



# École Burton Ettinger School

## JUNE 2025 Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good day, ÉBES Families! Welcome to the final month of school for 2024 – 2025! It is hard to believe we are now entering the last month of school. The time has gone by so quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community (students, families, teachers) for making me feel so welcome. This is a wonderful “family,” and I am so fortunate to be the principal of this school. I look forward to returning in the Fall and working with everyone again next year.

On behalf of the staff of École Burton Ettinger School, we would like to thank everyone for your support. Our valued parents/guardians are the center point of school success, and without your support, we could not have had the success we have had this year. As always, we reflect on what worked well this year, what changes we will work on for the Fall as we begin a new school year. As a staff, we are committed to continual collaboration and working with our school partners for feedback and suggestions on ways that we can further improve. We continue to welcome all input as we work with you, ÉBES parents/guardians, as you are the key stakeholders in your child's education.

### Student Success Planning:

We finished wrapping up Cycle 2 of our school student success plan in March. We then focused on Cycle 3, which we will finish soon. Staff are focused on action steps/strategies in Literacy, Mathematics, and Well-Being to support student learning over the final weeks of school.

The ÉBES community will be sending along well wishes to some staff members who are moving on to new adventures at different schools next year.

Best wishes to:

Madame Meunier

Ms. Tufaro

Ms. Kuan-Veng (Ms. KV to the kiddos)

Ms. MacKinnon

We also will be saying goodbye to Term teachers and some of our EPA support staff for next year:

Rae Chiasson

Jaime Allen

Rachel MacDonald

Meg Taylor (School Psychologist)

Kelly Christie (School Speech Pathologist)

Nicoline Hussey (School Guidance)

### **Our Support Staff Members:**

Judy, Melanie, Nagma, Sunny and Urmila

We wish them all the best as they begin their new adventures. They will be missed by all at ÉBES.

On behalf of all staff, as the year winds to a close, staff of École Burton Ettinger School would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful and relaxing summer! We look forward to seeing you and your children in September!

Have a great  
  
 Vacation!

# Parent Corner

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:

Month	Date	Event
<b>JUNE</b>		
	Friday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<b>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b> Primary Orientation (for New Primary Students and Families)
	Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Field Day Activities
	Tuesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Field Day Activities (Rain Date if needed)
	Saturday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	National Indigenous Peoples' Day
	Tuesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<b>1:00 p.m.</b> Grade 5 Closing Ceremony
	Friday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Assessment & Evaluation Day <b>(No Classes)</b>
	Monday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Last Day of School



## CLASS SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS:

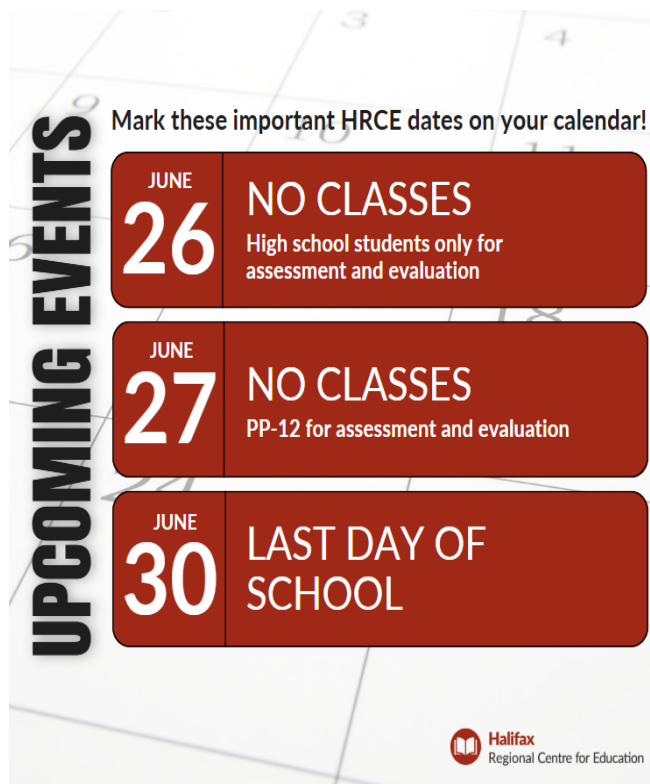
Over the summer, we recognize that some parents/guardians may want to get a jump on school supply shopping, or to get the very best deals as there are many sales over the summer.

Class school supply lists are currently being finalized and will be posted to our school website the last day of school. Please refer to the website to find the list of supplies for your child's class.



**EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER:**

- Important calendar dates in June (SEE ABOVE)
- SchoolsPlus support this summer
- 2025-26 Bus Information
- TICK AWARENESS: A message from Nova Scotia Public Health (SEE BELOW)
- Tips to support reading and writing at home

**JUNE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CELEBRATIONS:**

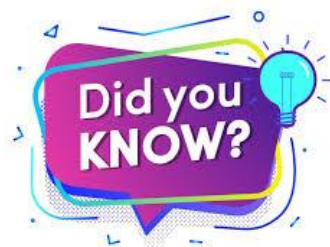
- National Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

**2025 – 2026 EXCEL REGISTRATION:**

The EXCEL Before and After Program is a recreation based, fee-for-service before and after school program run by Halifax Regional Centre for Education. At each school site where EXCEL is offered, the dedicated staffing teams plan games and activities that suit the needs and interests of all registered students. Since EXCEL began more than 25 years ago, staff have continually enhanced the program based on experiences and feedback. Today, with more than 4,000 participating students, EXCEL is one of the largest programs of its kind in the Maritimes, providing inclusive and engaging programming for participants.

For more information about registration, fees and programing, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact the EXCEL Before and After Program Registrar's Office: Kimberly Lozon at 902-464-2000 ext. 2787 or [excelregistrar@hrce.ca](mailto:excelregistrar@hrce.ca) and Gail Hartling at 902-464-2000 ext. 2236 or [excel@hrce.ca](mailto:excel@hrce.ca).

**SCHOOLSPLUS SUPPORTS FOR THE SUMMER:**

SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year! SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every school in Nova Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by contacting the SchoolsPlus facilitator for your school: Amanda Logan, [amanda.logan@hrce.ca](mailto:amanda.logan@hrce.ca) . Learn more [here](#).

**2025-26 BUS INFORMATION:**

Information about student transportation for the 2025-26 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

- Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.
- Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.
- If you can't find or do not receive an email, please reach out to [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or call **902-431-4723** for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

**Reminder:** The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or **902-431-4723**. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.



**BE TICK AWARE AND TICK SAFE:**

*Sharing on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Health*

In summer and fall, people spend time at Nova Scotia's many beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. These small insects are found across Nova Scotia and can cause tick-borne diseases (TBDs), including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis.

Ticks like moist and humid environments and can be found in or near woods, shrubs, leaf litter, long grass, urban parks and gardens. They can be very small, which makes them hard to spot and their bites don't hurt, which makes it difficult to know when you've been bitten.

**Visit the site [NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety](https://NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety) and learn more about:**

- How to protect yourself - especially in grassy, wooded, or shrub-covered areas
- What to do if you find a tick on yourself/your child
- The signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses

**Tips to support reading and writing at home:**

As parents and caregivers, you play one of the most important roles in helping your child become a strong, confident reader and writer. What you do at home can make a big difference in your child's success in school and beyond. When reading and writing become part of family routines — like bedtime stories, writing notes to each other, or making shopping lists together — children see them as enjoyable and meaningful activities. Here are some ideas and tips:

**1. Create a dedicated writing space**

Set up a quiet, well-lit area where your child can focus. Stock your writing center with essentials like paper, pencils, crayons, and even fun extras like family photos and old magazines to spark creativity.

**2. Read often**

Reading is one of the best ways to become a better writer. When children read a variety of books, they naturally absorb vocabulary, grammar, and different writing styles. Encourage daily reading to build their language skills and inspire their own writing.

**3. Encourage reflective journaling**

A journal is a great outlet for expressing thoughts and feelings. Prompt your child to write about everyday events at home and school. Suggest using sensory details — what they saw, heard, or felt. This helps develop descriptive writing. Provide real-life experiences that they can later write about. Remember, only read their journal if invited — and always respond with encouragement and thoughtful feedback.

#### 4. Offer real-world writing opportunities

Help your child see writing as a practical skill. Let them write thank-you notes, grocery lists, birthday invitations or letters to family. Consider finding a pen pal to make writing feel more authentic and fun.

#### 5. Be a writing role model

Let your child see you writing too! Whether it's a grocery list, an email or a note to a friend, show how writing fits into everyday life. Talk about the purpose of different types of writing and their audiences. Try having a "family writing night" where everyone writes and shares together.

#### 6. Start a vocabulary notebook

Introduce a few new words each week and encourage your child to use them in writing and conversation. Turn it into a game for using words creatively.

#### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED NEXT YEAR:



#### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Our SAC Committee is comprised of staff, parents and community members. We are always looking for members who are interested in contributing to our school. The SAC meets 6 times a year for approximately an hour. During these meetings we discuss events happening at the school, our Student Success Plan, policies and other items that may be possible at our school. This group is an advisory committee to advise the principal on needs for the school. If you are interested in learning more or participating in this group, please email me at:

[jgraham@hrce.ca](mailto:jgraham@hrce.ca)

Our school meeting minutes from this year are uploaded to our school website (under the SAC section).

Our school website link is: **bet.hrce.ca**

#### PTA (PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION):

We have an amazing PTA here at Burton Ettinger. This group meets several times a year and always welcomes new membership. They organize, plan, and operate fund raising activities for our school. If you are interested in becoming involved with this group, please email me with your name and contact information. I will be sure to forward this along to our PTA committee and add you to our email distribution list when we send out meeting dates next year.

ON BEHALF OF STAFF, WE WISH ALL OF OUR FAMILIES A SAFE, RESTFUL AND FUN SUMMER!



Yours in Education,

*J. Graham*

Ms. J. Graham,  
Principal