



# Hillside Park Elementary

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Dear Hillside Park Families,

We are thrilled to kick off the 2025–2026 school year with you! Hillside Park is a wonderful community where staff, students, and families come together to make amazing things happen. Whether you're returning for another year or joining us for the first time, we hope you feel the spirit of belonging and excitement that echoes in our school.

A heartfelt shout-out to our custodial team, Mr. Andrews and Ms. Hubley, for their hard work over the summer to get our school sparkling and ready. We're so grateful to our awesome teachers and staff, who have been busy creating engaging, welcoming spaces that set the stage for a fantastic year of learning and growth.

Class lists will be posted on our exterior doors by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3rd. You will need your child's student number. You can also check [PowerSchool](#) to see your child's class placement. The portal opens Wednesday, September 3rd at 3:00 PM. *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.*

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you can choose to receive email and/or text message notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations. To sign up, go to BusPlanner at [hrce.mybusplanner.ca](http://hrce.mybusplanner.ca) and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account. Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call 902-431-4723.

Attached, you'll find the Hillside Park Family Handbook, your go-to guide for procedures, policies, and school information. 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! Here's to a great year filled with fun, curiosity, friendships, and Husky pride!

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 3rd at 12:00 PM. You will also be able to access this info on PowerSchool Parent Portal which will open at 3:00 PM on Wednesday. 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 4th, 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. We know the first day of school is exciting! *To keep arrival smooth, we kindly ask families to say their goodbyes outside. Our Hillside staff will be there to welcome students and guide them safely inside.* 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 Bond
- 1 Hausman

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

- 2 Kelloway
- 2/3 MacNeil
- 3 Gordon
- 3/4 Brilhante
- 4/5 Cawthra
- 5 Dunn

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

On Friday September 5th, 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

September 4	First Day of Classes for Students
September 9	SAC/PTG Meeting in the Library 6:00 PM- all are welcome!
September 11	Stand Up Against Bullying Day- wear pink
September 16	School Picture Day
September 18	Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM
September 26	Orange Shirt Day
September 29	Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)
October 13	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 24	Provincial Conference Day (no school for students)

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

## 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 11 to take a stand against bullying.



# INTRODUCING

HILLSIDE PARK STAFF OF 2025-2026	
Jacquelyn Reid	Principal
Emily Ripley-Davis	Vice Principal and Music
Carol Sheldon	Admin Assistant
Jennifer Reed	Grade Primary
Melissa Bond	Grade Primary/1
Angela Hausman	Grade 1
Melissa Kelloway	Grade 2
Matthew MacNeil	Grade 2/3
Jodi Gordon	Grade 3
Danielle Brilhante	Grade 3/4
Katie Cawthra	Grade 4/5
Erin Dunn	Grade 5
Terry Sutton	Physical Education
Courtney Purcell	Core French
Karen Davis	Job Share
Cheryl Brann	Elementary Literacy Support
Nadine Mugford	Resource
Stephanie Dube	Learning Centre
Amanda Stanton	Learning Centre
Krista Parsons	Learning Centre
Noor Humadi	English as an Additional Language
Lorelei Martell	School Counselor
Virginia Tacain	Library Support Specialist

Allison MacLeod	ECE Pre-Primary Lead
Janice Fitzpatrick	ECE Pre-Primary Support
Hyeyoung Lee	ECE Pre-Primary Support
Alicia Tingley	ECE in P/1 Bond
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
Debbie Anderson	80% EPA
Jemallen Ytoc	80% EPA
Anna Melaya	80% EPA
McKenzie Brown	80% EPA
Amber Jennett	80% EPA
Treena Logan	80% EPA
Erin Lorencovich	80% EPA & Excel Lead
April Peckham	SchoolsPlus Facilitator
Nicole Jackson	Child and Youth Care Practitioner
Achala Hewaarachchi	SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker
Chez Rideout	School Psychologist
Emily Wood	Speech Language Pathologist
Stephanie Inness	School Social Worker
Robert Andrews	Caretaker
Yvonne Hubley	Custodian



# **Hillside Park Elementary 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.

*More information to follow in our September Newsletter!*

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