



## Upcoming Events:

### February

**February 5** – Community Potluck (6-7pm)

**February 16** – Heritage Day (no classes)

**February 17** – Lunar New Year

**February 18** – SAC (5pm) & SAC (6pm)

### Other Notable Dates:

- **February** is Registration Month and African Heritage Month
- **March 16-20** – Spring Break (no classes)
- **March 30 – April 1** – reports go home
- **April 2** – Professional Learning Day (am) & Parent-teacher Conferences (pm) (no classes)
- **April 3** – Good Friday (no classes)
- **April 6** – Easter Monday (no classes)

## INGLIS STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### A Message from the Principal

January looked a little different at Inglis Street following the holiday break, but our learning and community stayed strong. Restoration work from damage to six classrooms meant we had to adjust spaces and plans to keep learning and growing on track, and I couldn't be prouder of our students, staff, and Inglis team for the way they rose to the challenge.

Classroom communities focused on reconnecting as learning groups, and our school-wide work on playground expectations went well. I visited all classes throughout January to review our playground norms, and students who modelled these norms will be celebrated at our assembly on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

You'll notice a change to our first 2026 PTO event, happening next Thursday, with more information in the body of this newsletter.

February is also Primary Registration Month. If you know families in the community with children starting school in the fall, we encourage you to spread the word. Timely registration helps us plan classrooms and staffing for the upcoming school year.

We're grateful for the way our school community continues to show up for one another. Thanks for being part of what makes Inglis Street special.

**Gabe Rose**

Principal

## Student Dismissal

We've noticed an increase in students being picked up after the **2:50 PM dismissal bell**. Please review the reminders below:

- **Dismissal is at 2:50 PM**, and there is **no supervision for students after this time**. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly for everyone's safety.
- If your child has a change to their regular dismissal routine, please email the homeroom teacher **and the office at [ises@hrce.ca](mailto:ises@hrce.ca)** in advance.
- Last-minute dismissal changes are difficult to accommodate, as teachers are instructing and are not checking email during instructional time.
- Students that arrive late to school must be checked into the office with a parent/guardian.

## Inglis Street Snowy School Social: Thursday, February 5th

Due to the recent restoration work at Inglis Street, we will be cancelling our Community Potluck on Thursday evening. Instead, we're excited to host our first annual **Inglis Street Snowy School Social**.

**Here's what you need to know:**

- Join us from **4:00-5:00 PM** at the Inglis Street Outdoor Classroom (just outside the Robie Street entrance)
- Our Parent-Teacher Organization will be providing hot chocolate while quantities last
- Students and families are encouraged to bring sleds and tobogganing equipment to enjoy time on the hill behind Gorsebrook
- This is a **parent-supervised event**. All children must be supervised by families and caregivers, as with other evening school community events



*We hope to see you on Thursday at 4:00 PM!*

## February is Registration Month

Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre Primary or Primary this fall? It's time to register!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins on Monday, February 2. To ensure we have the right staff and supports in place for September, it's important that we gather enrolment numbers now.

**Tip:** Before you begin, make sure you have the following documents in electronic form (image, PDF or Word document):

- Proof of identity/age with one of the following: birth certificate, passport, immigration papers, or legal adoption papers if you are new to the HRCE



- Proof of home address with one of the following: a recently dated official government or utility document with your current address that includes your name and date, such as water bill, power bill, internet bill, home fuel bill, a tax receipt, property assessment, a mortgage contract or a residential lease agreement

Visit the [HRCE website](#) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

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.

## February is African Heritage Month

African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and lasting contributions of people of African descent in our province. This year's theme, "**Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power and Progress,**" reminds us of the importance of coming together as a community, learning from one another, and moving forward with shared purpose.

In our schools, African Heritage Month provides meaningful opportunities for students to explore African Nova Scotian histories and experiences, deepen their understanding of our shared past, and reflect on the values of respect, inclusion, and belonging. Through classroom learning, discussions, and activities connected to this year's theme, students are encouraged to appreciate diversity, build empathy, and recognize the strength that comes from unity. These experiences help foster welcoming school communities and inspire students to contribute positively to a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



## Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish

Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish, a free community event hosted by Unplugged Canada at St. Margaret's Bay Elementary, is available both in person and virtually.

Designed for caregivers and educators, this session will explore how early smartphone and social media use impacts children's development and the latest research, practical strategies, safer alternatives, and age-appropriate boundaries to support healthy childhoods.

### Join us! Thriving Offline: How Delaying Smartphones Can Help Kids Flourish

- Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Margaret's Bay Elementary - 24 Ridgewood Dr, Head of St Margaret's Bay, NS
- Please register for in-person or virtual [here](#).