

# 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.



Mrs. Pelley is our school secretary and will be the first face to greet you when you come into the office.



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



Mrs. 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.

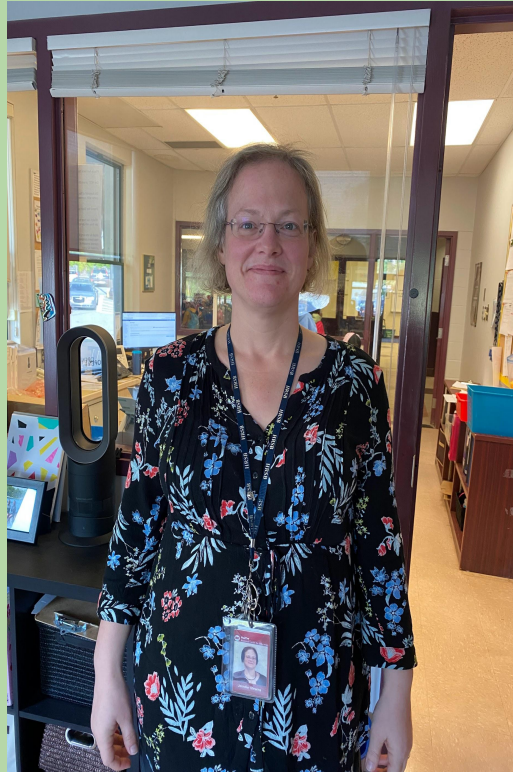




Mrs. Welcher is our Guidance Counselor and she works hard to help our students feel happy and successful at school.



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



This is Mr. Mayo. He is one of our phys.ed teachers.





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



Here are some of our Primary Teachers: Ms. Murphy, Ms. Munroe, Ms. James and Ms. Bond.



This is the playground. 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 2023-2024 calendar. Here you will find important dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

[https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/Departments/BoardServices/Communications/2023-24\\_hrce\\_school\\_calendar\\_revised\\_v2.pdf](https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/Departments/BoardServices/Communications/2023-24_hrce_school_calendar_revised_v2.pdf)

# Sackville Heights Elementary

Grades Primary to 5

23 classes

School Population: 512

## Supports:

2 resource teachers

2.5 learning center teachers

.75 Reading Recovery

.25 Early Literacy Support



# 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

8:10 First Bell (Duties Begin) Students enter the building

8:30 Classes start

11:15- 12:00/ 12:05- 12:50 2 lunches

2:05 Dismissal

Please ensure that your child arrives between 8:10 and  
8:20 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 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](mailto: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>



# 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 everything** 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.

# 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 902-869-4700