).



School Bus Safety Tips

A few bus safety reminders for all riders:

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

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Lunch Schedules



Thank you for your patience as we adjust lunch schedules. Again, we are back to rotating indoor and outdoor lunches between classes. We continue to look for lunch monitors. If you have a day (or five) each week to offer from 11:15am-12:15pm, please contact Paula in the office and she will help guide you to get started.

Provincial School Food and Nutrition Policy

The Department has updated the School Food and Nutrition Policy (SFNP). The policy and supporting documents are available [here](#).

Important Dates 2024-2025 (Subject to change)

MARCH

- 4: The Domino Guy Student Presentation
- 7: Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & evaluation day - no classes
- 8: International Women's Day
- 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
- 24: Family Movie Night Rescheduled
- 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

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 is 8:00am do not 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.

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