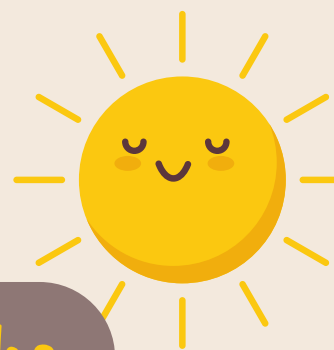




JUNE NEWS



Important Dates

June is ...

National Indigenous History Month
Italian Heritage Month
Filipino Heritage Month
Portuguese Heritage Month
Pride Month

June 6th PTA Spring BBQ from 5:30PM 7:30PM

June 26th: National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 27th Assesment Day (No Studemys)

June 30th Last Day of School/Report Cards
EARLY DISMISSAL

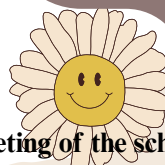


Please send in any donations
for the baskets for the school
BBQ to your classroom teacher
by June 3rd

Pre Primary - Arts and Crafts
Primary - Father's Day
Grade 1 - Back to School
Grade 2 - Fun in the Sun
Grade 3 - Movie Night
Grade 4 - Family Game Night
Grade 5 - Recess Snacks



From the
PTA



Our last meeting of the school year will take place on
Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30pm.

All are welcome to attend and
participate in the meeting.

We are looking for a new **TREASURER** for the
2025-2026 schoolyear.

If you are interested in the position, or would like more
information, contact us at pta.hpcs@gmail.com or via the
HPCS PTA Facebook page.

Join us for our last fundraiser of the year, our Spring BBQ,
on Friday, June 6th, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the school (rain or
shine). There will be food, drinks, raffle baskets, 50/50 draw,
games and music. Tickets may be purchased at the event for \$
1 per ticket. We need your help to make this event a success!

Visit <https://volunteersignup.org/PD3FC>
to sign up to help!



Thank you for
your support



DROP OFF AND PICK UP

To support valuable instructional time, please ensure students arrive on time each morning to avoid disruptions.

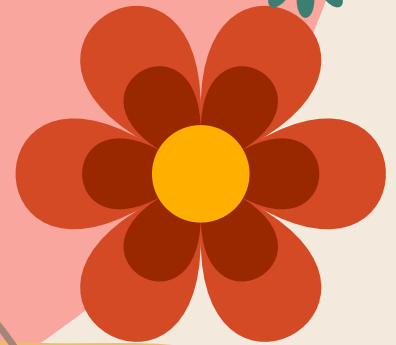
If you need to pick up your child during the day, please do not call ahead. Simply check in at the office when you arrive, and we'll call your child down. This helps us keep the office running smoothly.

REMINDERS



Excel Registration - If you haven't registered for the 2025/2026 school year yet, please check this website
<https://www.hrce.ca/families/general-information/excel>

Please apply bug spray and sunscreen at home before coming to school. If it is necessary to re-apply during the day, please remind your children neither of these items can be sprayed inside the building.



Please check the LOST AND FOUND.
All items will be available at the school BBQ on June 6th.
Any items not claimed will be donated on June 9th.



CLASS LISTS!!!!

Please note that class lists are not finalized until after late registration in August. Once the PowerSchool Parent Portal opens, you may be able to view your child's teacher. Please note, THIS MAY CHANGE. We appreciate your patience with this and we ask that you not contact the school as we are actively working to complete class lists. You will hear directly from your child's teacher once the lists have been finalized.





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SchoolsPlus Supports for Summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting our SchoolsPlus facilitator, Laura Caceres at lcaceres@hrce.ca. Learn more [here](#).



Connect with us!

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services.

Phone: 902-464-2041
Email: schoolsplus@hrce.ca

Schools Écoles Plus
NOVA SCOTIA / NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

2025-2026 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.
 - Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.
 - If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.
- Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

Congratulations!

To Mrs. Myra, Mrs. Oakie, and
Mme. Boudreau on their retirement.
We have been so lucky to have them
here at HPCS. Enjoy this new chapter!



Be Tick Aware

Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia
Public Health

In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia's many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don't hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you've been bitten.



Be Tick Aware



Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety
and learn:

- How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas
- What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child
- The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses





Tips to Support Reading and Writing at Home



As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities.

Here are some ideas and tips:

1. Create a dedicated writing space

Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

2. Read often

Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their language skills and inspire their own writing.

3. Encourage reflective journaling

A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

4. Offer real-world writing opportunities

Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

5. Be a writing role model

Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a "family writing night" where everyone writes and shares together.

6. Start a vocabulary notebook

Introduce a few new words each week and encourage your child to use them in writing and conversation. Turn it into a game for using words creatively.



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SING?

Come sing with the

Lighthouse Choir!!

AUDITIONS FOR 2025-2026



LIGHTHOUSE CHOIR:

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 &

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

Sign up for an audition at

<https://schoolinter views.ca/code/dqbbba>

You will be asked to sing O Canada and/or Happy
Birthday

Rehearsals will be starting later in

September on

TUESDAYS 6:00 - 7:15 PM at

TANTALLON SR ELEMENTARY

Lighthouse Director: Katrina Mills Pecknold kpecknold@gnsps.ca



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