

École Shannon Park School

Mid April Update

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[Mid April 2026-see online here](#)

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

April 22-Earth Day

April 29-Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

May 5- Grade 6 Band Concert @ John Martin Junior High 6 pm

May 7-SAC meeting 6pm

May 7-HSA meeting 7pm

May 12,13,20,21-Grade 3 Provincial Assessments

May 15- Black Excellence Day

May 22-Spring Concert (Grades 3-6)

Spring Concert

Shannon Park School will be hosting our Spring Concert Friday, May 22nd. Please arrive early to sign in and be seated in the gym for a 12:30pm start. Due to fire regulations and seating capacity, siblings that are in class during this time are not able to join the audience.

Our concert will include the Shannon Park Strummers, The Sharktones, and the violin groups will open the show. The music will be varied with even some original class compositions.

Students from the following classes will be performing:

3 MacLean, 3/4 Evans, 3/4 Sauntry, 4 Presee, 4/5 Hines, 4/5 White, 5 Lohnes, 5/6 Figg, 6 Lucas, and 6 MacKenzie.

We ask that you wait until the end of the concert before leaving the gym to avoid disruptions to our performers.

The concert is expected to end close to dismissal time. It is preferable for safe dismissal and less crowding to wait for students outside at the regular 2:10pm dismissal time near the Primary Exit by the Bus Dismissal Parking Lot.

Upward Kitchen & Cafe

Upward Kitchen is our school lunch provider and they are providing each student with 2 tokens that can be used at Upward Kitchen & Cafe at The Nook, in Halifax. Please feel free to redeem or share these tokens for a hot or frozen meal. Your child will be sent home with a letter with more details and tokens in the coming week.

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!



Thinking about next year

Looking forward to next year, if there are learning needs that you would like considered for class placement, please email Anne Gourlay AGourlay@hrce.ca by the end of April.

Home and School and SAC

Our next Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings will be **May 7** 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

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.schoolcashonline.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](#).

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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.