

## Porter's Lake Elementary School Family Forecast Feb 2-6

### This Week at a Glance

Monday, Feb 2	Tuesday Feb 3	Wednesday Feb 4	Thursday, Feb 5	Friday Feb 6
Upper wing Cafeteria <b><u>Registration for 26-27 School year open!</u></b> SAC Meeting 6 pm PTO Meeting 7 pm	Upper wing Cafeteria	Cafeteria Gr 2	Upper wing Cafeteria  Olympics School Assembly	Upper wing Cafeteria Special Event: Olympics Field Day

### Principal's Message

Hello Families,

We have a busy week ahead, with snow in the forecast on Sunday/Monday. We are a part of the Eastern Shore Consolidated family of schools. Information about cancellations or delays is typically shared around 6:00 a.m., and families are encouraged to check the HRCE website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) for the most up-to-date details. A reminder that if there is a delayed opening, it means buses and the school day begin two hours later, with student arrival at 9:50 a.m.

February marks the beginning of African Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Strength in Unity – Moving Forward with Purpose, Prosperity, Power, and Progress." Our school will focus on learning and working with purpose while moving forward together. Students will hear messages in our daily announcements and take part in classroom activities throughout the month. We welcome family questions or suggestions as we learn together. Please feel free to email me at [jfry@hrce.ca](mailto:jfry@hrce.ca) or call the school at (902) 827-2525.

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting student learning and well-being, we will also be taking a closer look at attendance. Our classroom teachers or a member of the administrative team (Mr. Fry or Mrs. Hart) may reach out to families to check in. These conversations are meant to be supportive and to ensure students have what they need to be successful at school.

We are also placing an increased focus on morning arrival times. Students arriving after 8:10 a.m. can miss important learning and routines, and late arrivals can impact the learning environment as time is needed to help students settle in and catch up on the missed learning. We appreciate your partnership in helping students arrive on time.

This week we are also launching our Winter Olympics celebration, beginning with an assembly and a field day that highlight teamwork, perseverance, and the spirit of the games.

Student registration for the 2026–2027 school year opens Monday on the HRCE website and marks the early stages of planning for next year. More information on registration is included later in this newsletter.

Take care,

**Mr. Fry**

Principal, Porters Lake Elementary School

**1 Parent SAC SEAT OPEN- Next Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup>** We are still seeking one parent to fill a vacant seat on our School Advisory Council (SAC), which supports student success by giving families a role in advising the school and HRCE on topics that impact learning and well-being. If you are interested in collaborating with staff and the community to strengthen our school, please email Mr. Fry at [jfry@hrec.ca](mailto:jfry@hrec.ca) or call the school for more information.

### Upcoming Dates

Feb 2 PLES SAC 6 pm, PTO 7 pm (Online meeting)  
Feb. 5: Olympics Assembly  
Feb 6: Olympics Field Day  
Feb 16: Heritage Day no school

Feb 23 PLES SAC 6 pm, PTO 7 pm  
March 13 Assessment and Evaluation Day: no classes for students  
March 16-20 March Break

### From the HRCE:



#### 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.

#### 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](https://www.hrec.ca) for more information and to enrol your child today through PowerSchool Enrollment!

