

Dear Hillside Park Families,

The big day is almost here! We are busy preparing to welcome our wonderful students to school tomorrow. Here are just a few nuts and bolts in addition to the email you would have received last week:



**Busing** - Students must be registered for the bus. Families should have a parent account on [BusPlanner](#). 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 Parent Portal account and create a password. If you can't find the email, please contact 902-431-4723 or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) for assistance.

**Morning Arrival**- All staff will be outside on Wednesday morning to greet families at 7:45 am. Teachers in P-2 will be on the play pad near the left of the building. 3-5 teachers will be on the basketball court, and Pre-Primary teachers will be by the blue school sign at the main doors. **For the safety of our students, please do not pull into the parking lot.**

**Afternoon Dismissal**- All students will be dismissed from their designated exit doors and accompanied by their teacher. It is important that all parents/guardians are present for dismissal time when the bell rings at 2:10 pm as there is no supervision of students after the bell. Bus students will be walked out first followed by the walkers when the buses pull out of the driveway.

**Class Placements**- Please note that we continue to register new students to our school daily. This means we have already had to make some changes to the class lists since the parent portal opened last week. Please check your child's [Power School](#) parent portal. You will need the email address we have on file for you to access this account.

**Breakfast Baskets**- We will continue to offer an in-class breakfast basket with healthy food items to fuel our students for a day of learning. Students may enjoy breakfast items including granola bars, yogurt tubes and cheese strings from their class baskets. This will begin on *Monday, September 12*.

**Water Bottles**- Please send your child to school each day with a full water bottle. They will be able to refill it during the day.

**Lunch**- If your child is staying for lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch. Please note we do not have microwaves to heat up lunches. Please ensure you do not send in items that

contain kiwi, peanuts or tree nuts as we have students and staff with life-threatening allergies to these foods. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Reid at [jacquelyn.reid@hrce.ca](mailto:jacquelyn.reid@hrce.ca). We are looking forward to a fantastic school year together.

Yours in Education,

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