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The Hillside Park Press

Mid-June Update



Dear Hillside Park Families,

As another school year draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to send one final newsletter to wrap up 2023-24. First and foremost, let's celebrate our amazing students! We are so proud of their achievements and we can't wait to see what the future holds for each of them. Thank you to our wonderful families for all your support this year. A huge shout-out goes out to our dedicated staff who go above and beyond each day. We truly have an amazing team at Hillside.

Please note there is no school on June 27th. The last day is June 28th with an early dismissal time of **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 you're embarking on exciting adventures or simply enjoying some well-deserved downtime, we hope you find happiness and rejuvenation in the weeks ahead.

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 (AM) and Variety Show (12:10 PM in the Gym) <i>Rain Date June 20</i>
June 21	Grade 5 Closing Ceremony- 12:30 PM in the Gym National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24	Pizza Lunch for all students
June 27	Assessment & Evaluation Day- no school for students
June 28	Last Day of School- Dismissal at 10:10 AM <i>If your student(s) are bused, you will receive this information in BusPlanner as well</i> Report cards will be emailed to you that morning

Pizza Day



We had hoped to squeak in an evening Ice Cream Social before school ended, but we had a scheduling conflict. Instead, we will provide pizza for all students including Pre-Primary on **Monday, June 24th** for lunch. If your child requires gluten/dairy-free, please let their teacher know so we can order accordingly. Pack the usual snacks and water bottles and leave the rest to us :)

Save The Dates for Next School Year...

September 5	First Day of Classes for Students
September 10	First SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
September 19	Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social

Staffing Update

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:

- ★ Katie Ball- P/1 Classroom Teacher
- ★ Stephanie Wannamaker- Learning Centre Teacher
- ★ Stephanie Poirier-MacDonald- Core French Teacher
- ★ Donna Pretty- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Erin Lorencovich- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Jackie Laba- School Counsellor
- ★ Barry Scott- Early Childhood Educator
- ★ Denise Valley- Early Childhood Educator



We also have two staff members who are embarking on new adventures but will return to Hillside the following year. Kellee MacKenzie (Early Literacy & Reading Recovery) will be taking a one-year leave of absence and Katie Cawthra (4/5 Classroom Teacher) will be welcoming her new baby. Both Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. Cawthra want to pass on how much they will miss their students and families next year!

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

- ★ Jennifer Reed- Primary (Mrs. Reed is returning to Hillside after taking on the role of Literacy Coach with HRCE)
- ★ Danielle Brilhante- Grade P/1
- ★ Jodi Gordon- Grade 3/4
- ★ Courtney Purcell- Core French
- ★ Lorelei Martell- School Counsellor
- ★ Roxanne Vail- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Anna Malaya- Educational Program Assistant
- ★ Debbie Anderson- Educational Program Assistant



***Staffing may change throughout the summer-
we will keep you updated closer to the start of the school year.***



We are absolutely elated to have received the Indigo Love of Reading Grant. Over the next three years, our cozy little library will undergo a literary transformation. With **\$30,000** generously granted to us, we're gearing up to fill our shelves with books that spark wonder, knowledge, and endless adventures. A huge thanks to all who supported our application. Indigo was so moved by our school spirit, as told through the voices of our staff, students, and families.

Report Cards and Adaptations

Term 3 report cards will be sent electronically on June 28th. 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.

School Supplies Lists:

Hard copy lists will be printed and sent home on June 28. They are posted on our [website](#) as well.

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.*

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- Christina Dorey, Tasha Pitcher-Joncas, Adrienne Kidd, Taralee Dubray, Justine MacDonald, Ryanne Hamblin, Rose MacAuley, Nicole Evanson, Tammy McMullin, Cheryl Brann, Stephanie Dube
- Our Lunch Monitors: Kathy, Angela, Kia, Elyse, Gracie, Lisa and Pam
- Ms. Debbie for organizing and preparing our Breakfast Program
- Cory Cox for fixing our sign out front
- Darlene Joyce for her hard work volunteering in the Library
- Our staff for always supporting our initiatives and volunteering their time
- Christina Dorey (Square Roots) for providing apples to Hillside and many neighbouring schools
- Families who have graciously given their time to volunteer in classrooms and chaperone on field trips



2024-25 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2024-25 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. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name, and student ID number ready.

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](#).

A promotional graphic for SchoolsPlus. It features a circular inset on the left showing a group of diverse children smiling. To the right, the text 'Connect with us!' is written in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below this, contact information is provided: 'Parents, Guardians, and Students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school. Their contact information can be found on the staff directory page of your school website!' followed by 'Phone: 902-464-2041', 'Email: schoolsplus@hrce.ca', and 'Twitter: @HRCESchoolsPlus'. The Halifax Regional Centre for Education logo is in the top right. The SchoolsPlus logo is at the bottom left.

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A Message from HRCE

A recruitment graphic for food vendors. It has a dark red background on the left with the text 'Full bellies Fuel minds!' in white. The right side has a light green background with the text 'Calling all restaurants & commercial kitchens! We need you to help us feed +30,000 kids every day!' and an illustration of a sandwich, a salad, and a bowl of spaghetti. At the bottom, it says 'HRCE is looking for experienced food vendors to help us serve students nutritious (and delicious!) lunches – starting this fall. Apply today! RFPs close July 2.' The Halifax Regional Centre for Education logo is in the top left.

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