



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**

June 2025



Lost and Found

Lost and Found Items will be donated on June 25th. 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

Home and School Committee: Spring Fair

Hello families, our Annual Spring Fair will go ahead tomorrow, rain or shine, on Saturday May 31st from 11am-2pm. The bouncer castles will remain outside and we will set up other activities inside if necessary. Come prepared for a bit of drizzle! Your home and school committee is excited to introduce some new updated spring fair games, and are so thrilled that Mr. Tuck and his band, **The Boys In The Basement**, will be joining us for a noon performance!! We are also offering the chance to win some amazing prizes at our raffle table and sucker pull! A reminder that this is a cash only event with \$1 tickets to be redeemed for food and activities. You may also purchase a bracelet for \$10 for unlimited bouncing. Raffle and 50/50 tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Message from the Physical Education Department

We will be having our School Field Day on Tuesday, June 17th (rain date: June 18th). We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help out that morning. If you have your Criminal Record and Child Abuse Checks in at the office and are able to help, please reach out to Mrs. Walters or Mrs. Goulden by email (ewalters@hrce.ca or pcasford@hrce.ca - also found on the school website). We are looking forward to a fun filled day and will be sending out more information in the near future!

Thank you!

2025-26 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.
- Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.
- If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.



SchoolsPlus supports for summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school Katy MacGuigan. Learn more [here](#).



Tips to support reading and writing at home

As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities.

Here are some ideas and tips:

1. Create a dedicated writing space

Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

2. Read often

Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their language skills and inspire their own writing.

3. Encourage reflective journaling

A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

4. Offer real-world writing opportunities

Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

5. Be a writing role model

Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a "family writing night" where everyone writes and shares together.

6. Start a vocabulary notebook

Introduce a few new words each week and encourage your child to use them in writing and conversation. Turn it into a game for using words creatively.



Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health

In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia's many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don't hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you've been bitten.

Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety and learn:

- How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas
- What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child
- The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses

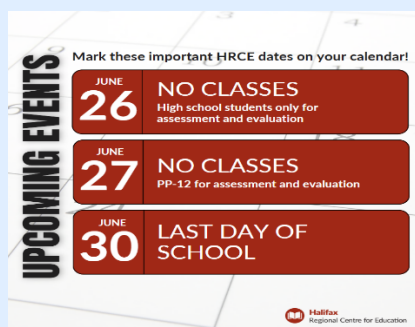
Lunch Monitors for Next Year

Do you have an extra free hour? If so, think about spending it as a Lunch Monitor here at the school. Lunch monitoring is a paid position and you will require some of the same documents outlined in this [HRCE Volunteer Link](#). These can be completed over the summer as September will have a longer response time. All paperwork will need to be in for a Sept start. We appreciate your care and help in keeping our students safe and happy at lunch!

Supply Lists 2025-2026

Here is the current link that will be updated later in June to reflect next year's lists.

[Supply Lists for Shannon Park](#)



JUNE

17: Field Day

18: Final SAC Meeting

21: National Indigenous Peoples Day - Culturally Significant Day

27: Assessment & evaluation day - no classes all schools

30: Last day of school

- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

Dates for Next Year

SEPTEMBER

- 2: School Organization Day - no classes all schools
- 3: Professional Development Day - no classes all schools
- 4: First Day of School for Students**
- 29: Professional Development Day - no classes all schools
- 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no classes all schools

OCTOBER

- 1: Treaty Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open
- 13: Thanksgiving Day - no classes all schools
- 24: NSTU Provincial conference day - no classes all schools

NOVEMBER

- 11: Remembrance Day - no classes all schools
- 21: Elem/Middle/Jr evaluation day - no classes elem/jr high only
- 17-20: Report cards sent home (high school only)
- 24-Dec 3: Report cards sent home (elem/jr high only)

DECEMBER

- 4: Progress Conferences & Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools
- 19: Last day of school before holiday break
- 22: Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools

JANUARY

- 5: First Day Back After Break
- 28-29: High school summative assessments
- 30: High school assessment & evaluation day - no classes high school only

FEBRUARY

- February is Registration Month!*
- 2: Semester 2 begins (high school)
- 3-13: Semester 1 report cards home (high school)
- 16: Nova Scotia Heritage Day - no classes all schools

MARCH

- 13: Elem/Middle/Jr assessment & evaluation day - no classes elem/middle/jr only
- 16-20: Spring Break - no classes all schools
- 23-April 2: Report cards sent home (elem/middle/jr high)

APRIL

- 2: Elem/Middle/Jr progress conferences & Teacher Professional Practice & high school professional development day - no classes all schools
- 3: Good Friday - no classes all schools
- 6: Easter Monday - no classes all schools
- 21-28: Report cards home (high school)
- 29: Elem/Middle/Jr professional development day & high school progress conferences & Teacher Professional Practice Day - no classes all schools

MAY

- 15: Black Excellence Day - Culturally Significant Day - schools open
- 18: Victoria Day - no classes all schools

JUNE

- 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day - Culturally Significant Day
- 23-25: High school summative assessments
- 26: High School assessment & evaluation day - no classes high school only
- 29: 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.

[Power School Parent Portal Login](#)