



École Burton Ettinger Elementary

SEPTEMBER 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:

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Welcome back! It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I welcome our entire school community to a new school year.

The beginning of a new school year brings with it fresh opportunities to learn, grow, build friendships, and create lasting memories. Whether you are returning to our school or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our school family.

Our commitment this year remains strong as we work to provide a safe, caring, inclusive, and engaging environment where every student feels valued and supported. We will continue to encourage curiosity, celebrate individual strengths, and challenge our students to reach their fullest potential.

To our students, I encourage you to approach this year with confidence, kindness, and a willingness to try new things. Remember that success is not simply about getting the right answer - it is about learning from challenges, persevering, and discovering what you can achieve.

To our families, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Your involvement plays a significant role in your child's success, and we look forward to working together throughout the year.

To our dedicated staff here at ÉBES, thank you for the care, passion, and commitment you bring to our students each and every day. I am excited about all that we will accomplish together.

Let us begin this school year with optimism, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to making it a wonderful year for every member of our school community.

Welcome back, everyone! Here is to a successful, joyful, and memorable school year!

Yours in Education,

Ms. J. Graham

Ms. Graham

Principal/Directrice

*École Burton Ettinger 2026 2027 Staff***Teaching Staff:****English Program:**

Lisa MacDonald – Primary
 Krista Plank – Primary/1
 Breanna Reardon – Grade 1/2
 Robyn Williams-Fortier – Grade 1/2
 Lesley Dodds – Grade 2/3
 Courtney Snow – Grade 3
 Carly Evans – Grade 4
 Rachel MacDonald – Grade 4/5
 Blain MacDonald – Grade 5

French Immersion Program:

Alicia Daniels – Primary
 Lauren Henniger – Primary/1
 Atanda Tattrie – Grade 1/2
 Donna Boudreau – Grade 1
 Emily Smith - Grade 1/2
 Danielle Wilson-Gray – Grade 2
 Claire Fortune – Grade 2
 Robert Hache - Grade 2/3
 Robert Haché/Danica Ottosen – Grade 3
 Amanda Mangione – Grade 3/4
 Petra Spires – Grade 4
 Becky Canning – Grade 4/5
 Renée Poirier – Grade 5

Learning Centre Teachers:

Melissa Myers-McCarthy
 Victoria White
 Shane Mould

Resource:

Sarah Heffernan (English Program)
 Christa Besner (French Immersion Program)

Literacy Support English Program:

Beth Graham
 Terri Read

Literacy Support French Immersion Program:

Kara Swaine

Specialist Teachers:

Soumeia Abed – Core French
 Caitlin Bowers/Behrooz Mihankhah – Music
 Craig Whalley/Chris Smith – Physical Education

Support Staff:

Jaime Allen – Marking & Prep
 Penny Carter – ANS Student Support
 Hannah Hunter – School Psychologist
 Rebecca MacDonald – School Speech Pathologist
 Dylan McKenney – Library Support
 Ashley Matthews – Counsellor
 Amanda Logan – Schools Plus
 Alex Holmberg – EAL Teacher
 Majduline Abu-Chkeir – Community Outreach Worker
 Rahab Mumo – YMCA Settlement Worker

EPA Staff:

Iman Ahmed
 Deepa Banerjee
 Shilpa Chittimalla
 Nagia El-Aref
 Archana Kannan
 Sunwoo Kim
 Ocean Longon
 Kim Mullen
 Shawna Scriven
 Abida Shekib
 Yoshie Spanik
 Trixie Sweet
 Ashley Taylor
 Leena Togadia
 Melanie Warren
 Nehad Yekhleftin

Office Staff:

Janice Graham – Principal
 Stephanie Kenny – Vice Principal
 Val Bodnarchuk – Administrative Assistant

Caretaker:

Mike Davis

NOTE:

Various sections of our school newsletter will change throughout the year, shortening the length. As this is the first newsletter of the year, I have put information on school and HRCE policies for your reference. These will be taken out for future newsletters.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2026 – 2027**8:25-8:35 am:** Students enter building (Go directly to class)**8:40 am:** Classes Begin**10:10 am-10:25 am:** Recess #1**10:25 am -10:40 am:** Recess #2**11:40 am-12:40 pm:** Lunch**2:40 pm:** Dismissal**Note: Students are not to be dropped off to the school before 8:25 a.m.**

If you are dropping your child(ren) off at school in the morning, it is important they arrive on time (by 8:25 a.m.). Students arriving late disrupt the flow of the learning environment and miss valuable instructional time and important routines to begin their day. Please schedule appointments for your child(ren) after their 2:40 p.m. dismissal time whenever possible.

