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The Hillside Park Press



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! On behalf of our entire Hillside Park staff, we are delighted to welcome you to what is shaping up to be an exciting school year. To all returning families, we cannot wait to see you again! To our new families, we extend warm greetings. Hillside Park is a vibrant community school with a rich history, dedicated staff, and amazing and supportive families and students. We hope you feel very much at home as you settle into Hillside.

There is something familiar and comforting about the first days of a new school year, coupled with the buzz and excited anticipation as we embark on another chapter in the Hillside Park story. Class lists will be posted on our exterior doors by 2:00 PM on Friday, September 1. You will need your child's student # (see info below). You can also check [PowerSchool](https://www.powerschool.com) 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.*

Please find attached our school supplies list, and 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. Once we've settled into our routines, I 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



First Day Procedures

Classroom teachers will be reaching out to all families either through email or a phone call 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 Friday, September 1 at 2:00 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.

- On Thursday, September 7, buses will arrive at the school at 7:45 AM.
- School staff will be outside to assist you in finding your child's teacher
- Please bring all school supplies to school on Thursday, September 7
- We can't wait to see you!

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

- Primary Brann
- Primary/1 Ball
- 1/2 Hausman

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

- 1/2 Kelloway & Davis
- 2/3 MacNeil
- 3/4 Stanton
- 4/5 Cawthra
- 4/5 Dunn

Students will remain outside with their teacher until the bell rings at 8:00 am

On Friday, we will return to our staggered entry. Students can enter the building any time between 7:45-8:00 AM and head straight to their classrooms.

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



Important Dates

September 1	Organization Day (no school for students)
September 5 and 6	Professional Development Days (no school for students)
September 7H	First Day of Classes for Students
September 14	Stand Up Against Bullying Day- wear pink
September 18 and 21	School Picture Day: more info to come regarding which classes are scheduled for each morning photo shoot
September 19	First SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library- all welcome!!
September 21	Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 2	Truth & Reconciliation Day Observed (no school)
October 9	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 27	Provincial Conference Day (no school)

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia classmates David Shepherd and Travis Price bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.



With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born!

On **Thursday, September 14th**, we encourage all staff and students to wear pink. Teachers will be engaging students in activities that focus on the importance of building healthy relationships with and among each other. What a great way to set the tone for the year.



INTRODUCING THE HILLSIDE PARK STAFF

Jacquelyn Reid	Principal
Emily Ripley-Davis	Vice Principal and Music
Carol Sheldon	Admin Assistant
Cheryl Brann	Grade Primary
Katie Ball	Grade Primary/1
Angela Hausman	Grade 1/2
Melissa Kelloway	Grade 1/2 (WThF)
Karen Davis	Grade 1/2 (MT)
Matthew MacNeil	Grade 2/3
Amanda Stanton	Grade 3/4
Erin Dunn	Grade 4/5
Katie Cawthra	Grade 4/5
Terry Sutton	Physical Education
Stephanie Macdonald	Core French
Kellee MacKenzie	Early Literacy Support and Reading Recovery
Nadine Mugford	Resource
Carole Foran-Swinkels	Resource
Stephanie Dube	Learning Centre
Stephanie Wannamaker	Learning Centre
Jacqueline Laba	School Counselor
Kendra Somers	Library Technician

Allison MacLeod	ECE Pre-Primary #1 Lead
Janice Fitzpatrick	ECE Pre-Primary #1 Support
Barry Scott	ECE Pre-Primary #2 Lead
Samra Pepic	EPE Pre-Primary #2 Support
Michelle Boudreau	SchoolsPlus
Jen Fougere	SchoolsPlus Assistant Lead
Megan Shafi	Child and Youth Care Practitioner
Danielle Stephenson	School Psychologist
Jessica Lake-Crossley	Speech Language Pathologist until March
Emily Wood	Speech Language Pathologist on leave until March
Stephanie Inness	School Social Worker
Debbie Bowie-MacDonald	Education Program Assistant
Annette Kenny	Education Program Assistant
Christa Maxwell	Education Program Assistant
Catherine Levy	Education Program Assistant
Rogelio (Deo) Verunque	Education Program Assistant
Melissa Wilson	Education Program Assistant
Donna Pretty	Education Program Assistant
Lori Kruger	Education Program Assistant
Erin Lorencovich	Education Program Assistant
Jody Lefrense	100% Caretaker
Apolinaria Mercader	50% Custodian
Donna Muggah	Excel Lead

More information to follow! For now, we look forward to a great start to the 2023-24 school year.