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## The Hillside Park Press



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Dear Families,

Happy Back-to-School! We extend a warm welcome to the 24-25 year. Hillside Park is a dynamic community school with a proud history, committed staff, and an incredible network of supportive families and students. We hope you feel very much at home as you settle into Hillside for another great year.

A huge thanks to our custodial staff, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Morgan, for their hard work over the summer to prepare our building, and to teachers and staff who have spent a great deal of time and thought into creating welcoming and engaging learning environments for our students.

Class lists will be posted on our exterior doors by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 4th. You will need your child's student #. You can also check [PowerSchool](#) to see your child's class placement. **Please note that HRCE is growing each and every day, and class changes may occur up to the last day in September depending on our enrollment numbers.**

We know one question on everyone's mind is the exciting school lunch program announced by the province, slated to begin at the end of October. You can learn more by visiting the [provincial site](#). **For now, please continue to pack your child's lunches.** The online ordering system will be opening mid-Oct. We are **not** going to offer the hot lunch program with Healthy Hunger as we navigate the new program and online system.

Please find attached the *Hillside Park Handbook for Families*. This outlines many procedures, policies, and general information about our school. Our hope is that it will serve as a reference point for you throughout the year. School supplies lists can be found [here](#). Once we've settled into our routines, we will send out our 'official' September newsletter. For now, welcome to all our new and returning families and staff!

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Reid, Ms. Ripley-Davis and the Hillside Park Team



Classroom teachers will be reaching out to all families through email to introduce themselves prior to the first day of school. Please make sure you let them know your child's plan for after school dismissal (eg. bus, Excel, walker, childcare).

Class lists will be posted on our exterior doors on Wednesday, September 4th at 12:00 PM. You will also be able to access this info on PowerSchool Parent Portal. You will need your child's 10-digit provincial student number. This is located on the top left of their report card. **Please know that we continue to register new students daily, and sometimes we have to make class changes.**

On Thursday, September 5, buses will arrive at the school at 7:45 AM. School staff will be outside to assist you in finding your child's teacher. Students will remain outside with their teacher until the bell rings at 8:00 am. Please bring all [school supplies](#) to school on the first day.

Classrooms located on the main level: teachers will be outside on the play pad (left side of school) to welcome their students

- Primary Reed
- Primary/1 Brillhante
- 1 Hausman

Classrooms located upstairs: teachers will be on the basketball court (right side of school)

- 2 Kelloway & Davis
- 2/3 MacNeil
- 3/4 Gordon
- 4 Parsons
- 5 Dunn

Pre-Primary students will meet their teachers at the front door (blue *Hillside Park Elementary School* sign)

On Friday September 6th, we will return to our soft start. Students can enter the building any time between 7:45-8:00 AM and head straight to their classrooms. Please note there is no supervision prior to 7:45 AM and students should not arrive before that time.



# Important Dates

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| September 5  | First Day of Classes for Students                        |
| September 10 | SAC/PTG Meeting in the Library 6:00 PM- all are welcome! |
| September 12 | Stand Up Against Bullying Day- wear pink                 |
| September 19 | Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM              |
| September 27 | Orange Shirt Day   |
| September 30 | National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)      |
| October 2    | School Picture Day                                       |
| October 11   | Professional Learning Day (no school for students)       |
| October 14   | Thanksgiving Day (no school)                             |
| October 25   | Provincial Conference Day (no school for students)       |

## Stand Up Against Bullying Day

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day. This day is an opportunity for us to start the school year off right – by celebrating inclusivity, kindness and friendship.

All schools in HRCE are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive. Please join us and wear pink if you're able on Thursday, September 12 to take a stand against bullying.





# Introducing the Hillside Park Staff

| Team Member           | Position                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jacquelyn Reid        | Principal                         |
| Emily Ripley-Davis    | Vice Principal and Music          |
| Carol Sheldon         | Admin Assistant (MTW)             |
| Gayle Griffin         | Admin Assistant (ThF)             |
| Jennifer Reed         | Grade Primary                     |
| Danielle Brilhante    | Grade Primary/1                   |
| Angela Hausman        | Grade 1                           |
| Melissa Kelloway      | Grade 2 (WThF)                    |
| Karen Davis           | Grade 2 (MT)                      |
| Matthew MacNeil       | Grade 2/3                         |
| Jodi Gordon           | Grade 3/4                         |
| Krista Parsons        | Grade 4                           |
| Erin Dunn             | Grade 5                           |
| Terry Sutton          | Physical Education (MThF)         |
| Courtney Purcell      | Core French                       |
| Cheryl Brann          | Elementary Literacy Support       |
| Nadine Mugford        | Resource (M-Th)                   |
| Carole Foran-Swinkels | Resource (F)                      |
| Stephanie Dube        | Learning Centre                   |
| Amanda Stanton        | Learning Centre                   |
| Lynn Hackett          | Learning Disabilities Resource    |
| Genny MacKinnon       | English as an Additional Language |
| Lorelei Martell       | School Counsellor (MW)            |

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| Debbie Bowie-MacDonald | 100% EPA                          |
| Annette Kenny          | 80% EPA                           |
| Christa Maxwell        | 80% EPA                           |
| Catherine Levy         | 80% EPA                           |
| Rogelio (Deo) Verunque | 80% EPA                           |
| Melissa Wilson         | 80% EPA                           |
| Lori Kruger            | 80% EPA                           |
| Roxanne Vail           | 80% EPA                           |
| Megan Shafi            | Child and Youth Care Practitioner |
| Danielle Stephenson    | School Psychologist               |
| Emily Wood             | Speech Language Pathologist       |
| Stephanie Inness       | School Social Worker              |
| Robert Andrews         | 100% Caretaker                    |
| Erin Lorencovich       | Excel Lead                        |

More information to follow in our September Newsletter!

For now, we look forward to a great start to the school year.