Important Dates for September/October 2026:

Tuesday, September 1 st	- Organizational Day for Staff No Classes for Students
Wednesday, September 2 nd	- Staff Professional Development No Classes for Students
Thursday, September 3 rd	1st Day of School for Students
Monday, September 7 th	Labour Day Holiday (No Classes)
Monday, September 8 th	School Lunch Program Begins
Wednesday, September 16 th	5:30 p.m. PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m. SAC Meeting
Thursday, September 24 th	11:00 a.m. Terry Fox Assembly 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Night
Friday, September 25 th	- Staff Professional Learning Day No Classes for Students
Tuesday, September 29 th	Orange Shirt Day - Wear ORANGE to school
Wednesday, September 30 th	- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No Classes
Thursday, October 1 st	- Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Date) - Schools Open
Monday, October 5 th	School Picture Day
Tuesday, October 6 th	School Picture Day
Monday, October 12 th	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - No Classes
Friday, October 23 rd	NSTU Conference Day - No Classes

ÉBES SCHOOL MATRIX OF EXPECTED BEHAVIORS:



École Burton Ettinger Elementary

School-Wide Matrix of Expectations

	Respectful	Responsible	Safe
	We honor and respect others, ourselves, and the spaces we share. We listen to adults and follow expectations to create a positive environment for everyone.	We do what's right, even when no one is watching. We build trust in our school by being honest and taking ownership of our words and actions.	We stay safe by following expectations, so everyone feels comfortable and cared for at school. We do our best to contribute positively to our school community.
Learning Environments 	• Quiet voices, listening ears • Use polite language and manners • Stay in your learning space • Allow others to learn	• Do your best learning and remember to keep trying! • Take care of learning materials • Participate in your learning • Clean up after yourself	• Move carefully, watch for others in the room • Put learning items away • Use materials appropriately • Use an appropriate voice level
Transitions 	• Use a quiet voice and walk calmly to avoid disturbing others • Keep to the right and walk in a single line • Respect personal space—no pushing, shoving, or crowding	• Be aware of your surroundings • Keep hook space in the hallway clean • Ask before going into the hallway and go directly to your destination	• Always walk facing forward—no skipping steps • Use friendly feet—no running or jumping • Always keep your hands to yourself • Keep the hallways clear so everyone can move safely
Shared Spaces 	• Keep clean • Wait your turn • Give others personal space • Respect the privacy of others	• Use for its intended purpose and return to class • Use only the supplies you need • Report problems to an adult • Tidy up the area - leave it cleaner than you found it	• Give others privacy • Tell an adult if something is broken or unsafe • Wash your hands with soap and water
Lunch & Snack 	• Ask an adult to leave the room • Clean up your eating space when finished eating • Use kind words and table manners • Listen to lunchtime helpers and adults • Keep your hands, feet, and food to yourself	• Clean up after yourself • Stay seated while eating • Only eat the food that was made for you • Use appropriate bins for organics, garbage, recyclables	• Listen to lunch monitors instructions • Use respectful voice volume • Keep food and drinks in your space • Let an adult know if there's a spill or problem
Playground/Outside 	• Put equipment back where it belongs • Play stops at the bell; quickly line up when the bell rings • Listen when someone says "no" • Use kind words and actions • Follow game rules and play fairly: take turns • Listen to adults and peers	• Use equipment properly • Clean up and return equipment after use • Solve small problems with words or ask for help • Stay in your assigned area	• If someone is hurt find an adult • Keep hands, feet, and body to yourself • Be aware of your surroundings • Use equipment the way it was meant to be used

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL CODE OF CONDUCT:

FOLLOWING THE PROVINCIAL SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT AT ÉBES:

We have now implemented our School Mission Statement and Classroom Matrix for Expected Behaviours in classrooms. Teachers review these expectations with students daily.

