

*Hawthorn Elementary*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**September 2024**



Dear Families,

It's almost time! On behalf of all our staff, we hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to welcome you back to another school year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. It is with great anticipation and joy that we extend our warmest greetings to both our returning families and those who are new to our Hawthorn community.

Curriculum Night will be Wednesday, September 4th. Next week, teachers will email families welcoming your child to their classroom to let you know your child's class for the 2024-2025 school year. *Please note that HRCE is growing each and every day, and class changes may occur as we prepare for the first day depending on our enrollment numbers.*

Information such as student supply lists, staff directory, and our Family Handbook can all be found on the Hawthorn website.

We are excited to partner with you in making this school year a success. Here's to a year of growth, discovery, and shared achievements!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Bambury*

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## Upcoming Dates:

- September 2: Labour Day (No School)
- September 3: Organizational Day (No School for Students)
- September 4: Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- September 4: Curriculum Night 6:00-6:45 pm & Ice Cream Social 6:45-7:30 pm
- September 5: First Day of School-Welcome!
- September 12: Pink Shirt Day-Stand Up Against Bullying
- September 18: SAC & HSA information session 6:00 pm School Library
- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- October 1: Treaty Day
- October 1: School Picture Day
- October 11: Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- October 14: Thanksgiving Monday (No School)
- October 25: Provincial Conference Day (No School for Students)

## Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night for our *Primary to Grade 6 students* will be held Wednesday, September 4th, from 6:00 pm-6:45 pm. Curriculum Night is a great opportunity to learn about your child's upcoming school year and some of the class routines. Families are invited to meet in the Gym at 6:00 pm for a brief welcome and introduction before visiting classrooms. You will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher September 4th. Students are welcome to bring their school supplies to drop off in their classroom. School supply lists are on our school website: <https://haw.hrce.ca/haw/parents/school-supplies-2024-2025>

There will be two classroom sessions scheduled; 6:10-6:25 pm & 6:30-6:45 pm, to allow families to visit multiple classrooms, if needed. For students starting Pre Primary this September, information will be sent out from our Pre Primary teacher about a visit to the class next week. We are looking forward to learning with you this year!

We will also be having an Ice Cream Social Wednesday, September 4th from 6:45-7:30pm. Pre-Primary-Grade 6 students and families are welcome! It will take place outside.

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## First Day of School Procedures

Students can arrive at school at 8:40 am and will be outside with teacher supervision. There is no supervision prior to this time. Students are asked to play on the playground side and back of the school (behind the white line), not in front of the school. At 8:50 am the bell will ring and students will come inside and go to their classes for a 9:00 am start time. For the first day, all teachers will be outside to meet their students at 8:40 am and enter together at 8:50 am. Your classroom teacher will share more information through their communication and/or at Curriculum Night.

## Pink Shirt Day

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia classmates David Shepherd and Travis Price bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born!

On *Thursday, September 12th*, we encourage all staff and students to wear pink. Teachers will be engaging students in activities that focus on the importance of building healthy relationships with and among each other. What a great way to set the tone for the year.



## HSA and SAC first meeting

Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00pm we will host an information session about our School Advisory Council (SAC) and Home and School Association (HSA). This is a great opportunity to become involved with our school community. If you are interested or just want to know more about each of these groups, please feel free to join us.