Welcome to new and returning families and students. We are looking forward to a great year at Harrietsfield Elementary School! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful, safe and fun summer vacation. We would also like to welcome all new and returning staff who are listed below.

We have a new admin team this year and we are truly thrilled to be joining such a wonderful school community. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school. In addition, our website has a lot of school information and a School Handbook for quick checks about school routines and procedures. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning together!

**HES Staff 2019-2020**

- Grade Primary – R. King
- Grade Primary/One – A. Miller
- Grade One/Two – L. Bradbury
- Grade Two – A. Holley
- Grade Three – M. Russell
- Grade Four – A. Hosking
- Grade Five/Six – C. LeBlanc/H. Emery
- Grade Six – R. Munro
- Resource – D. Ritcey
- Learning Centre – D. Goree
- Social Worker – M. Hudson-Ash
- ELS/Reading Recovery – H. Lake
- Educational Program Assistants – A. Assali, T. Biddington, D. Boudreau, A. Glazebrook, D. Kline, M. LeBlanc, D. Saumure

**Stand Up Against Bullying Day – Wear Pink!**

On Thursday, September 12, all students and staff are encouraged to wear pink to recognize the importance of Stand Up Against Bullying Day. On this day we set a positive tone for the school year by engaging students in activities that focus on the importance of building healthy relationships with and among each other. Throughout the year we model and practice positive behaviors and teach appropriate ways of dealing with conflict.

You can learn more about this important topic on the Halifax Regional Centre for Education website ([https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/safe-schools](https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/safe-schools)). If your child talks to you about any difficulties they are having with their peers at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Breakfast Program**

Our free breakfast program starts Monday, September 9 and will take place daily from 7:40-7:55. This is a grab and go style breakfast where volunteers provide healthy snack options that students can take out on the playground to eat. If you are available to volunteer or would like to make a donation, please contact the school for information.
Safe Arrival
Student safety is a priority. If your child is going to be absent from school or late arriving, please call the Safe Arrival number at 902-479-4233. When calling, leave your child’s name, grade, teacher’s name and reason for absence.

Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social
Curriculum Night will be on Thursday, September 19th from 6:00-7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for our school families and staff to come together. The evening will start with an opportunity for parents/guardians and students to visit classrooms to learn about the exciting year ahead. It will be followed by an ice cream social outside (in the gym if it’s raining). We hope to see all of you there!

Medication in the School
If your child requires medication during school hours, we have forms available at the office that must be completed and kept on file prior to staff administering medication. Our school is a nut and scent aware school. Some students and staff have serious allergies and/or sensitivities. Please ensure you send peanut and tree nut (i.e. walnuts, cashews, pecans, etc) free snacks to school. We want to ensure that all of our students have a safe school environment.

**** Parking Lot Safety ****
We ask that parents/guardians do not enter the parking lot from 7:30-8:00am during student arrival and bus drop off and from 1:45-2:15pm during student dismissal and bus pick up. This is to maintain the safety of our school yard for all students as they arrive or leave for the day. We also need to keep the parking lot entrance cleared of vehicles to allow the buses enough space to safely enter and exit.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Kids’ Run Club for Grades 3-6
HES is registered as part of the Kids’ Run Club program. It is a great way to promote healthy active and healthy lifestyles through playing games and running as part of this program. More information will be sent home soon. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Mrs. McGinn for details.

Nourish Your Roots Fundraiser
HES is taking part in Nourish Nova Scotia’s Nourish Your Roots fundraiser to support Our Breakfast Program. Selling for $30, each farm box includes a variety of fresh Nova Scotia produce. Selling takes place from September 9-20. More information is going home with students in a package.

Thanks in advance for your support!

BusPlanner
Information on bus schedules can be found by logging into BusPlanner. Parents/Guardians, if you haven’t already, you can subscribe to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca. For information on registering for BusPlanner, visit the HRCE website. Please remember that stop times are estimates. Times can vary for many reasons (weather, traffic, etc). Students are asked to be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the listed time in the morning and parents/guardians who meet their children at the pm bus stop be there 5 minutes before the listed time.

Lunch Monitors Needed
We are looking for parents/guardians who would be interested in a position at HES as a paid lunch monitor. Please contact Carolyn LeBlanc for details 902-479-4230.