



École Burton Ettinger Elementary

JUNE 2026 School Newsletter

ÉBES Mission Statement

At École Burton Ettinger Elementary, we empower every student in a safe, equitable, inclusive, and nurturing environment. Guided by empathy and respect, we foster a love of learning and support the growth of compassionate, creative, and responsible global citizens.

Déclaration de mission de l'ÉBES

À l'École élémentaire Burton Ettinger, nous donnons à chaque élève les moyens de réussir dans un environnement sécuritaire, équitable, inclusif et bienveillant. Guidés par l'empathie et le respect, nous cultivons l'amour de l'apprentissage et soutenons le développement de citoyens du monde compatissants, créatifs et responsables.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

École Burton Ettinger Families:

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our school community for your continued support, kindness, and partnership throughout the year.

Your encouragement, involvement, and dedication make our school a welcoming and positive place for students to learn and grow. Whether through volunteering, supporting school events, helping students at home, or simply offering words of encouragement, your contributions are deeply appreciated.

We are grateful for the strong sense of community we share and for the trust you place in us each day. It is a privilege to work alongside such caring families and community members in supporting our students' success and well-being.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

With great appreciation,

Yours in Education,

Ms. J. Graham

Ms. Graham

Principal/Directrice

École Burton Ettinger Elementary School Staff

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JUNE 2026:**Important Dates for Burton Ettinger:**

Tuesday, June 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 Track & Field Meet
Wednesday, June 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 Track & Field
Thursday, June 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 Orientation at Junior High
Friday, June 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 a.m. New Primary Orientation
Friday, June 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Library Book Borrowing Please check at home for books that belong to our school library and return them to school.
Friday, June 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of School Breakfast Club • School Field Day
Wednesday, June 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 p.m. Grade 5 Closing Ceremony
Monday, June 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School Staff Assessment & Evaluation Day
Tuesday, June 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of School Dismissal at 10:00 a.m.

June is also...

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

Reminder re: Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program will be ending for this school year on Friday, June 12th.

Our Breakfast Program begins at **8:00 a.m.** for students and runs until **8:30 a.m.** Please do not have your children arrive at school prior to **8:00 a.m.** as there are no staff to supervise them or to let them in the building.

Running Club:

The last day for our school running club will be Friday, June 5th. Thank you to all students and our staff who were committed to this club! Great job, everyone!

Sun Protection:

Fortunately, the nicer weather seems to have arrived! With the nicer weather, come some friendly reminders:

- Wearing a hat at school while outside playing during recess and lunch is a great idea for sun protection.
- Water bottles are important to stay hydrated – please ensure that your child brings in a reusable water bottle each day.
- Children are encouraged to apply sunscreen at home in the morning. If you opt to send your child to school with sunscreen, they must be able to apply it themselves. The recommended type would be a solid sunscreen stick as this is easy to apply and less messy/time consuming to apply. Aerosol sprays/liquid sunscreen create hallways/washroom floors that can become very slippery. Students are not permitted to share sunscreen.

Report Cards:

3rd Term Report Cards will be sent home electronically as usual. They will be sent during the morning on **June 30th**. The last hour and a half of the school year will be **Tuesday, June 30th, 2026!**

HRCE 2026 – 2027 CALENDAR:

Please find the HRCE school calendar for 2026 - 2027. First day for students is September 3rd.

2026-27 CALENDAR NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL CENTRES FOR EDUCATION

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Sept 1 School Organization Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Dec 4 Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Apr 2 Elem/Middle/Jr Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day & High School Professional Development (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 2 Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Dec 18 Last Day for Students Before Holiday Break	Apr 20-27 Report Cards High School
Sept 3 First Day of School for Students	Dec 21 Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Apr 30 Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development & High School Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 7 Labour Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Jan 4 First Day Back After Break	May 10 Mi'kmaw Language Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Sept 25 Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Jan 26-29 High School Summative Assessments	May 14 Black Excellence Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Sept 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Feb 1 High School Assessment & Evaluation Day/Semester 1 Ends (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)	May 24 Victoria Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 1 Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)	Feb 2 Semester 2 Begins (High School)	Jun 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Feb 3-12 Semester 1 Report Cards (High School)	Jun 22-25 High School Summative Assessments
Oct 23 NSTU Conference Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Feb 15 Nova Scotia Heritage Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Jun 28 High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Nov 4 Take Your Kid to Work Day	Mar 5 Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY) Term 2 Ends (Elementary)	Jun 29 Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 11 Remembrance Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Mar 8-12 Spring Break (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	Jun 30 Last Day of School
Nov 16-19 Report Cards High School	Mar 15-25 Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr	
Nov 20 Elem/Middle/Jr. Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY) Term 1 Ends (Elem/Middle/Jr)	March 26 Good Friday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	
Nov 23-30 Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr	March 29 Easter Monday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)	



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFO FOR 2026-27 AVAILABLE IN JULY



Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 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 the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.



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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 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.

Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets. The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy. Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home soon!

Listen to Lead: Year 2

Listen to Lead, HRCE's annual consultation, is more than just a survey. It is an ongoing commitment to partnership, continuous improvement, and ensuring our schools reflect the voices and experiences of the communities they serve.

Please take the opportunity to share your thoughts, feedback and vision for HRCE anonymously through ThoughtExchange: [Participate here](#)

The consultation will be open until June 4.

Be tick aware in Nova Scotia



After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly.

It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?

Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety to learn more.

Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbours in a safer, more intentional way. Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.



We **NEED YOU** to join our team for 2026 – 2027. Members plan fun events, fundraising opportunities, and social events for our school community throughout the year.

Please email our Principal, Janice Graham at jgraham@hrce.ca, if you would like to participate. Our first meeting of the year will be in September. Ms. Graham will email membership with the date and time for our meeting. We welcome all members. Please consider this committee – the perspectives and input of everyone is vital to and attributes directly to the success of this committee and school events for our students!

Yours in Education,

J. Graham

**Ms. J. Graham,
Principal/Directrice**