Our School Mission Statement is at the top of each month's Newsletter.

- Our School Matrix of Expected Behaviors is included on the previous page of this newsletter.
- Please feel free to copy this and put in a prominent place in your home.
- Your home support in reinforcing these expected behaviors for your children at school is so important.
- We ask you to review the Matrix with your children from time to time as well.
- This will help build consistency of expectations for our students.
- Each day on our announcements, we will review a certain behavior to remind students of the expectations.
- The Matrix is posted in all classrooms and reviewed periodically with students.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

There is an advisory council for schools that conducts 6 meetings a year to advise the principal on important school and curriculum matters. This team consists of staff, parents/guardians, and community members.

If you are interested in learning more about this team, please email me at jgraham@hrce.ca. Our first meeting is **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2026.**



VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL:

If you are planning to volunteer at school (i.e. class trips, etc.), you will need to have a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check completed, which can be obtained through the HRPD/RCMP Detachment, and a Child Abuse Registry Check, which can be obtained by Child Protection Services.

Steps to complete the process:

- First, you will have to get a letter from the school indicating your intent of applying to the HRPD/RCMP for a CRC/Vulnerable Sector Check. We can provide you with the forms from the office.
- Once you get this letter, complete your Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check form and bring this to the HRPD/RCMP for processing.
- You will have to wait for the results.
- The Child Abuse Registry form needs to be completed directly by you and then mailed in to the agency (address is on the form).
- If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Bodnarchuk at the office, 902-457-8922.

PEANUT AND NUT AWARENESS:

Due to food allergies and sensitivities at school, please do not send food to school that contains peanuts and/or tree nuts, including Nutella, which is made with hazel nuts. Students who bring sandwiches with WOW butter or other types of non-nut spread, please indicate, with a note in your child's lunch bag, what the spread is and that it does not contain nuts. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

You can find lots of information on the school website: **bet.hrce.ca**. More information is located on the “Our School” page. Copies of our monthly school newsletter, as well as school events calendars, will be posted on the website.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS:

If you have found classroom or library books over the summer, please send them in with your child to give to their teacher. Thank you!

**SCHOOL PARKING:**

As you may be aware, we do not have a school parking lot here at ÉBES. This means traffic is very congested in the mornings and at end of day pick up. For the safety and security of all in our school, we are asking parents to park on blocks away from the school and walk over to drop off or pick up your child. Traffic congestion on Sunnybrae, Central or Alex Streets, which surround our school is very dangerous for all in our school community, so we would aim to limit traffic on these streets for the periods of drop off (approximately 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.) and pick up (approximately 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.). Our school buses pick up children on the Central Side and Alex Street sides of the building. Please avoid driving on Alex Street during drop-off and pick up times, while buses are present.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:

Please do not bring pets on school property. Children and adults can be nervous about animals. We want to keep everyone safe, including your pet. Thank you for complying.

LUNCH MONITORS:

We are looking for substitute lunch monitors. If you are interested in working one hour per day, one to five days per week, please call the office for details. New employees need to have their Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector Check as well as a Child Abuse Register check and complete an application for lunch monitor. Please call Mrs. Bodnarchuk at 902-457-8922 for more information.

PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION:

We are looking for members for our PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) Team. 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 is Wednesday, September 16th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested, please attend. We welcome new and returning members.

**ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:**

To have medication administered to students while in school, parents/guardians need to drop off the medication and fill out the required forms. Medication needs to be in the original pharmacy bottle with the prescription label. School staff can only administer prescribed medications. Please advise the school in advance of administering medication so that the appropriate forms can be sent home.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY:

Orange Shirt Day is a day when we honor the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and to learn more about the history of those schools. Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts on this day. Orange Shirt Day will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2026, since there are no classes on September 30th. For more information follow this link: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:

The purpose of this statutory holiday is to honor First Nations, Inuit and Métis Survivors and their families and communities, and to ensure that public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools remain a vital component of the reconciliation process.

