

## June Newsletter 2025-2026

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As we welcome June, we are excited to begin the final month of another wonderful school year. While there is certainly a great deal of excitement in the air, our students and staff remain focused on important learning and the many year-end tasks that come with closing one school year while also preparing for a successful start-up in September. June is always a busy and memorable month filled with class trips, Field Days, and opportunities to celebrate together as a school community. We also look forward to welcoming our newest Primary students and families during Primary Orientation, while at the same time preparing to say goodbye to our amazing Grade 5 students as they get ready for their next chapter.

Speaking of memorable year-end activities, tomorrow is our annual Family Fun Day! It is always a wonderful celebration of our school community. This special event is made possible through the incredible hard work, dedication, and support of our PTO members and staff & parent volunteers. We hope to see many of our families there for a fun-filled day together!

#### Important Dates

**June 10**

Primary Orientation

**June 12**

Grade 2's Discovery Center

**June 18**

3-5 Field Day

**June 19**

P-2 Field Day

**June 22**

Grade 4's Blue Beach

**June 23**

5 MacDonald & 5 Maclellan  
Harbour Hopper & Africville

**June 24**

5 Appleby & 5 Montgomery  
Harbour Hopper & Africville

**June 25**

Rain Date Field Day

**June 26**

Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony  
9:30

**June 29**

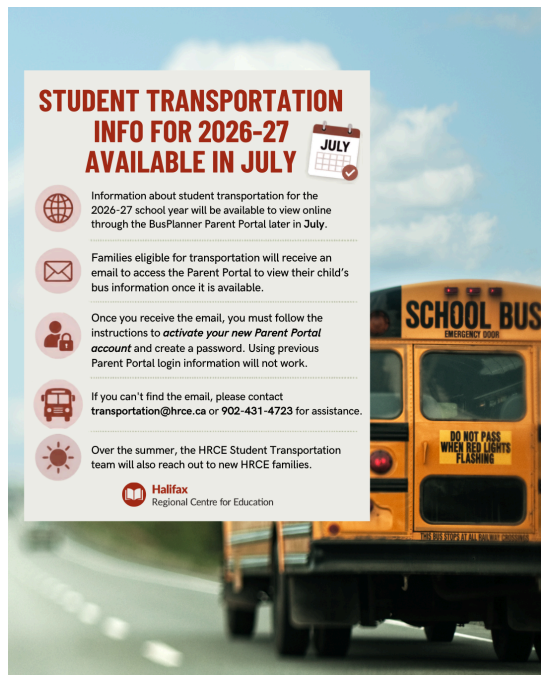
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**June 30**

Last Day

## More Important Information

### 2026-27 Bus Information



Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 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](mailto: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 at

[transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

### Be tick aware in Nova Scotia

After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly. It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?

Visit [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety) to learn more.

# Be Tick Aware



## **Parking & Accessible Parking Reminder**

**Staff Parking Lot** - A reminder that the main school parking lot is reserved for staff only. It is especially important that these spaces remain available for staff who need to access the building each day. Families are asked to use the "Drop & Go" lane for a safe and efficient drop-off, or for those who prefer to walk to or meet their children at their designated doors or meeting areas on school grounds, we ask that you park in the church parking lot across the street and walk your child safely onto the school grounds.

**Accessible Parking Spaces** - The accessible parking spaces are reserved for students and families who require them during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. When these spaces are used by vehicles and/or persons who do not require accessible parking, this creates barriers for students, families, and staff who rely on these spaces for safe and timely access to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our school community safe, respectful, and accessible for everyone.

## **Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program**

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets. The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy. Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home soon!

## **Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada**

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbours in a safer, more intentional way.

Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.