



Harrietsfield Elementary School

Info for Families: September 9-13

Important Dates:

September 12

Pink Shirt Day

September 19

Picture Day!

September 27

Orange Shirt
Day

September 30

Truth and
Reconciliation
Day (no school)

October 1

Treaty Day
(Schools Open)

We are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw people. This territory is covered by the treaties of peace and friendship. We acknowledge that people of African descent have been in Nova Scotia for over 400 years .

Attendance / On-Time Arrival

As we begin another school year, we'd like to take a moment to emphasise the vital role attendance and punctuality play in your child's academic success and overall development.

Being present in school consistently ensures that students don't miss important lessons, assignments, and opportunities to engage with their peers and teachers. Every school day counts, and students who attend regularly are more likely to stay on track with their learning and feel connected to the school community.

Punctuality, too, is essential. Arriving on time helps students start the day focused and prepared, setting a positive tone for learning. It also reinforces life skills like responsibility and time management, which will serve them well beyond their school years.

We understand that occasional absences are sometimes unavoidable due to illness or other circumstances, but we encourage you to prioritise school attendance whenever possible. If your child must miss school, please be sure to communicate with the school promptly and help them catch up on any missed work.

Together, let's help our students succeed by ensuring they are present and on time each and every day.

School Supplies

If you haven't already done so, you can still pay for supplies until the end of September. If the cost of school supplies is an issue, the school is happy to cover the cost.

Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/> and click Register to get started.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support .

SAC

Are you interested in making suggestions on a range of issues related to the school and the school system?

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for parents and community members who would be interested in serving on this committee. This requires a very limited time

commitment (6 virtual meetings per year, which last only about 45 minutes each). If you are interested in being part of our SAC, please email Mrs. Little at plittle@hrce.ca. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Registration Forms

Forms that are usually sent home as a paper copy will be coming to families electronically this year. Please keep an eye on your email as they will be coming through this way.

Stand Up Against Bullying Day – Thursday, September 12

On the second Thursday of September, we recognize Stand Up Against Bullying Day. This day, happening on September 12 this year, is an opportunity for us to start the school year off right – by celebrating inclusivity, kindness and friendship.

All schools in HRCE are focused on ensuring all students have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and thrive.

Please join us and wear pink if you're able on September 12 to take a stand against bullying.



Playground Access

A reminder to families that our big playground is only for children who are 5 and older. Our primary students will not be using this playground until after Christmas.

Picture Day 📷

Pineapple Studios will be taking our school pictures again this year. Picture day will be **Thursday, September 19th**. More information will be coming for families as we get closer. Pineapple Studios asks students to not wear green on picture day. If students are absent on picture day, they will be able to get their picture taken on October 1.

Nut Aware School 🥜

We ask that all families take care in not sending snack or lunch items that contain nuts of any kind. This helps to ensure that our students with allergies are safe and healthy.

Breakfast Program

Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteer, Ashley Cassibo, we are able to offer a breakfast program at our school. If you are able to spare an hour or two a week, we are always looking for volunteers to help with this important program. Volunteer time can be very flexible and does not need to be before school. Please reach out to the main office if you are able to lend a hand. :)

Purple Tag Program for Bussing

All students in grades pre-primary to 2 **must be accompanied by an adult** at the bus stop before and after school. Children in pp-2 will have a purple tag put onto their backpack to identify them.

Wela'lioq/Merci/Thank you,

Mrs. Little & Ms. Welsh