

EAST ST. MARGARET'S ELEMENTARY

Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

February is here and we're embracing it by remembering that play is important—even in winter! Please help students come dressed for the weather each day so they can safely enjoy outdoor play and learning.

February is African Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich history and contributions of people of African descent. This year's theme, "Strength in Unity," encourages us to learn from one another, come together as a community, and move forward with shared purpose.

We continue to focus on values of respect, safety, and learning—whether in the classroom, on the playground, or on the bus. A special reminder that bus safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing safe choices.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a warm, caring place all winter long!

Together in learning,
Wendi Tekamp, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 4

Home & School Virtual Meeting
6 PM - [JOIN HERE](#)

FEBRUARY 6

ESM Family Skating
3:30-4:30 PM - St. Margaret's Centre

FEBRUARY 13

Valentine's Dance
6 PM - ESM Gym



FEBRUARY 16

NS Heritage Day - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 20

ESM Family Skating
3:30-4:30 PM - St. Margaret's Centre

FEBRUARY 24

RESCHEDULED Swim to Survive -
Grades 3-6

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

February is Registration Month! Do you have or know a child who will be starting Pre-Primary or Primary this fall? Now is the time to register*!

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

For more information and to register your student, visit the [HRCE website](#)! If you have any questions, please reach out to the ESM Office!

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.

*Students already attending Pre-Primary at ESM do not need to register for Primary.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Valentine's Dance Party

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

FAMILY DANCE

CONCESSIONS

50/50 RAFFLE

6:00 - 7:30 PM

East St. Margaret's Elementary

NUT-FREE SITE

ESM operates as a nut-free school due to the potential for severe, life-threatening allergies.

What does this mean for our families?

We ask all families to be mindful of food items sent to school and refrain from sending foods containing peanuts and tree nuts. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Peanut Butter
- Nutella
- Chocolate Bars containing peanuts and tree nuts
- Granola Bars containing peanuts and tree nuts

Families are encouraged to read labels and, if possible, avoid products that may contain traces of nuts.

Anaphylaxis management is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your support in making ESM a safe place for everyone!

Thank you

We have several sponsors to thank for their recent generous donations:

- **Coastal Restoration & Masonry** - Sea Can Storage Donation & Installation
- **JJB Contracting** - Skating Sponsor
- **Dean Ryer** - Skating Sponsor
- **Ryer & Ryer Lobsters** - Swim to Survive Sponsor
- **St. Margarets Bay Lions Club** - Breakfast Program Cash Donation
- **Station 55 Seabright Firefighters Association** - Community Fund Cash Donation
- **William Black United Church** - Community Fund Cash Donation

THANK YOU!!! Your generosity is truly appreciated by all of us at ESM.

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