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HPCS JUNE NEWS 2024

Here are some dates you may wish to know and acknowledge in June:

- National Indigenous History Month
- ☐ Italian Heritage Month
- ☐ Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day
- ☐ June 28 is the last day of school



Spirit Wear: Spirt wear has arrived. Thank you for repping HPCS!!

Spring BBQ: First of all, we all wanted to say a big thank you for all the support we've received this year. It's been a great year of fun events and activities. We have one last (and it's our biggest event) for this year, the spring barbecue! We hope to see everyone there - June 7th from 5:30 – 7:30 rain or shine. If you are able to or interested in volunteering, please visit: https://www.volunteersignup.org/PBX4K

Basket Raffle: for the BBQ on June 7th and we need a bit of help. We are asking students to bring in a donation to add to the themed basket. There is a theme for each grade from pre-primary to grade 5.

Grade level	Basket Theme
Pre-primary	Arts and Crafts
Grade 1	Back to School
Grade 2	Fun in the Sun
Grade 3	Movie night
Grade 4	Family Game night
Grade 5	Recess snacks

PTA Members Needed!

The PTA is looking for members, both official and members at large. This year, we are in need of a new Treasurer, as this is our current treasurer's last year with us. All parents/guardians of are eligible to join. The PTA meets monthly throughout the school year to plan the events, activities and expenditures. If you would like more information, please email us at pta.hpcs@gmail.com or message an administrator on the HPCS PTA Facebook page. The next PTA Meeting, during which nominations will he held, is June 11, 2024 at 6:30pm at the school.





Pre-Primary News: The pre-primary staff will be hosting an open house for new registrations on Thursday June 6th. Please enter through the pre-primary doors to sign in.

Pre-Primary Fun Day: Pre-primary teachers will also be hosting an end of year celebration with the help of our wonderful grade five *Leaders in Training* on Thursday June 20th with a rain date set for Friday June 21st.



Annual Cereal Box Challenge: Exciting news! Our annual Cereal Box Challenge is here, running until June 12th. We're collecting cereal boxes for the Saint Margaret's Bay Food Bank. On June 13th, we'll create a massive domino chain with them! Your support means the world to us in this endeavor.

Field Day: We are excited to announce that HPCS will hold a school-wide Field Day on June 17th, with a rain date set for June 19th. A huge thank you to Mr. Dykeman and Mr. Blackburn for organizing this event! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Mr. Dykeman.



Library & Classroom Books: It is that time of year again when we are trying to locate all of the books that belong to the school. We are asking that everyone check their homes carefully for books that may belong to HPCS and send them in ASAP. This includes classroom, resource and library books.

<u>Summer Reading Program</u>: On Tuesday June, 11th the Halifax Public Library will be doing a presentation on their Summer Reading Program. Please check out the link below for more information. .https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDezpbhgPE8&t=5s



<u>Summer Registration:</u> School registration will continue throughout the summer. Please go to www.hrce.ca to find the necessary information on how to register. Class Lists for September 2024-2025/ Class lists will be available for parents to see on Power School prior to the school year. It is important that you know that our lists for the first day of school will not be finalized until Wednesday September 6th at 4pm. That means you should check after that time to see what class your child is in. As we continue to register students and work at balancing classes, some changes will need to be made.



<u>Schools Supplies</u>: School Supply lists for each grade level will be posted on our school website in mid-August



First Ride Program: Our service providers will host one-hour workshops for new bus families this summer to educate children about school bus safety on and around the vehicle. HRCE Student Transportation will be reaching out to new bus families over the summer with more information.. Please contact them at transportation@hrce.ca or by calling 902-431-4723 if you have any questions. be available to view online through the Bus Planner Parent Portal later in July.



Schools Plus Supports for Summer:

Did you know? Schools Plus operates 12 months of the year! Schools Plus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to Schools Plus by contacting the Schools Plus facilitator for your school Krista Smith at KSmith@hrce.ca Learn more here.



School Counsellor Tidbits: Please find the link to Mr. Gosney's (School Counselor) webpage below. This page offers a wealth of information that you may find useful in navigating your child's social emotional journey

https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/mr-gosneys-counsellors-corner/home

Assessment and Evaluation Day: June 27th No classes for students.



<u>Last Day of School—June 28th</u>: Early Dismissal On the last day is 10:40. We recommend that you check Bus Planner on June 28th to confirm your child's bussing times.

School Calendar The school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year will be available on the HRCE webpage in the coming weeks.

Principals Message: Dear Parents and Families of HPCS, We are incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together during the 2023-2024 school year. Our success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our fantastic teachers, support staff, and, of course, our amazing students and their supportive families! As we reach the end of the school year, it is a time of mixed emotions. We are thrilled that summer has finally arrived, yet it is also bittersweet as we say goodbye to students and staff who are moving on to new adventures or into well-deserved retirement.

This year, we bid a fond farewell to Ms. Peach, our beloved Library Technician, who is retiring after many years of invaluable service at HPCS. We cannot thank her enough for her dedication and contributions that have made HPCS the wonderful school it is today. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Colleen Cavanaugh, who has accepted a new position at East St. Margaret's and Ms. Kendall who is joining the staff of Kingswood, we are confident she will accomplish great things in her new role! Additionally, we say goodbye and thank you to our term employees who are leaving us: Mme. Harrison, Ms. Hickey, Ms. LeBlanc, Mme. Chisholm, Mme .Francais and Mme Ivy. We also have several support staff who may be off to new adventures next year as well. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Thank you all for being a part of the HPCS family. We look forward to seeing you again in the new school year and wish you a wonderful and restful summer.

Warm regards: Principal, Lynn Corkum.