

*Hawthorn Elementary*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**June 2022**



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already June! We had a busy May and we are looking forward to more great things over the next few weeks. This month, we had a few classes go on field trips. Tennis Nova Scotia joined our Phys. Ed. classes, our violinist performed, and our Pre Primaries visited our Primary classrooms. In June, we have some more field trips, the Ice Cream Social, Grade 6 orientation to Bicentennial School and Dartmouth South Academy, Primary information night, Field Day, Pizza Lunch, and Grade 6 closing. Students are still working hard and we are looking forward to a strong end of the year as our students continue to make progress. As we reflect on this school year, and *our* first year at Hawthorn Elementary, we want to thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Gourlay and Ms. Dunn*

## **Lunch Monitors**

We are reaching out in search of lunch monitors. If you have or are willing to have a criminal record check/vulnerable sector and child abuse registry done and are able to help, please phone 902-464-2048 and we can begin the process. Even if you are only available certain days of the week your time is appreciated. Thank you!

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## **Host Families for the 2022-2023 school year**

HRCE is looking for Host Families for the 2022-2023 school year. Could this be you? If you're looking for a new adventure, we're looking for you! This fall, HRCE will welcome students from 36 different countries who come to study and learn English. In the Nova Scotia International Student Program, students are immersed in an English-speaking environment at the homestay and also at the school level. They're keen to share their culture as well. All students are supported by a Homestay Coordinator who lives in the school catchment area and provides full-time support. We plan several activities throughout the year which host families are often encouraged to attend as well. Host families receive a tax-free monthly stipend of \$725.00 / month per student.

Would you consider being a host family? Know someone who would? Please contact [hostastudent@hrce.ca](mailto:hostastudent@hrce.ca)

### **Class Placement:**

Classes for next year are always on everyone's mind at this time of year. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and time is spent in creating class lists. Many different circumstances are considered when your child is placed in a particular class. Requests for class placement will not be accepted unless you feel you have a serious academic/social concern for your child. If so, you should draft a letter (or email) clearly stating your concerns and submit these to Ms. Gourlay. These concerns will be considered by the administrative team, but it does not mean we will be able to honor your request.

### **Early Curriculum Night**

In September, we are going to try something a little different. We understand the importance of families knowing who their child's teacher is as well as where the class is located. On the organizational day, September 1st, we will be holding an early curriculum night where we welcome families into the school to meet their child's teacher and see where the classroom is located. This is a great chance to drop off school supplies as well so that on the first day of school, students can start off with their regular routine.

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## **Student Registration**

New to the area: if you are aware of any families new to the Hawthorn area please direct them to contact the school at (902) 464-2048 and we will assure they get their child(ren) registered in a timely manner.

Moving away: if you are moving and your children will not be attending Hawthorn for the 2022-2023 please contact the school to let us know. 902-464-2048 or [hawthorn@hrce.ca](mailto:hawthorn@hrce.ca)

## **Field Day**

Mr. Foot is organizing a field day for June 17th. Our Grade 6 students will be running events and our Grade 5 students will take on a leadership role as well. Please make sure your child is dressed for the day, has a hat, and a water bottle as most events will take place outside. The rain date is scheduled for June 21st.

## **Pizza Lunch**

The HSA has organized a pizza lunch for all our students, Friday, June 17th. This week, classroom teachers will ask students for their choice between cheese and pepperoni pizza from Little Caesars. If your child has a food allergy, please contact your child's classroom teachers so we can order accordingly.

## **Home and School Association (HSA)**

Home and School Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and school staff. Membership is free and open to any interested parent/guardian or staff member. Upcoming Virtual Home and School Association Meeting: Monday, June 6th at 7pm. All are welcome! Please contact us if you like the link to our meeting, [Hawthorn@hrce.ca](mailto:Hawthorn@hrce.ca)

## **Library**

The last day to borrow books from the school library will be June 15th and 16th. All school library books will be due the following week.

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## Ticks

Our students are enjoying the beautiful weather and playing outside, including in the grass around the school. This is a good time for a reminder to check your child for ticks after school.

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be June 6th at 6 pm via Zoom.

This is our last scheduled meeting for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in attending and possibly joining next year, you are welcome to attend our virtual meeting. You can contact our SAC chair for the link to our meeting. Also, if you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair, Alexis Carter Malloch SAC, by email : [hrce-sac-haw@gnsps.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-haw@gnsps.ca)

## Dates to Remember:

- June 3: Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:30pm
- June 6: Last Run Club Day
- June 6: SAC virtual meeting 6:00pm
- June 6: HSA virtual meeting 7:00pm
- June 13: Dartmouth South Academy Parent Tour 6:00pm
- June 15: Primary Information Night for Parents/Guardians 4:00pm virtually & 5: 00pm in person
- June 17: Field Day (rain date June 21) & Pizza Lunch
- June 24: Grade 6 Closing 1:30 pm
- June 28: Last Day for EXCEL
- June 29: No School for Students
- June 30: Last Day of School

## Reminders

- Please, do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- It is helpful to have a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack just in case of mud, puddles, or spills and it may save you a trip in the middle of your day.
- Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If you do bring your dog, please stay on the sidewalk or the field and not on school property.
- Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes for school and wears outdoor shoes/boots to help keep our school clean.

## A look at what's happening at Hawthorn!

Grade 1 Hall students collaborate and problem solve.



Grade 2/3 Hayes create art at the pottery lab.

Beekeeper, Duncan, visits Primary Stulac with local honey.



Grade 4/5 Barro Ralph practice tennis skills with Tennis Nova Scotia.

