

École Shannon Park School

Mid February Update

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February 2026

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

- February 17: Lunar New year
- February 18: Ramadan begins
- February 23-27: February Spirit Week-Celebrating African Heritage
- February 26: Home and School meeting 6pm- School Library
- February 26: School Advisory Council meeting 7pm-School Library
- March 13: Assessment and Evaluation Day-No School for Students
- March 16-20: March Break-No School

Arriving at school on time

Punctuality is an essential habit that helps students start their day with focus and readiness. Arriving on time ensures that students don't miss out on important instructions, activities, or the chance to fully engage with their classmates. It also sets a positive example of responsibility and respect for others. Together, we can help our students develop skills that will benefit them both in school and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in getting your students to school on time. The entrance bell for all students is 8:15 am and instruction begins at 8:20 am. If there is anything the school can do to support, please reach out; spes@hrce.ca

Lunch Activities for Students

Did you know there are a number of lunch time activities available for students in upper elementary. Our staff organize activities such as Art Club, GSA, Junior Lunch Monitors, DND Club, Basketball, and Football. Ask your child if they are joining in any of these events!

Celebrating African Heritage

Monday Feb. 23rd	AFRICAN NS FLAG DAY Wear the colours of the African Nova Scotian Flag (red, green, black and yellow)
Tuesday Feb. 24th	I HAVE A DREAM... Dress like someone you admire OR Dress to impress.
Wednesday Feb. 25th	BE A READER LIKE SHAUNTAY GRANT Wear clothing with letters/words. Classes will explore books celebrating African Heritage together.
Thursday Feb. 26th	STRIKE 'EM OUT LIKE JACKIE ROBINSON Wear a jersey or sports attire.
Friday Feb. 27	BLACK EXCELLENCE Dress in black. Classes will be attending the Shannon Park African Heritage Art Gallery.

Lunch Monitors

We are reaching out in search of lunch monitors. If you have or are willing to have a criminal record check/vulnerable sector and child abuse registry done and are able to help, please phone 902-464-2084 or email spes@hrce.ca and we can begin the process. Even if you are only available certain days of the week your time is appreciated. Thank you!

Lunch Monitors Needed
Please contact the Office for more information.

Home & School and SAC

Our next Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings will be February 26 at 6pm and 7pm in our school library. This is a great opportunity to become involved with our school community. If you are interested or just want to know more about each of these groups, please contact us to let us know; spes@hrce.ca

Our last Home & School event was Movie Night in January. \$400 was raised in support of our school movie subscription. This is used for movie night fundraisers at schools as well as by teachers. It cost \$800/year. The Home and School is also fundraising to cover buses to help offset the cost of field trips. You can support the Home & School all year long through hrce.schoolcashionline.ca



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).
- Please note that teachers are on morning **duty** as of 8:00am. Please do not drop off students before this time. Thank you!
- 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 to school 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. All medications must be in their original containers; prescription medication with the current pharmacy label attached, and non-prescription medication to include the package documentation for guidance (*Parents/guardians are able to request from their pharmacy a separate labelled medication for school use*).
- Please ensure that your child has **indoor shoes** for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.
- Students are not permitted to use **cell phones** during the school day or during school events.. If students bring cellphones to school, they must be turned off and in their backpacks for the entire school day.