

Mid November Update

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November 2025

Upcoming Dates: Click [here](#) for HRCE 25-26 Calendar

- November 20: Grades 4-6 students to Neptune: Wizard of Oz
- November 21: Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School for students)
- November 21: Pizza Kit coupon orders due
- November 24: Adaptations sent home via EduPost (if applicable)
- November 27: Home & School event: Cookies & Crafts
- December 2: Report Cards sent home via EDUPost
- December 4: Teacher Prof. Practice & Progress Conferences (No School for Students)
- December 11: Winter Concert (Grades P-2/3)
- December 19: Last day of school for students before holiday break

Grades Primary-2 Report Card Update

Nova Scotia introduced an updated Language Arts curriculum for Grades Primary to 2 in September 2024.

The new curriculum is organized into three main areas, called strands:

- Foundations of Language – phonics, spelling, and word knowledge
- Comprehension – understanding what is read or heard
- Composition – expressing ideas through speaking and writing

These strands work together to show how reading, writing, and oral language support one another as children grow into confident, capable communicators.

Starting in November 2025, report cards for Grades Primary to 2 will reflect these updated strands:

- Strand A: Foundations of Language
- Strand B: Comprehension
- Strand C: Composition

What families can expect:

- Grade Primary: Since grades are not reported, strand names will not appear.
- Grades 1–2: The new strand names will appear on your child’s report card.

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences will be December 4th from 1-3pm and 4-6pm. Teachers will contact families next week, by November 26th, to arrange meeting times.

Winter Concert

On December 11th, at 12:30pm, Shannon Park School will be hosting our annual Early Elementary (P-2/3) Winter Concert. Please be seated in the gym for a 12:30pm start. Students from the following classes will be performing: P Noiles, P Shubaly, P/1 Dick, P/1 McGrath, 1 Anand, 1 Goodbody, 1/2 Stevens, 2 Wall, 2 Dull, 2 McKay, and 2/3 Clements.

Home and School Events

Our Shannon Park Home and School have some exciting things planned as we are fundraising to help cover the cost of buses for class field trips. The Halloween Howl raised over \$1700. Thank you for your support. This week is the last week to order your Kenny's Pizza Kit Coupons. Orders can be placed through school cash until November 21st. November 27th, Cookies and Crafts will take place at the school from 6-8pm. Please see the posters below for more information.



**HELP SUPPORT
SHANNON PARK SCHOOL**

**PIZZA
KITS**

COUPONS **\$13** \$5 FROM EVERY COUPON SOLD GOES TO SHANNON PARK

STARTS **NOV 7th**
ENDING **NOV 21st**

#1 - PEPPERONI (DOUGH, SAUCE, PEPPERONI & CHEESE)
#2 - CHEESE (DOUGH, SAUCE & CHEESE)
#3 - GARLIC FINGERS (DOUGH, GARLIC SPREAD, CHEESE & DONAIR SAUCE)

**Kenny's
PIZZA**
- EST 1989 -

COUPONS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT:
HRCE.SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM

PICK UP YOUR COUPONS ON NOVEMBER 27TH AT:
SHANNON PARK SCHOOL BETWEEN 6 PM - 8 PM

REDEEM YOUR COUPONS AT: KENNY'S PIZZA COLE HARBOUR



**Cookies &
CRAFTS**

DROP IN EVENT | **6-8PM** | THURSDAY
NOV 27TH

"Decorate a cookie, make a craft, enjoy a hot chocolate!"

Cash donation at the door! Proceeds to help fund bus fees.
Frosty Popsicles also for sale. (\$1.00 Cash Only)
Kenny's Pizza coupons available for pickup as well!

Hungry for something fun? Check out the Nova Scotia school lunch cookbook!

Hungry for something fun? Get cooking with the new cookbook What's for Lunch? Nova Scotia Recipes to Cook and Enjoy Together, a joyful collection of most-loved recipes from school food programs.

Proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to supporting school healthy eating programs in Nova Scotia, such as breakfast and snack, cooking clubs and school gardens. Learn more and order yours [here](#).

Whether you're a new cook, a young chef, or a family learning together in the kitchen, What's for Lunch? invites you to bake up a handmade pizza, create a picnic plate, make a big batch of breakfast sandwiches, or stir up some butter chicken! Each easy-to-follow recipe comes with tasty ideas for toppings, sides, and simple swaps to make it just right for you and your family.

Within its pages, you will meet some of the inspiring folks behind Nova Scotia's made-from-scratch school lunches, explore where local food ingredients come from, and discover bite-sized fun facts to spark curiosity. Colourful illustrations by students at Oxford School in Halifax and beloved local illustrator Emma FitzGerald bring it all to life!



Cook up your favourite school meals at home

with Nourish Nova Scotia's new cookbook!

Within its pages, you'll find easy recipes, meet inspiring lunch heroes, explore local ingredients, and enjoy bite-sized food facts.



Get your copy of What's for Lunch? here:



nourishns.ca/ns-school-lunch-cookbook

All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will support food programs in Nova Scotia schools.

Nourish Nova Scotia **NOVA SCOTIA**

You're invited to HRCE's Job Fair!

In an effort to recruit employees and support our ongoing commitment to diversity, HRCE is hosting a Job Fair. Open especially to those of African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry, as part of our strategy to increase under-represented groups in our workforce, we welcome all candidates to attend.

There will be several representatives from Human Resource Services, Excel, Operations, Pre-Primary and our Diversity Team who will host booths and answer questions regarding working with HRCE and the various casual, part-time and full-time roles we have.

The date and location of the event is as follows:

- Thursday, November 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Zatzman Sportsplex Thistle Room

We hope to see you there!

Volunteers

We would love to welcome volunteers into our school this year! Volunteers can also help to chaperone on class trips which happen all year long. If you are interested, please reach out to the school spes@hrce.ca. We can provide you with a letter that states you are volunteering with us which reduces the cost of the checks. If the cost of completing these checks is a financial challenge, we may be able to assist. Please contact the Principal, Anne Gourlay AGourlay@hrce.ca

Prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found [here](#). As of June 2025, digital confirmations are available for Child Abuse Register checks. For more information, click [here](#).
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available [here](#), from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.

Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella products).
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.
- Please do not drive or park 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.
- Please request proper forms for the administration of any medications. These need to be completed each school year. Medications can be administered to students by school staff during school hours when we have completed forms on file at school. This includes over the counter medications.