



Upcoming Events:

May

May 2 – PTO Flea Market (8:30 – 11:30am)

May 12-21 – Grade 3 Assessments

May 8 – Primary Orientation Open House (1:30 – 2:30pm)

May 18 – Victoria Day (no classes)

May 20 – SAC (5pm) & PTO (6pm)

Other Notable Dates:

- **May 5** – Red Dress Day
- **May 10-16** is Education Week
- **May 15** – Black Excellence Day
- **May 15** – Jump Rope for Heart
- **May 17** – International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- **May 31 – June 6** is Access Awareness Week
- **June 5** - Spring Fair
- **June 29** - Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
- **June 30** - last day of classes

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A Message from the Principal

Spring is here!

April was a busy and rewarding month at Inglis Street. We welcomed families for progress conferences and are looking ahead to our school-wide assembly on Thursday celebrating our school-wide classroom norms.

Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mikael Taieb for a magic and math show. A big thank you to our School Advisory Council for making that happen.

Looking ahead, May is shaping up to be just as full. This month also brings our Grade 3 assessments, and our whole team is pitching in to support our Grade 3 students as they get ready and show what they know over the four days of assessments.

Our flea market is coming up this weekend—dig out those treasures and book a table!

We’ve seen a lot of progress recently with students arriving on time and being picked up promptly at dismissal. Thank you to our community for your support with this!

Yours in learning,

Gabe Rose
Principal

Parent-Teacher Organization: Spring Fair Date



A quick update that our Spring Fair date has changed from June 12 to June 5.

Our PTO is already underway with planning, and we'd love your support. If you're interested and able to help out, please connect with our PTO lead, Miranda Chin, at thechinfamily11@gmail.com

More information will be shared with families soon!

Inglis Street Garden Committee Update

Our School Garden is Coming! 🌱

Big things are in the works at Inglis Street - we are excited to announce that a school garden is on its way! As the weather starts to warm up, work on the beds will soon be underway. Stay tuned for upcoming news on how you can get involved and help our garden flourish.

May 15 is Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves meaningfully reflected in our schools.



We welcome everyone to wear a black shirt, if you're able, on May 15 to show your support for Black Excellence Day!

Unplugged Webinar on Smartphones, Social Media, and More

Unplugged Canada is hosting a LIVE webinar on May 6 every parent and caregiver needs to hear. We're talking smartphones, social media, the research — and most importantly, what we can do about it.

Hosted by Kirsten Sweet, educator and National Program Director with Unplugged Canada with Tania Johnson, Co-founder of the Institute of Child Psychology and Dr. Michele Locke, Clinical Psychologist, learn about the impact of smartphones and social media on youth and how the Unplugged Canada Pledge and our resources can spark meaningful conversations in your home, school, and community.

We'll also introduce two new initiatives: the National School Champion Program and Operation Landline — a summer campaign helping families delay smartphones and reconnect in simpler, more intentional ways.

Come ready to learn, connect, and be part of the movement. Register [here](#).

Free Live Event

UNPLUGGED CANADA



A National Conversation
with Unplugged Canada Ambassadors

Tania Johnson,
M.C.

Co-founder of the Institute of Child Psychology
Award-Winning Author

Dr. Michele Locke,
Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist
Toronto Chapter Co-founder

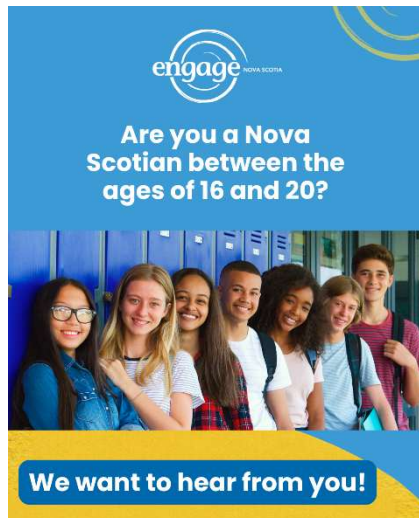
Kirsten Sweet,
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National Program Director
Alberta Chapter Co-founder

- ✔ Explore the research: Smartphones and Social Media
- ✔ Review the Unplugged Pledge and Resources
- ✔ Join our National School Champion Program
- ✔ Check out our new resource: Operation Landline
- ✔ Invite all parents and caregivers in your school community

Wednesday,
May 6th
5pm PT | 8pm ET

Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey



Engage Nova Scotia is seeking more youth voices in their Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey to ensure this critical demographic is properly represented in reporting. To ensure youth voices are heard, Engage Nova Scotia is asking parents to encourage youth and young adults in their household, **who are age 16 and older**, to complete the survey.

Take the survey now!

Please email Engage Nova Scotia at survey@engagenovascotia.ca to take the Nova Scotia Quality of Life Survey. By sharing your story – your day-to-day experiences from affordability and sense of belonging in community to close personal connections and your level of trust in institutions – you can help reveal the full story of your community's well-being.

You can also learn more at engagenovascotia.ca.

Engage Nova Scotia is a non-profit, independent organization that works with partners to advance the quality of life of all Nova Scotia residents. They believe everyone should be included to share their story,

seed their future, and influence change to improve their own well-being and the well-being of their communities. Engage works closely with local municipalities and organizations across the province.

Nova Scotia Health: Community Health Teams (CHT) Programs for 2026

We are sharing the Community Health Teams Spring/Summer Programs for 2026. This information was provided by our school social worker and offers a valuable resource for families.