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The Hillside Park Press



Dear Families,

I know our hearts and minds are preoccupied with all that is happening in our province right now. We are entering what is usually a very joyful and exciting time of year, and yet there is uncertainty and heartache for so many. As a community, we will continue to support and lean on one another. I will send a mid-June email with important year-end information, staffing updates, and looking ahead to September. In the meantime, please see the resource below:

Support for Students:

Kids Help Phone understands how fear and uncertainty can fuel anxiety and other feelings. They are available to support the young people in our community through this challenging time – and beyond. Please know Kids Help Phone is available 24/7, will never judge and always be confidential.

Kids Help Phone is here 24/7 for young people and adults across the province who are experiencing the impacts of wildfires. For e-mental health support, text 686868 (young people), text 741741 (all ages), call 1-800-668-6868 or visit kidshelpphone.ca. There is no issue too big or feeling too small.

For a guide for caregivers on how to talk to children and youth about an emergency or traumatic event from the IWK, [click here](#).

If you need any support, we are here for you. Wishing you all the best,

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



June 14	Whole school trip to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park (depending on directives)
June 19	Field Day and Variety Show (Rain Date June 21)
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Grade 5 Closing Ceremony- 12:30 PM in the Gym
June 29	Assessment & Evaluation Day- no school for students
June 30	Last Day of School

School Trip

**** Our school-wide trip to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park will depend on recommendations from the province and any directives we receive. We will communicate information closer to the date of our trip. ****

P-5 classes are planning to go to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park on **Wednesday, June 14**. Details and permission forms were sent home today.

We have many family members who have their required Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry- thank you! We will have enough chaperones to go on the trip. Even if you submitted your paperwork to the office, please make sure you fill out the form that will come home to confirm your availability that day.



If our trip needs to be cancelled, we will plan an alternate Fun Day for students.

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 YYYY-MM-DD.



Mr. Sutton has planned Field Day of outdoor activities for our students on the morning of Monday, June 19th (rain date Wednesday, June 21st). 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 Monday, June 19th where students in grades 3-5 will be showcasing some of 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 Wed. June 21st. Students who are participating will need to ensure they bring any equipment or materials for their act.

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.

In the meantime, [click here](#) to learn more about riding the bus safely. Please contact us at transportation@hrce.ca or by calling 902-431-4723 if you have any questions.

2023-24 Bus Information

Student transportation information for the 2023-24 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 902-431-4723 or transportation@hrce.ca 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.

Thank You!



Our Spring Fling was a tremendous success! We are so fortunate to be part of such a supportive community that knows how to have a good time.

Our Raffle Baskets were fantastic and we truly thank you for your contributions. Once all our expenses were said and done, we raised \$ for school initiatives and supplies.

A huge thank you to our PTG members, staff, families, and community members for making our event a great success.

Thank You to Our Spring Fling Corporate Supporters!

- ★ Giant Tiger (Lower Sackville)
- ★ Miriam's Blooming Bakery
- ★ Locally Baked - Keto Bakery
- ★ Paul Russel (Councillor)
- ★ Cake N' Shapes
- ★ Atlantic SuperStore
- ★ M is for Macrame
- ★ Scentsy- Courtney MacKay
- ★ Judy's Dough
- ★ Cake Pops by Angie
- ★ Avery's - Cobequid Rd.

- ★ Mediterra Restaurant
- ★ Lawtons Cobequid Rd.
- ★ Pizza Town Cobequid Rd.
- ★ Subway Cobequid Rd.
- ★ Tim Hortons Cobequid Rd.
- ★ 1st Electric Inc.
- ★ Salvatore's Pizza Lower Sackville
- ★ Kim's Creations
- ★ Kerry Lynn Creative
- ★ Press Play Cafe
- ★ Corner Store Donation
- ★ Masters Swim Team/Program

MAKERSPACE COMING TO HILLSIDE!

We have received a \$10 000 donation from District 15 Councillor, Paul Russell. This will support our Makerspace and revamp of our School Library Commons. We are so fortunate to have this support which will benefit all students and staff at Hillside!



A very special shout-out to Brilliant Labs for our Hillside Park Makerspace Grant! Our equipment should begin arriving soon. Lots of making, coding, and creating coming our way!

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 your school, Jennifer Fougere. Learn more [here](#).

What is SchoolsPlus?

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 students with what they need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again!

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Connect with us!

Parents, guardians and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus - 12 months a year!

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Resources & support

Recreation

Help finding and applying for rec programs or funding.

Tutoring

Help understanding and accessing tutoring supports.

Food supports

Help accessing food banks and other local food supports.

Health & wellness

Help navigating healthcare systems.

General support

Help completing paperwork and applications, as well as transportation and accompaniment to appointments.



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