



Sackville Heights Elementary

September 2023

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Principal: Ms. Lisa Gray

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Principal's Message

Welcome and Welcome Back!!!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. We are so excited to get back to school. Over the summer our school has been cleaned from top to bottom and it is sparkling. Our caretaking team did an amazing job. Teachers have all been in getting everything ready for our students to start on Thursday September 7th.

We currently have 23 classes. As children continue to register we continue to place students in classes and work to make sure that they are balanced and the correct size. We will continue to do this even after school begins, so please be patient.

Given the size of our school, we encourage students who can take the bus to do so. School staff, myself and Lisa are outside every morning to greet the students and make sure they make it safely to class. Teachers will make sure that they are on the correct bus in the afternoon. No matter the size of the school, drop-off and pick-up times can be extremely busy. You can find information about bussing by contacting transportation@hrce.ca. We will be using the Purple Dismissal Tags again this year for Grades P-2, so please make sure you let your child's teacher know where they go after school and what bus they will be taking. Please make sure to leave this Tag attached to your child's backpack.

A list of all Sackville Heights staff members can be found on our website. This week we have sent home several important email alerts. Please read them carefully. Information about our First Day Procedures, Medical Forms, teacher introductions and more. Many of the answers to questions that you may have will be answered in these email alerts or on our website.

Being on Time for School

Our school hours are 8:30am to 2:30pm. Students coming by bus arrive between 8:10 am and 8:30am and students arriving by car should also come for the same time. We ask that all students arrive no later than 8:20am. All students should be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at 8:30am.

Students who arrive after this time are late and miss important instructional time in all subject areas, including Physical Education and Music. Children cannot be dropped off or arrive at school before 8:10am. That is the time supervision begins.

We will be going outside a lot so students should be dressed for the weather.

At SHES we have several students with nut allergies. SHES is a nut smart school which means that parents should not knowingly send their child to school with any nut products. If you send your child with a Wow butter sandwich you might want to label it, so that we know it is not peanut butter and is safe for consumption at school. Just a reminder Nutella contains hazelnuts so it is not permitted at school.

2023-2024 is going to be a great year here at SHES!

Rachael and Lisa



Pick up at Dismissal

We have many families that meet their children at dismissal time. We kindly ask that you remain at the front of the building until 2:25 as we often have classes outdoors on our school grounds.

We remind families that dogs are not permitted on our playground during school hours and dismissal times.

Terry Fox Run, Walk and Wheel

We will be having our Terry Fox run, walk, wheel on Thursday. Children are welcome to bring in a donation to support the Terry Fox Foundation (Toonies for Terry). We will have a labelled jug in the entry way. Please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle!

Lunch Monitors

Interested in working close to home? We are looking for additional lunch monitors. Please contact the office for more information.

September Important Dates

September 7	First Day for Students
September 14	Pink Day (Say no to bullying day)
September 19	Terry Fox Run, Walk, Wheel
September 20	Raindate for Terry Fox Run, Walk, Wheel
September 29	Orange Shirt Day in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 2	No School—Truth and Reconciliation Day observed

FYI school pictures dates are October 4th and 5th.

To see a complete HRCE Calendar with all important dates for the year please go to <https://www.hrce.ca/calendars>.