There are no classes for students on **Wednesday, September 30th**, in recognition of this day.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER 2026:



TREATY DAY:

Treaty Day is held annually on **October 1st**. It marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia, as proclaimed in 1993 by then Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. The purpose of Treaty Day is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaw culture and heritage for all Nova Scotians.

OCTOBER IS MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH:

Culturally relevant pedagogy and inclusive education is central to teaching and learning at École Burton Ettinger Elementary School and for the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. Teachers regularly provide learning opportunities for students to share their culture and learn about other cultures. October is Mi'kmaq History Month. Students will be learning about Mi'kmaq history during the month of October and throughout the year. For more information follow this link: <https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

Students are welcome to join us for the school breakfast program. You do not have to sign up for this program. Students can arrive to school between 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and join their peers for breakfast! We will have a variety of options (i.e. some hot breakfast items, cereal, fruit, etc.) If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact the school. We will notify our families when the Breakfast Program begins for this year.

SAFE ARRIVAL:

You can report future absences using the School Messenger app, website, or toll-free phone number. If your child is absent and the absence has not been reported in advance, you will receive notifications via email, text, and phone calls from School Messenger. To report your student absent, you can use any of the following methods: PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the School Messenger website to report future absences. School Messenger App Parents/guardians can download the School Messenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal. Toll-Free Number Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system. Please see the link: <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> for more information.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR LUNCH PROGRAM:

- All students are eligible to remain at school over the lunch hour.
- They need to bring or order their lunch each day or enroll in the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program (more details will be sent home when there is word on the date this program will begin in schools; for now, please send your child with their lunch each day).
- We will not microwave student lunches at school as items may be overheated, or risk burning someone.
- Our lunch program is run by lunch “monitors,” who are responsible for keeping your children safe over the lunch hour.
- Please remind your children to be respectful of the lunch monitors.
- Children need to build independence as well.
- Please ensure containers are not too difficult to open.
- We will encourage children to pick up their garbage and place it in appropriate recyclable containers or garbage.
- If behaviors become too challenging over the lunch hour, school administration will call you to discuss.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR BUS STUDENTS:

The bus drivers and bus company have expectations for behavior. Children are expected to remain seated, use a reasonable voice level and refrain from use of inappropriate language. The drivers and school staff remind students daily of these expectations. If your child’s behavior is unacceptable, school administration will receive a misconduct report.

- **1st OCCURENCE:**
Administration will speak directly with your child to remind them of appropriate expectations.
- **2nd OCCURENCE:**
Administration will either call you or email you to inform you about the occurrence.
- **3rd OCCURENCE:**
Your child will be suspended from travelling on the bus for a day.

Please speak with your child at home about their bus behavior. It is important for everyone’s safety.

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME:

Items brought in from home can be a source of distraction in school. We request these items **REMAIN** home as they can lead to distraction or loss of items in school.

These items include, but are not limited to:

- Pokemon Cards
- Handheld game devices
- Fidget/spinner toys
- Stuffedies
- Other special items from home

The above noted items are NOT to be brought to school. Please know there may be special occasions at school where children are able to bring in stuffies, etc. from home, but these will be communicated by the teacher.

The school does not assume responsibility for any items brought from home that go lost, missing/stolen, or broken. The list noted above is not exhaustive. There may be other special items/collectable items that children want to bring to school, however these distract from learning and have caused problems between children.

If these items are found at school, they will be taken and held for the day. Their child's teacher will then contact you to let you know there was a problem and request that these items remain at home.

**CELL PHONES:**

In reference to the Provincial Policy on Cell Phones in schools, for elementary aged children, cell phones are not to be out or on at any time during the school instructional day (from school arrival to end of day dismissal, including recess and lunch). This means that a child's phone should not be turned on and accessible during their school day.

Children do not need to have cell phones during school hours. We have all your contact numbers and will certainly reach out to you should we need to reach you. Also, you can always call the school and leave a message if there is a need to communicate information related to your child. Please remember, should your contact information change, please advise Mrs. Bodnarchuk, our Administrative Assistant, so she can update your information.

If you have a cell phone for your child that you want them to carry with them to and from school for safety purposes, we will ask them to keep this in their backpack and do not take it out at any point in the day, as it is not permitted out in classrooms.

