

*École Shannon Park School*

# Mid May Update

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

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

- May 15: Black Excellence Day
- May 18: Victoria Day (No classes - all schools)
- May: 20, 21-Grade 3 Provincial Assessments
- May 22: Grade 6 English orientation to John Martin Jr. High
- May 22: Spring Concert (Grades 3-6)
- May 26: Grade 4-6 Track and Field Day
- May 30: School Spring Fair
- May 31 to June 6 is Access Awareness Week
- June 3: Grade 6 Fr. Im. information/orientation to Dartmouth South Academy
- June 16: Field Day (raindate June 23)
- June 25: Grade 6 Closing
- June 27: Assessment & Evaluation Day-No School for Students
- June 30: Last Day of School

## 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 some original class compositions.

Students from the following classes will be performing:

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

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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.

## **Black Excellence Day**

Friday, May 15th is Black Excellence Day, and all staff and students are invited to wear black t-shirts. Celebrating Black Excellence Day within HRCE schools is important for fostering a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and appreciation for the diverse talents and contributions of Black individuals.

## **New to the area or moving out of the area**

**New to the area:** if you are aware of any families new to the Shannon Park area please direct them to HRCE online registration or to contact the school at (902) 464-2084 and we will assure they get their child(ren) registered in a timely manner.

**Moving away:** if you are moving and your children will not be attending Shannon Park Elementary in 2026-2027 enter a change of address online with HRCE and please contact the school to let us know; 902-464-2084 or [spes@hrce.ca](mailto:spes@hrce.ca)

## **Class Placement**

Classes for next year are always on everyone's mind at this time of year. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a particular class. Please only send in a class placement request if you have serious academic/social concerns that impact your child's learning needs. You should send an email clearly stating your concerns and submit these to Ms. Gourlay [AGourlay@hrce.ca](mailto:AGourlay@hrce.ca). These concerns will be considered by the administrative team, but it does not mean we will be able to honor your request.

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## PrePrimary, Primary, and Grade 6 Students: Information & Orientation

As we prepare for next year, we want to provide families with information so students feel ready for the move to school for Pre Primary, Primary, or heading off to Junior High. As we finalize plans, we will be in touch with more information and details.

## School Zone Speed Limit

A reminder that the speed limit in our school zone is **30 km/hr**. As the streets get busier during drop-off and pick-up, please keep an extra eye out for people walking. Those few extra seconds saved by speeding aren't worth the risk to our children's safety. **Let's work together to keep our school zone a safe zone!** Thank you for driving with care.

## 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](mailto: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!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:AGourlay@hrce.ca)

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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.