



Hillside Park Elementary

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Dear Hillside Park Families,

As we approach the final days of the 2024–25 school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible year we've shared as a school community.

Our students continue to inspire us with their growth, curiosity, and resilience. We are so proud of all they've accomplished and can't wait to see where their journeys take them next. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our families for the partnership, encouragement, and care you've shown throughout the year. And of course, none of this would be possible without our amazing staff, who bring energy, compassion, and dedication to their work every single day. Hillside is a special place because of the people in it.

A quick reminder: There is *no school* on Friday, June 27. Our last day of school is Monday, June 30, with early dismissal at 10:10 AM. Buses will depart Hillside at that time (you will also receive this info in BusPlanner). Walkers will be dismissed once the buses have pulled out of the parking lot.

Whether your summer plans involve travel, time with loved ones, or simply some much-needed rest, we hope the break brings you joy and renewal.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer, and we look forward to doing it all again in September!

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Reid, Ms. Ripley-Davis & The Hillside Park Team



Date	Event
June 19	Field Day and Variety Show (Rain Date June 20)
June 24	Primary Reed, Primary/1 Brilhante, 1 Hausman to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park
June 25	Grade 5 Closing Ceremony (12:30 PM in the Gym)
June 27	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school)
June 30	Last Day of School (dismissal at 10:10 AM)

Field Day & Variety Show

Mr. Sutton has planned a Field Day of outdoor activities for our students on the morning of **Thursday, June 19th** (rain date Friday, June 20th). Please ensure that your child has comfortable sneakers, a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen.

Ms. Ripley-Davis is organizing a Variety Show on the afternoon of Thursday, June 19th where students will showcase their talent and skills! This day will coincide with Field Day, so if that gets rained out, we will move the Variety Show to the rain date of Friday, June 20th. Students who are participating will need to ensure they bring any equipment or materials for their act.

Save The Dates for Next School Year...

September 4	First Day of Classes for Students
September 9	First SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
September 18	Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social

Click [here](#) for the 2025-26 HRCE School Calendar

Staffing Update

This year we have three incredible educators celebrating a huge milestone: retirement! They have each made a lasting impact on Hillside Park through their dedication, expertise, and care for students. Whether it was nurturing a love of reading and writing, or building confidence in math, they've helped shape countless young minds and hearts. Please join us in congratulating the following staff members on their well-earned retirements:



Congratulations

- ★ Mrs. Swinkels (Learning Support Teacher)
- ★ Mrs. MacKenzie (Literacy Support Teacher)
- ★ Ms. Budden (Math Coach)

We are wishing the very best to our staff members who are changing schools and beginning new adventures. We are a tight-knit team here at Hillside so it's always difficult to say goodbye in June, although we certainly hope our paths cross again soon! Best wishes go out to:

- ★ Kia Gero- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Nasim Noorafkanroohi- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Chris Millward- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Apol Mercader- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Denise Valley- Early Childhood Educator
- ★ Lynn Hackett- Learning Support Teacher
- ★ Danielle Stephenson- School Psychologist
- ★ Kendra Somers- Library Support Specialist
- ★ Gayle Griffin- Administrative Assistant
- ★ Jennifer Thompson- Assistive Technology Support Worker
- ★ Sally Wride- English as an Additional Language Teacher



good luck!
we will miss you

We are also excited to welcome new members to the Hillside Team:

- ★ Melissa Bond- Grade P/1
- ★ Jemallen Ytoc- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Anna Malaya- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Debbie Anderson- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Amber Jennett- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Chez Rideout- School Psychologist
- ★ Virginia Tacain- Library Support Specialist
- ★ Hyeyoung Lee- Early Childhood Educator
- ★ Alicia Tingley- Early Childhood Educator



WELCOME

Staffing may change throughout the summer.

Thank You!

We have many wonderful people who give their time and talents to help make Hillside Park a great place to be:

- Our SAC/PTG members
- Our Lunch Monitors
- Ms. Debbie for organizing and preparing our Breakfast Program
- Darlene Joyce for her hard work volunteering in the Library
- Christina Dorey (Square Roots) for providing apples to Hillside and many neighbouring schools
- Our staff for always supporting our initiatives and volunteering their time
- Families who have graciously given their time to volunteer in classrooms, the library, and chaperone on field trips



School Supplies Lists:

Lists have been emailed to families, and you can also access them on our [website](#).

Report Cards:

Term 3 report cards will be sent electronically on June 30th. To view your child's Report Card/IPP report you will need to: Click on the link: Report Card. The password is your child's date of birth in the format of YYYY-MM-DD.

Class Lists:

Class lists will be posted on the outside doors the afternoon before school starts. You will need your child's 10-digit student number (you can find this in the corner of their report card). To maintain privacy, we use student numbers instead of names. A great deal of thought goes into placing our students in classes where we believe they will be most successful. 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.*

Bus Information 2025-26

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.

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 the SchoolsPlus facilitator for our school, April Peckham (april.peckham@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.

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Vision & Values Statement

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and inclusive learning environment, and in conjunction with the release of the revised Provincial School Code of Conduct for the 2025-26 school year, our school staff has been collaboratively working to develop a Values and Vision statement for Hillside Park.

Our Vision

At Hillside Park, we believe every member of our school community deserves a safe, inclusive, and joyful place to learn and grow. We embrace high expectations and a growth mindset, knowing that learning takes courage, curiosity, and care. We value strong relationships and the unique contributions of our students, staff, and families. We are building a culture of respect, responsibility, and safety~ because Hillside Park Huskies stick together!

Our Core Values

Equity & Belonging: We nurture a safe and welcoming environment where we honour and uplift everyone's identity, voice, and lived experience. We are stronger together—students, staff, families, and community members.

Joyful Learning: We embrace learning through a growth mindset, perseverance, and creativity. We celebrate the progress of everyone's unique learning journey and believe that all students can experience academic excellence.

Responsibility, Respect, & Safety: We model and teach these values through our words, actions, and relationships, creating a community where everyone can grow and thrive.