

Welcome to Primary!

We are so excited to welcome our new primaries to Sackville Heights Elementary! This is a very exciting time for everyone, especially our primary students. When school reopens, we look forward to meeting all of our new families.



There are many people at Sackville Heights who can help you. Here are a few of the many people that will help each day.



Our school
secretary and will be the first
face to greet you when you
come into the office.

Mr. Cleary is the Principal and you will see him outside, in your classroom, hallways, cafeteria and office and he is always able to help you.



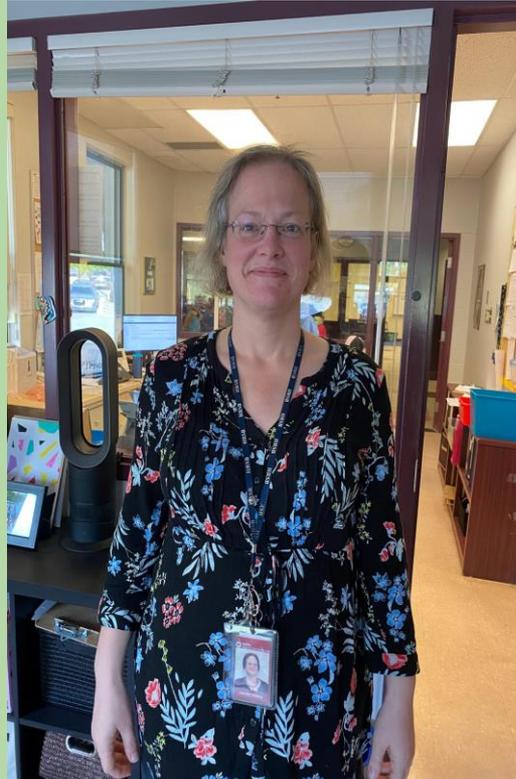
Ms. Gray is the Vice Principal and you will see her outside, in your classroom, hallways, cafeteria and office and she is also always able to help.



Mrs. Welcher is our Guidance Counselor and she works hard to help our students feel happy and successful at school.



Some days, you will go to Music, to Gym, or to the Library. Mrs. Stearns is one of our music teachers.



This is Mr. Jupp and Mr. Piercey. They are our phys.ed teachers.



This is Ms. Parsons. She is our librarian and also works in the office. Students visit the library to borrow books and have stories read to them.



Here are some of our Primary Teachers:
Ms. Courtney, Ms LeBlanc and Ms. Munroe.



We have two playgrounds. Students can play outside with their friends at recess and after they eat their lunch.



School Calendar

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Halifax Regional Centre for Education have released the new 2025-2026 calendar. Here you will find important dates for the 2025-2026 school year.

https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/2025-05/Calendar_FIXED.pdf

Sackville Heights Elementary

Grades Primary to 5

22 classes

School Population: 512

Supports:

2 resource teachers

3.0 learning center teachers

1.5 Elementary Literacy Support Teacher

2 Week 5 Day Schedule

- Music 2 X 30 minute periods/week
- Phys Ed. 3 X 30 minute periods/week
- Library 1 X 30 minute period/ every other week

Bell Schedule

8:00 First Bell (Duties Begin) Students enter the building

8:20 Classes start

11:20-12:20 Lunch

2:20 Dismissal

Please ensure that your child arrives between 8:00 and
8:15 am.

Bell Schedule

- If you have to drive your child to school please do not enter the parking lot.
- During the first week buses may be late as they help our new students adjust to the change.

Parents must be present at all bus stops for primary-2 students.

Safe Arrival

- If your child is sick or will be arriving late, please call 1-833-582-6940 OR <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>
- If there is a change in dismissal routine, please let the classroom teacher know ASAP. If there is a change the day of, please make voice contact as early as possible so we can deliver the message in time. Sending an email or leaving messages on answering machines at the last minute cannot guarantee that your message will reach its destination.

HRCE Student Transportation

HRCE is here to support families. You can contact the HRCE Transportation Team via email transportation@hrce.ca or leave a voicemail at 902-431-4723.

HRCE will be sending out an email, letting you know how and when to sign up for bus planner. Keep checking twitter over the summer for the most up to date information.

You can also access important information regarding bussing at <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>

Nova Scotia Lunch Program

The Nova Scotia School Lunch Program is a provincial lunch program that offers public school students across Nova Scotia nutritious lunch every school day. Food for our school is made fresh daily here on site. Ordering will open on Friday mornings and close on Wednesday at noon.

You can also access important information regarding the school lunch program at <https://nslunch.ca/>

The Primary Program

Students in primary experience math, language arts, social studies, science, health, visual arts, music and physical education through the following medium:

- Creative play
- Active, hands-on learning (learning zones)
- Talk
- Whole-group, small-group, and independent learning
- Questioning, observing, exploring, and responding

Integrated Curriculum

The P-6 curriculum is now integrated. Core subject outcomes such as social studies, science, health, ICT and visual arts are integrated with language arts and mathematics.

Teachers will review information on your child's literacy and math classroom practices and routines during curriculum night.

What Parents Can Do

- Make sure to sign up for the Bus and practice after school plans and expectations with your child.
- Please communicate with the classroom teacher if there is a change in this routine as soon as you know there will be a change.
- **Please label all personal items (except school supplies)** especially outdoor wear, indoor shoes, backpack, and lunch box.
- Keep all contact information current – in the event of an emergency.
- Communicate any health or medical concerns to the administration prior to the first day.
- Work on fine motor skills: <https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/assistive-technology-cbvrce/at-videos-resources/fine-motor>

Where to Get Information

- School website: <https://sve.hrce.ca/>
- HRCE website: <https://www.hrce.ca/>
- Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/parents-families>
- School and class newsletters
- Message bags
- Call the school at 902-869-4700