The school will not assume responsibility or liability for your child's cell phone should it get damaged or lost.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and attention to these requests.

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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LEGEND

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE/JUNIOR

- Term 1: Sept 1 to Nov 20, 2026
- Term 2: Nov 23 to Mar 5, 2027
- Term 3: Mar 8 to Jun 30, 2027

HIGH SCHOOL

- Semester 1: Sept 1 to Feb 1, 2027
- Semester 2: Feb 2 to Jun 30, 2027

Progress Conference meetings will be held on the dates marked on the calendar. Conferences take place on the Thursday evening prior and the Friday afternoon.

- No School ALL STUDENTS
- First Day of School/Last Day of School
- No School High School Only
- No School Elem/Middle/Jr Only
- Culturally Significant Day (Schools Open)

Sept 1	School Organization Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 2	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 3	First Day of School for Students
Sept 7	Labour Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 25	Professional Development Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Sept 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 1	Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Oct 23	NSTU Conference Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 4	Take Your Kid to Work Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Nov 16-19	Report Cards High School
Nov 20	Elem/Middle/Jr. Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
Nov 23-30	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr

Dec 4	Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Dec 18	Last Day for Students Before Holiday Break
Dec 21	Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jan 4	First Day Back After Break
Jan 26-29	High School Summative Assessments
Feb 1	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day/Semester 1 Ends (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Feb 2	Semester 2 Begins (High School)
Feb 3-12	Semester 1 Report Cards (High School)
Feb 15	Nova Scotia Heritage Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 5	Elem/Middle/Jr Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ELEM/MIDDLE/JR ONLY)
Mar 8-12	Spring Break (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Mar 15-25	Report Cards Elem/Middle/Jr
March 26	Good Friday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
March 29	Easter Monday (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)

Apr 2	Elem/Middle/Jr Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day & High School Professional Development (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Apr 20-27	Report Cards High School
Apr 30	Elem/Middle/Jr Professional Development & High School Progress Conferences/Teacher Professional Practice Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
May 10	Mikmaw Language Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 14	Black Excellence Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
May 24	Victoria Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day (Culturally Significant Day Schools OPEN)
Jun 22-25	High School Summative Assessments
Jun 28	High School Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)
Jun 29	Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes ALL SCHOOLS)
Jun 30	Last Day of School

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.

Yours in Education,

J. Graham

Ms. J. Graham,
Principal/Directrice

SchoolsPlus staff are here to support families at your school!!

Schools
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DID YOU KNOW SCHOOLSPLUS CAN:



Help you apply for recreation programs?



Help you navigate tutoring supports?



Help you access food supports?



Help you access clothing supports?



Help you with filling out forms/ applications?

Looking for support from SchoolsPlus? Contact Assistant Lead - Lydia Ritcey at:
902-222-7005 (text/call)
lydia.ritcey@hrce.ca (email)

Hello from **SCHOOLSPLUS!**

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a free, confidential service that is available in every school in Nova Scotia. You may have heard of us but did not really know what we do. We have a few different roles right in HRCE schools, with positions like Assistant Leaders, Community Outreach Workers, IWK Mental Health Clinicians, and Child and Youth Care Practitioners. As the Assistant Leader, I work at several schools in the area, including École Burton Ettinger Elementary School.

What do we do?

Some of the things that the Assistant Leader and Community Outreach Worker do includes:

1. Help build & support good relationships with families, schools, and the community.
2. Connect parents, students and families with programs, resources, and support. Some examples are to help finding resources like tutoring supports and recreation programs for kids/youth (and the funding, if needed); help connecting to supports to help pay for things like eye exams, glasses, or other bills/expenses; and help navigating the healthcare system and connecting with health resources and food supports.
3. Programming for parents and for students. Some examples are Options to Anger, Handle with Care, The Incredible Years, Rainbows, Social Skills Groups, and more.

I can help support your student/family with connections to what they may need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again.

How do I get connected with you?

You can get connected with me by email – my contact info is listed below.

There are a lot of ways SchoolsPlus can offer support, so if you are wondering if we can help, please feel free to ask!

Wishing you all an awesome year to come!

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