



# Sackville Heights Elementary

## May 2024

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### Sackville Heights

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### Reminders

- May 10 Shakespeare for grades 3-5
- May 13 Excel for new registrants
- May 14 SAC / PTO meetings
- May 16 Dessert Theatre
- May 20 Victoria Day - no school
- May 22 Grade P trip to Discovery Center
- May 25 Family Fun Day
- May 30 Track & Field Stadacona trip for grade 2
- June 4 & 5 Field Days
- June 13 SHJH Orientation
- June 14 Grade 5 Year end Trip to Brigadoon
- June 18 Discovery Center for grades P-2

### **Principal's Message**

Well May has arrived and we couldn't be happier to hear the birds singing and see things starting to grow. We have lots of great things planned for the month of May. There will be class presentations, some class trips, and a PTO Event. We are looking forward to spending the last 2 months here at SHES with all of our students. They continue to make progress and amaze us every day.

We also wanted to let you know that we have been having lots of fun getting our community garden project up and running. A huge shoutout to Mr. Kyle for all his work bringing this project to life. Students have helped fill the garden boxes with gravel and soil. The next step will be to start planting. We are excited to see the final touches being completed before the end of the school year with wood chips in the whole area along with picnic tables as another area for students, staff and the community to enjoy.

Rachael and Lisa

### **Attendance**

When submitting attendance through School Messenger or by phone, please select full day as when it is entered into our system you are only entering for half a day and when the afternoon attendance is submitted from teachers anyone that has not arrived their attendance will be updated for a full day. This process is also to be used if you child will be late. Attendance will be updated upon checking in at the office.

### **Staffing for the 2024-2025 School Year and Class Lists**

We will be working on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year in the coming weeks. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a class. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. If you have a **significant concern** for next year please email either Rachael or Lisa. Sackville Heights is full of wonderful teachers and great students. Each new year is an opportunity to start fresh and meet new friends.

### **Early Curriculum Night**

In September, we are going to again welcome families into the school before the first day of class as an open house. We understand the importance of families knowing who their child's teacher is as well as where the class is located. We will be holding an early curriculum night where we welcome families into the school to meet their child's teacher and see where the classroom is. This is a great chance to drop off school supplies as well so that on the first day of school, students can start off with their regular routine. The date for this will be announced next month once the school calendar for next year has been released.

### **Grade 6 Orientation**

On **Thursday, June 13 from 6:30-7:30pm**, there will a grade 6 orientation at SHJH. Students and parents/guardians will meet in the gymnasium at 6:30 pm. **Please note:** Only one parent/guardian per student; and no other siblings.

### **Grade 5 Closing**

In the afternoon on June 25th we will be holding our grade 5 closing. Families of students in grade 5 will be invited to attend our short ceremony in the gym. More information on this to come.

## Bell Schedule

As sent out in alert to families, our bell times will be changing slightly in September.

### New Bell Schedule for 2024-25 School Year:

- Start Time: 8:20 a.m.
- Dismissal Time: 2:20 p.m.
- Lunch will begin at 11:20 a.m. and end at 12:50 p.m. for our 3 lunches

This means that students can be dropped off between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

## Dogs and Other Pets

We are reminding parents/guardians NOT to bring dogs onto school property. We realize that combining a dog walk with your child's trip to and from school is convenient and environmentally responsible. Although these pets are usually playful and harmless, the presence of dogs on the school grounds represents a potential health and safety issue for several reasons.

- their presence strikes fear in some children
- a number of children have allergies
- we have no way to monitor any individual dog's training or behaviour and even the tamest pet may react unexpectedly when surrounded by curious children or when inadvertently startled
- although most owners pick up after their dog, we often find dog waste on school property in areas where children play



SHES thanks you for helping us to maintain a safe environment by not bringing your dog onto school property. As a suggestion, you could make arrangements with your child(ren) to meet you on the sidewalk if you are walking the dog to and from the school.

As a general rule, pets are not allowed in the school building as a number of students have allergies to various animals and because even the tamest pet may react unexpectedly when surrounded by curious children or when inadvertently startled. Pets also disrupt regular routines.

## SAC / PTO

Our last SAC meeting of the school year will be on May 14th at 5:30pm. Our next and last PTO meeting of the year will be on May 14th at 6:30pm.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN DAY! Saturday, May 25th 1pm-4pm**

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various activities throughout the day. Whether you can lend a hand for an hour or the entire event, your support will truly make a difference in creating unforgettable memories for our families.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Arts and Crafts Stations ~ Games and Contests Supervision ~ Ticket Sales/Collection ~ Setup and Cleanup Crew

No special skills are required—just a willingness to spread happiness and be part of our amazing community event!

If you're interested in volunteering, please email [sackvilleheights.pto@gmail.com](mailto:sackvilleheights.pto@gmail.com)

Together, let's create an unforgettable day for our students and their families to cherish!