



Eastern Passage Education Centre

Home of the Phoenix!

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FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

As we enter February, we have several important updates to share:

- 🌍 African Heritage Month – This month, we proudly celebrate African Heritage Month, recognizing the contributions, history, and culture of people of African descent. Students will engage in various activities, discussions, and learning experiences that promote inclusivity and understanding.
- 📌 Registration Month – February is registration month for the upcoming school year. If your child is starting school or transitioning to a new grade level, please ensure all necessary forms are completed. Visit our school website or contact the office for details.
- 📚 Teaching & Learning – Engaging learning opportunities continue this month, including classroom projects, hands-on activities, and skill-building experiences. We encourage families to support student learning at home and stay involved in their child's educational journey.
- 📢 Ongoing Communication – We value strong connections with our school community. Please check emails, newsletters, and our website for important updates. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sarah Shea & Shawn Fournaud



February is Registration Month

African Heritage Month

February 14 is Valentine's Day

February 17 is Heritage Day (No classes)

Literacy Development for Your Child (Primary to Grade 6)

HOMEWORK HUB



- The Nova Scotia Homework Hub will provide extended tutoring hours in Mathematics for students in grades 7-12 from January 27th to January 29th from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Grade 4-6 students will continue to have access to tutoring every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Homework Hub also provides students with video tutorials, practice exercises, vocabulary flash cards, digital math textbooks and an online graphing calculator.
- Students and teachers are automatically enrolled in the Nova Scotia Homework Hub and access can be found through the GNSPES launch page. Tutors are Nova Scotia qualified mathematics teachers, and this is a free service.

November 20, 2024 SAC Minutes

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Location: Eastern Passage Education Centre, School Library

Attendees:

Sarah Shea	Greg Feltham
Mostafa Sayed	Jim Pratley
Aayan Rizwan (Grade 7 Rep)	Emma Lynch
Brittany Trollope	Lori Dulhanty
Catherine MacDonald	Rhonda Frizzard
Shawn Fournaud	Sophie Leaman (Grade 8 Rep)

Call to order by Greg Feltham - 15:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions - Principal introduced new members

Correspondence: Strengthening Local Voice Letter - Feedback - people didn't like it

was before Truth and Reconciliation Day - avoid having so close 4. **Principals Report:**

Slide over lunch service went well, universal hot lunch program hopefully coming soon.

Head Strong Summit - 12 grade 7 students were selected to attend - summit was about

safe and positive environment at EPEC.

Halifax Transit was on site for an info Session - brought a bus for students to go on

Military was on site for information for families and resources for students

Vaping Awareness info session for students

Report cards and parent teacher Dec 4/5

December 12 - EPEC Band Concert

Student Reports: Gr 6 - Lunch is good

Gr 7 - nothing to report

Gr 8 - Nice to see students putting garbage in garbage cans, being

respectful



Agenda Items: SAC Funding guidelines and requests - little over \$6000 left with three requests submitted.

1st request by Shawn Fournaud - 4 metal tables for seating outside for students/teachers outdoor learning space - quoted roughly \$6877 for 4, not

sure if HRCE will cover all but may support some, ALL MEMBERS VOTED in AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 4

2nd request by Beth Ann Reynolds - 3 Wobble Stools at \$99.28 each and ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 3

3rd request by Catherine - EPEC Basketball Coach - to purchase new basketballs for games. Need 2 size 6 and 2 size 7 which costs roughly \$99/\$120 each, so roughly \$400. COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL VOTE ELECTRONICALLY ONCE QUOTE IS SUBMITTED

SAC Innovation Fund Projects - Greg will send out in PDF form to Committee members to review

NEW BUSINESS: Elevator Broken 2 days no ETA on part

Student ID's hopefully soon, next couple of weeks

Next meeting is January 28, 2025

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with all agenda items addressed.

Prepared by: Rhonda Fizzard(Grade 7 Parent Representative) Approved by:



February is Registration Month

Registration for the 2025-26 school year begins on February 3. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

Don't have a child to register? Maybe you know someone who does! Please help us spread the word and pass this information on to friends, neighbours or relatives who will be looking to register for the fall.

Visit the [HRCE website](https://hrce.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!



Celebrate African Heritage Month 2025

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, celebrated each February, honours the contributions of African Nova Scotians.

This year's theme, Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance, highlights the achievements and resilience of African Nova Scotians, who have shaped the province's history for more than 400 years.

In schools, recognizing African Heritage Month is crucial for promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. It fosters understanding of the diverse cultural landscape of Nova Scotia, empowering African Nova Scotian students by reflecting their history and heritage in their classrooms. Highlighting their achievements serves as a source of inspiration.

African Heritage Month 2025 is an opportunity to educate, inspire, and celebrate the richness of African heritage in Nova Scotia every day.

Heritage Day 2025 honours Nora Bernard

Today we celebrate the rich history, diverse culture, and remarkable contributions of our communities. This year, we honour Nora Bernard and her tireless efforts for residential school survivors.



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February 17 is Heritage Day

Heritage Day 2025 honours the late Nora Madeline Bernard. From Millbrook First Nation, she was a Mi'kmaq activist who fought for her community and First Nations people across Canada.

Ms. Bernard played a key role in getting justice, recognition, and compensation for survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the system herself, she founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987. She then started a class-action lawsuit for the survivors, which inspired others across the country to do the same, leading to the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark these important HRCE dates on your calendar!

FEBRUARY

17

NO CLASSES

Nova Scotia Heritage Day



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Literacy Development for Your Child (Primary to Grade 6)

Are you curious about your child's literacy development? A new page of information on HRCE.ca helps to break down development for children from grades Primary to 6 as they learn to read and write. Learn more [here](#).



Check out our online store for all your Phoenix Spiritwear!

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