



EAST ST. MARGARET'S ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Families:

As we reach the end of the school year, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our students, families, staff, volunteers, and community partners. This year's successes, both big and small, are the result of many people working together—students who showed perseverance, staff who gave their best each day, families who supported learning at home, and many people who generously shared their time and talents.

There are so many perfectly wonderful things happening here at ESM every day. As principal, I have come to appreciate the kindness, resilience, and strong sense of community that make this school such a special place. Together, we continued to build a school where belonging, connection, and care are at the heart of all we do!

As we head into summer and prepare for new beginnings, please know that I will be rooting for and cheering on each of you. I am so very excited for the continued growth of our students and school community in the years ahead.

Thank you for all you have contributed this year. Wishing you a wonderful summer filled with rest, joy, FUN, and time with those you love! Until we meet again!

With gratitude,
Wendi Tekamp
Principal



School Supplies 2026-2027

The ESM School Advisory Council has generously approved a stipend to provide school supplies to all students in the upcoming school year. Families will only be responsible for a book bag, lunch bag, indoor shoes, and a water bottle for their students next year!

IMPORTANT

Year-End Reminders

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Last Day of Classes for Students

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Assessment & Evaluation Day

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

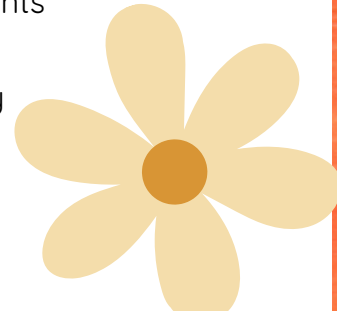
TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Last Day of School

EARLY DISMISSAL:

10:25 AM - Bus 1121 (Dave); 10:45 AM Bus 1117 (Chris)

- **REPORT CARDS** - electronic copies of Term 3 Student Report Cards will be sent to families via email on Tuesday, June 30.
- **STUDENT PROPERTY & SCHOOL WORK** - all student items will be sent home by teachers on/before Friday, June 26.
- **LOST & FOUND** - if there are any personal items you might be looking for, please reach out to the ESM Office so we can have a look and send them home by Friday, June 26.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 1

Curriculum Night &
Welcome Back

Ice Cream Social

September 3

First Day of School
for Students

Fond Farewell

We have a number of valued staff members who will be leaving ESM at the end of this school year. They will truly be missed, and we'd like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

- Jenn Finlay - EPA
- Ruth Frampton - Grade 3/4
- DJ Grant - Phys. Ed
- Sarah Kilfoil - Guidance Counsellor
- Clo Leger - Core French
- Jessica McInerney - Music
- Julie Pellerine - Acting Pre-Primary Lead
- Wendi Tekamp - Principal



ESM will once again be a REC Van host location every Wednesday* from 10 AM-12 PM in July and August! Questions? Contact recvan@halifax.ca.

*Keep an eye on the [Google calendar](#) for any cancellations.



2026-27 ESM Staff

In September, we'll be happy to welcome back a few familiar faces in addition to welcoming new members to our ESM Staff.

- Erica Fukala - Principal
- Lauren Bowes - Administrative Assistant
- Susan Long - Pre-Primary
- Krista Zinck - Pre-Primary
- Michelle Browne - Primary/1
- Trish Cuvelier - Grade 1/2
- Natasha Boutilier - Grade 3/4
- Peggi MacEachern - Grade 5/6
- Colleen Cavanaugh - Learning Centre
- Melanie Connors Blades - Resource 50%; Early Literacy Support Teacher 50%
- Amber Golding - EPA 50%
- Nobuko Hayashi - EPA 80%
- Lisa Chiasson - EPA 100%
- TBA - Music
- James Leblanc - Instrumental Music
- Maria MacDonald - Physical Education
- Correna Harding - Library Support Specialist
- Matthew Webb - SLP
- TBA - School Counsellor
- Stacey Young - School Psychologist
- TBA - Core French (Grades 4-6)

Home & School executive committee 2026-2028

We are pleased to announce the Home & School Executive Committee for 2026-2028! The following nominees ran unopposed and were appointed by acclimation:

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| • CO-CHAIR | Courtney Allan |
| • CO-CHAIR | Leah Noble |
| • VICE-CHAIR | Jenn Hurlbert |
| • SECRETARY | Amy Reitsma |
| • TREASURER | Krystal Messervey |
| • MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Megan Covey |
| • MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Tiffany LeBlanc |
| • MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Suzanne Sparks |