



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**

April 2025



April Information

Lost and Found

Lost and Found Items will be donated before Easter 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

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 3** NO CLASSES
Progress Conferences & Professional Practice PP-12
- APRIL 18** NO CLASSES
Good Friday
- APRIL 21** NO CLASSES
Easter Monday
- APRIL 30** NO CLASSES
Progress Conferences & Professional Practice PP-12

Halifax Regional Centre for Education

- **April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day**
- **April 20 is Easter**
- **April 22 is Earth Day**
- **April 23 is Administrative Professionals Day**
- **April 24 is our Rescheduled Movie Night**
- **April 27 to May 3 is National Volunteer Week**

Message from our Librarian



Shannon Park Elementary would like to thank all our students and their families for the overwhelming support they gave to our Tattletales Coin Campaign library fundraiser. Altogether you helped raise over \$2000 for our school library to spend on new books. Amazing job everyone!

Thanks :)
Candace DeCoste



World Autism Awareness Day

Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.

Measles prevention in Nova Scotia

We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.

Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at vaxrecords.nshealth.ca.

Who should get vaccinated?

- Anyone born in or after 1970 should get two doses of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
- Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.
- Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

Find out more about measles vaccination: www.nshealth.ca/measles.

Provincial Lunch Program

Provincial lunch program in action

Last month was Nutrition Month, and what better way to celebrate healthy eating than to shine a spotlight on the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program!

[Click here](#) to see how students at one HRCE school are using the program to dish out some serious leadership skills. It's a feast of learning and fun!

Did you know? Teachers use the [Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction \(Français\)](#) to support students' learning.

<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting Literacy at Home</p>	<p>Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.</p> <p>Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.</p> <p>The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills • 10 Ideas to Raise A Reader
<p style="text-align: center;">Purple Tag Program Reminder</p>	<p>Just a friendly reminder that children in Pre-Primary to Grade 2 who use school transportation must have a purple tag on the left side of their backpack. This is to ensure they are not left alone at a bus stop. If your child doesn't have a purple tag or needs a new one, please reach out to the main office. Children who use special needs transportation do not require a purple tag.</p> <p>To learn more about the Purple Tag Program, watch this short video or visit HRCE's website here and click on <i>Purple Tag Program</i>.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">French Summer Camp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://ns.cpf.ca/en/youth/french-camps/</p>	<p><i>Shared from Canadian Parents for French:</i></p> <p>If you want to enroll your child in a French camp this summer, check out the CPF camps offered locally and provincially! Registration for summer camps opened February 14, 2025! * All camp activities (including campfires) are weather and safety dependent.</p> <p>Camp Behaviour Management policy Summer Camp FAQ</p> <p>Camp Subsidies</p> <p>There are a limited number of scholarships (100%) and bursaries (50%) available for each camp. We will be giving preference to applicants based on financial need. Please contact us at cpf@ns.cpf.ca if you are interested in applying for either option.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Head Lice</p>	<p>Head lice and nits commonly occur in students of this age. While Shannon Park staff will be vigilant in watching for new cases, please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) on a regular basis.</p> <p>Coordinating efforts between school and home significantly reduces the frequency of lice and nit occurrences and we thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. For further information, see "How to Prevent, Find, and Treat Head Lice" (Nova Scotia Health Authority):</p> <p>https://www.nshealth.ca/sites/default/files/documents/pamphlets/07135.pdf</p>

Important Dates

2024-2025

(Subject to change)

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.

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- 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](#)
