



# Robert Kemp Turner Elementary

## April Newsletter 2025

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Hello RKT Families and Community,

Spring is here! The school grounds continue to be a little wet and muddy but with a few warm days and the children can play in the field with out soaking their shoes.

We thank you for your continued care in supporting student success. The RKT community and school is filled with wonderful staff, students, families and community; a great place to learn and grow.

### Dates to Remember:

April 1	April Fools Day Report Cards emailed home
April 2	World Autism Day
April 3	Teacher Professional Practice and Parent teacher (no classes)
April 12	Passover
April 16	Spring Concert 5:30pm
April 18	Good Friday (no classes)
April 20	Easter
April 21	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 22	Earth Day-“It’s our Power, It’s our Planet”
April 30	Professional Practice Day (no students)

## Autism Awareness Day



Recognizing and celebrating World Autism Awareness Day in our schools fosters inclusion, understanding, and support for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). On April 2 and every day, we strive to raise autism awareness among peers and educators, celebrate accomplishments and promote acceptance for those with ASD. Join us in creating a positive community where all students can thrive and learn about each other's diverse experiences.

## Measles prevention in Nova Scotia

*We are sharing the following on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health:*

Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles is a virus that spreads easily and can cause serious complications. **The best way to prevent measles is vaccination.**

Nova Scotia offers free vaccines to eligible people. These can be given by primary care providers, pharmacists and Public Health.

Parents are encouraged to check their family's vaccine records and get the measles vaccine if missing doses. Check your vaccine records at [vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca](http://vaxrecordns.nshealth.ca).

### **Who should get vaccinated?**

1. Anyone born in or after 1970 should get **two doses** of vaccine, typically given at 12 and 18 months. If missed, children and adults can catch up for free.
1. Adults born before 1970 are generally considered immune but can get a single dose if travelling.
1. Infants 6-12 months old can get a single dose if travelling but still require two doses after their first birthday to complete the series.

### **Find out more about measles vaccination:**

[www.nshealth.ca/measles](http://www.nshealth.ca/measles).

### **Provincial lunch program in action**

Last month was Nutrition Month, and what better way to celebrate healthy eating than to shine a spotlight on the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program!

[Click here](#) to see how students at one HRCE school are using the program to dish out some serious leadership skills. It's a feast of learning and fun!

### **Supporting literacy at home**

Did you know? Teachers use the [Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction \(Français\)](#) to support students' learning.

Reading is best learned when children get clear and structured support in key skills: listening, recognizing sounds in words, learning letter sounds, building vocabulary, reading smoothly and understanding what they read. These skills work together and when you strengthen one, it helps improve the others.

Good reading instruction includes learning how letters and words work and practicing reading in books. The goal is for children to understand what they read, enjoy reading and learn new things from books.

The links below may help you support your children with reading at home:

1. [Ideas for parents to help children to practice their reading and writing skills](#)
1. [10 Ideas to Raise A Reader](#)